

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
May 18, 2021
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of May 18, 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 and Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed. Members of the public present were: Marciavee Cossette, Jerry Higgs, Manny Figueroa, Mike Sprugeon, Denise Crichton, Faye Almond, 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 Dan Moore case.

David Clark spoke regarding the street cleaning in the City and the Comprehensive Plan re-write.

Kyle Harris spoke regarding ADA compliance issues.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport is still reviewing the American Rescue Plan Act and HB389.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said the Visitors Center was opened Monday, May 17, 2021.

Restaurant owners are doing the best ever. Dennis feels the border won't open until the end of the year or next year.

Urban Renewal District Dennis Weed said they have a meeting to determine who will do the accounting.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the May 4, 2021 Council meeting minutes and May 10, 2021 Special Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5. **City** – Consider the request from Manny Figueroa regarding the Memorial Day parade {action item}

Manny, with the American Legion Post 55, is requesting the insurance for the Memorial Day parade be waived or have the parade be a City event. Andrakay said if the City sponsors the event, then the City will be responsible. Ron Smith moved to sponsor the Memorial Day parade with the volunteers listed. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. **Electric** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with ALLWEST Testing and Engineering, Inc. for Quality Assurance testing for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike asked if there are any questions regarding the memo he provided. Mayor Staples said this is something that we have to do. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with ALLWEST Testing and Engineering, Inc for quality assurance testing for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project, for the amount of \$43,050.00. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **Electric** – Discuss the request to purchase a back-up generator for the Moyie Hydro (attachment) {action item}
Mike said this is a needed item for continued communications at the Moyie Hydro. Adam asked if this is something that has not been there. Mike said that is correct. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the purchase of the back-up generator for the Moyie Hydro, in the amount of \$33,730.89. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes
8. **Electric** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the required audit of the Owner's Dam Safety Program (attachment) {action item}
Mike said FERC is requiring an audit of the Owner's Dam Safety Program. Adam Arthur moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc for the audit of the Owner's Dam Safety Program, in the amount of \$20,000. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes
9. **City** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the grant match letter for the Economic Development Council (attachment) {action item}
Dennis said this is the same as the last few years. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant match letter for the Economic Development Council. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes
10. **Planning** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the letter of commitment with the Blue Cross Foundation for the Comprehensive Plan rewrite (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said there are some areas of the comp plan that does not allow for growth. This is the first-time grant money has been available for a Comp plan rewrite. Ron asked for a brief explanation of the comp plan. Lisa said the comp plan tells you where we're going. Mayor Staples asked how long this will take. Lisa said possibly two years. Valerie said the Association of Idaho Cities constantly reference the comp plan and she is 100% behind making sure the comp plan is updated. Rick said being involved with Blue Cross is a win-win situation. Ron asked how the community will be involved. Lisa said there will be public involvement. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of commitment with Blue Cross Foundation for the Comprehensive Plan rewrite. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes
11. **City** – Consider the proposal by Selkirk Sealcoat to sealcoat asphalt at the City Yard (attachment) {action item}
Lisa said the asphalt at the City yard is in desperate need of maintenance. The Electric department is requesting a 3500 square foot area that needs to be asphalted during this process. Mayor Staples said half of the cost is for the new asphalt. Adam Arthur moved to approved the sealcoat and asphalt for the amount of \$15,796.00 with Selkirk Sealcoat. 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 6:48 pm.