

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
August 4, 2020
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the City Council meeting of August 4, 2020 to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid and City Administrator Lisa Ailport. Members of the public present were: Jessica Tingley, Victor Martinez, Steve Tanner and Nevin Neal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Tanner spoke in opposition to the vision statement.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said she has an option to possibly allow the pool to be open longer. The budget is close to maximum. Adam asked if the charging station arrived. Lisa said it did and the electric department is planning to start installing it in October. Ron asked how long it takes to train new guards. Lisa said in the past it has taken about 40-60 hours. Valerie asked if the man Lisa is speaking with is interested in applying to be a trainer or a lifeguard. Lisa said he interested in being the head lifeguard. Mayor Staples said this is a tight schedule. Lisa said it is. Valerie asked if it is an advantage to have the training completed this year. Lisa said yes. Valerie said it seems rushed but it is a good idea to stay in touch with this man and work on something for next year.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the electric phase on Selkirk Street started today and the splash pad opened last week.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the July 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes.

Adam Arthur moved approve the consent agenda. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Sewer – Consider Purchasing Lot 3, Block 3 of the Dunnings Acre Tracts from the Marx Family (attachment) {action item}

Ron asked if there is a lift station near this lot. Mike said the lift station is west of the lot. Mayor Staples asked the size of the lot. Mike said it is 1.13 acres. Mike said it may be possible to re-route the sewer line to adjust how it enters the lift station. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the purchase/sale agreement to purchase Lot 3, Block 3 of the Dunnings Acre Tracts in the amount of \$15,000.00 and a clean title report being presented to the City. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

5. Electric – Consider Proposal from HDR for Additional Services Related to the Latest Part 12 Inspection (attachment) {action item}

Mike said the Part 12 inspection is to try to identify possible failures. The 2018 inspection showed the stability analysis needs to be looked at again. FERC is requesting the evaluation needs to be completed by December 31, 2020. Ron Smith moved to approve the proposal from HDR for additional services related to the latest Part 12 inspection under their current contract with a total of \$21,600 on a time and material basis. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. Electric – Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Professional Service Agreement with Ripplinger Engineering Laboratories for Assessment and Recommendations Related to the Moyie Hydro Controls and Automation (attachment) {action item}

Mike said this is a complex issue that started in 2005. The generator protective relay (GPR) sends an alarm when there is a problem. Craig Ripplinger has done a lot of work with the Moyie Hydro and the Moyie substation. Craig and Terry Borden will provide an analysis and feedback on items that are required. Valerie asked when the work will be done. Mike said it will start as soon as the contract is signed and needs to be completed within 120 days. Adam Arthur moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the professional service agreement with Ripplinger Engineering Laboratories for assessment and recommendations related to the Moyie Hydro controls and automation in the amount of \$14,255. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. City – Consider Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 21 and Authorize the Publication of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 21 {action item}

Valerie Thompson moved to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 and authorize the publication of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.