

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
January 5, 2021
6:00 pm**

Council President Rick Alonzo called the Council meeting of January 5, 2021 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 Attorney Andrakay Pluid, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport. Jerry Higgs, Marciavee Cossette, David Clark, Victor Martinez, Rose, Fay Almond, Carolyn Testa and John Birrell.

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Meeting ID: 176727634
Passcode: 714097
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the Presidential election results of November 3, 2020.

REPORTS

No reports were given.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
 3. Approval of the December 15, 2020 Council meeting minutes, December 17, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes
- Adam Arthur moved to approve the consent agenda. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Electric** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with JUB Engineering for Moyie Hydro spillway project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said the contract is for \$99,500 and broken into three components. The first component is to get through the bidding process. The second component is construction administration, structural engineering support and special inspections. The third component is construction observation, which Mike will do most of. Ron asked if this contract is for the three years. Mike said this is only for the first year. Ron asked if we will go out for bids every year of the project. Mike said the whole construction contract will be bid this year. Ron Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with JUB Engineering for the Moyie Hydro Spillway project in the amount of \$99,500. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

5. **City** – Consider the extension and revision of the City employee COVID Leave policy (attachment) {action item}
- Lisa said this is a revision/extension of the previous policy. The paid part of the Families First Act, Emergency Family Medical Leave Act of the previous policy has been removed. Ron asked why would we remove anything. Lisa said it was a federal mandate previously and that mandate has been removed. Lisa said the COVID leave time is not budgeted and comes out of contingency. Ron feels it should be left the way it is. Valerie said it is important to protect the employees, but she wants to only allow use of the COVID time when the PTO/Sick time has been used. Adam feels it may not be equal for all employees if PTO/Sick time use is required before using COVID leave. Rick asked if the new one passed is covering anything. Lisa said the public sector is not being covered. Adam Arthur moved to extend and revise the City employee COVID leave policy. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. **City** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the letter of participation and support of the pending update of the Boundary County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (attachment) {action item}
- Christine said this was a request from Andrew the Emergency Management Coordinator. The letter is part of the update process that is being applied for from FEMA. Ron Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of participation and support of the pending update of the Boundary County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.