

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
November 3, 2020  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of November 3, 2020 to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Rick Alonzo, Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid and City Engineer Mike Klaus Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Warren Campbell and David Clark.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Warren Campbell thanked Council for changing the Vision Statement and talked about people wearing masks.

**REPORTS**

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said the crews are attending Safety Fest via Zoom. Staff met with Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) last week to discuss phase 2 of the Highway 95 project. Ron asked when that work will happen. Lisa said it is scheduled for 2023. Adam asked if we are moving the poles the same way as in the first phase. Mike said the route will be basically the same as the current route. Fall clean up week will be November 16 – November 20.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the dike maintenance has been completed. The property owners east of the Kootenai River Inn requested some of the trees/brushes stay. Mike left some trees and told the property owners if the Army Corp wants them removed then the trees will be removed. The wellhouse is mostly done for the year. The electric vehicle charging station was installed today and will hopefully be operational by the end of the month. DEQ seepage test for the lagoon passed. Two conduits need to video prior to next summer.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said a meeting was held last night to improve the skills necessary for employment. Career/technical education development. Mayor Staples said it was a really good meeting. Valerie asked about internships in the future. Dennis said that is the plan.

Urban Renewal District Dennis Weed said once the sewer line near Grocery Outlet is signed off, payments will be made to the developer.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the October 20, 2020 Council meeting minutes

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Street** – Consider authorizing the purchase of a box sand spreader (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the Street Department is interested in purchasing this item to increase response time for areas that need to be sanded. Adam asked if we have a pickup that can handle plowing and sanding at the same time. Lisa said she believes we do. The Electric Department is will to fund 20% of the cost in return for plowing the substations. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the purchase of a box sand spreader for the Street Department with a 80/20 split between the General Fund and Electric Fund, not to exceed \$6,000. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

5. **Street** – Consider approval to hire a seasonal Winter employee (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the previous seasonal employee is interested again this year. Valerie Thompson moved to approve to hire an On-Call winter employee for the Street Department at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. **City** – Consider offer to purchase right-of-way property from the LDS Church for the Garden Lane extension (attachment)  
{action item}

Lisa said the LDS Church is willing to sell a 20 -foot strip of right-of-way for \$2500, if the LHRIP grant application is successful. Adam asked if there is a snow removal plan. Lisa said she is working on that. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a land sale purchase agreement with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the 20-foot strip of land right-of-way for Garden Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$2500.00. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **Electric** – Consider authorizing advertisement for the Moyie Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project {action item}

Mike said the next step in the project is to advertise for the project. Mike is working with JUB to get the bid before Christmas. Rick asked if there is a potential start date. Mike said the actual construction will be June, 2021. Adam asked if the high water will be a problem in June, 2021. Mike said there are options that make it possible. Adam Arthur moved to authorize advertisement for the Moyie Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.