

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
May 4, 2021  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of May 4, 2021 to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Adam Arthur, Valerie Thompson, Rick Alonzo and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Marciavee Cossette, Jerry Higgs, Denise Crichton, Dave Gray, David Clark and Victor Martinez.

**Join video Zoom meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/17672764>

**Meeting ID:** 176727634

**Join by phone:** 253-215-8782

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the library and tiny homes.

**REPORTS**

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said there has been some movement on the former Pape property. There will be more changes happening soon in the City.

Urban Renewal District Dennis Weed said John Austin will no longer be administering the Urban Renewal Agency.

Golf- Mayor Staples said there are approximately 30 new people that purchased season passes this year.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Approval of Bills and Payroll

3. Approval of the April 20, 2021 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. **Water** – Discuss request to advertise for the Water Infrastructure Relocation for Phase 2 of the Highway 95 project (attachment) {action item}

Rick asked about crossing at Fry Street. Mike said that is sewer. Rick Alonzo moved to advertise for the Water Infrastructure Relocation for Phase 2 of the Highway 95 project. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

5. **Street** – Discuss request to competitively bid Garden Lane Extension project (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said there is no obligation to accept any of the bids, since construction supplies prices have increased so much.

Ron said he received a phone call from a resident in that area. The resident is concerned about having his trees removed. Ron told him the plan is not to remove trees, if possible. Adam Arthur moved to approve the request to competitively bid Garden Lane Extension project. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. **URA** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with the Urban Renewal Agency for administrative services (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the Urban Renewal Agency provided the contract for administrative services. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Urban Renewal Agency for administrative services. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **City** – Discuss American Rescue Plan Act funds (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the money is suppose to be released to the State of Idaho by May 10, 2021. Lisa recommends having a workshop to discuss how to spend the money. Valerie recommends waiting to have the workshop until the guidelines have been received. It was decided to have a workshop May 10, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

8. **City** – Discuss Surplus Eliminator funds (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the legislature has decided to give the surplus to Cities, Counties and Highway Districts to be used for transportation projects. Lisa is requesting to use the money for the Garden Lane Extension project. Adam wants to cover the costs that are unreimbursable for the Garden Lane Extension project. Valerie agrees. Rick Alonzo moved to use the Surplus Eliminator funds \$29,759 for the Garden Lane Extension 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 6:27 pm.