

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
August 17, 2021  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of August 17, 2021, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Valerie Thompson Rick Alonzo and Ron Smith. Also, present were: City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman. Members of the public present were: Denise Crichton, Jerry Higgs, Dave Gray and David Clark.

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

**Meeting ID: 176727634**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Gray said there were 468 visitors in July to the museum from New Hampshire, Virginia, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Alaska, Michigan, Minnesota, Utah, Delaware, Florida, Texas, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Colorado, Georgia, Ohio, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Maryland, Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey, Arkansas. There are only 145 books (Small Town, Big Dreams) left.

David Clark asked about the IDEQ water quality money that may be available for water and sewer projects. He is hoping the public might be brought up to date about where we are with water in the City.

**REPORTS**

Valerie spoke regarding David Clark's comment. The City is waiting for more information regarding the ARPA funds to find out what is eligible for capital projects.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said the Garden Lane project is going well. Ron asked where the stop signs will be. Mike said he will look at the plans and let them know. The concrete preparation has been started. Ron asked where the paved path will be. Mike said the paved path will be by the soccer field. Ron asked about the trees by Garden Lane. Mike said the contractor flexed the pipe around the roots. The Moyie Hydro project is still in the demolition phase. Schedule C is complete and Schedule A is being worked on now. The west side of the spillway surface is being removed to an approximate depth of five inches. The concrete test samples came back extremely well. Myrtle Creek flow rate is about 1900 gallons per minute flow rate. The Dakota Street well provides 450 gallons per minute. The river pumps provide 950 gallons per minute. There will be work done on the intake at Myrtle Creek and the main source will then be the river pumps. Mike has looked into calcium treatment options for the Dakota Street well. Ron asked about another supply line from Myrtle Creek. Mike said he doesn't believe that is possible with the water right. Valerie asked about the overages on the Moyie Hydro project. Mike is working with another engineer to help reduce the overages.

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said the Canadian border is still closed. There are visitors coming from all over the United States. Ron asked if the old Harvest Foods building is going to be occupied. Dennis said the lease payment is cost prohibitive.

Urban Renewal District Dennis said the next meeting will be next Monday.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the July 27, 2021 Special Council meeting minutes, August 3, 2021 Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Electric – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Palouse Power for wire installation for Phase 2 of the Highway 95 Project (attachment)

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

6. **Golf** – Consider donating the green fees to the Friends of Mirror Lake from the Friends of Mirror Lake Tournament {action item}

Dave Anderson said the Friends of Mirror Lake (FOML) appreciates the generous offerings of the City. Dave mentioned several of the projects the FOML have completed at the golf course. The projects are completed at a fraction of the cost since Valerie Thompson moved to donate the green fees from the Friends of Mirror Lake Tournament to the Friends of Mirror Lake for continued investment in the golf course. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **Electric** – Consider match fund commitment for the Riverside Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike asked if there were any questions regarding the memo. Mayor Staples asked if the City will be reimbursed for our costs to move the poles. Mike said yes. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the match fund commitment for the Riverside Project in the amount of \$36,700.00. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

8. **Street** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 for the Garden Lane Extension Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said this change order is actually removing parts of the project. The overall deduction is \$11,684. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #1 for the Garden Lane Extension Project. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. **City** – Consider Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and Authorize the Publication of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 {action item}

Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the publication of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.