

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
October 19, 2021  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of October 19, 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 Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair and City Administrator Lisa Ailport. Members of the public present were: Dave Gray, Denise Crichton, David Clark, Brion Poston, Robert Lavala, Fay Almond, Rose Shababy and Eric Lederhos.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Clark spoke regarding the Comprehensive Plan re-write.

**REPORTS**

City Administrator Lisa Ailport spoke regarding her presentation at Rotary.

City Engineer Mike Klaus showed a video and spoke regarding the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project. Mike thanked Mayor Staples for requesting the option to only pay interest on the amount of money dispersed from the bond. That request will save more than \$100,000.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the October 5, 2021 Council meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Pay Request #4 from S & L Underground for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project (attachment)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

6. **City** – Discuss the Christmas Party {action item}

Christine said Wally lower his price to \$35.00 per person. The Kootenai River Inn is \$46.00 per person and Two Tones is \$35.00 per person. Valerie Thompson moved to use Two Tones for the Christmas party this year. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. **Planning and Zoning** – Have the second reading by title only of Ordinance #600 Amendments to Title 11, Zoning Regulations (attachment) {action item}

Adam Arthur moved to have the second reading by title only of Ordinance #600 Amendments to Title 11, Zoning Regulations. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes. Lisa read Ordinance #600 by title only

8. **Planning and Zoning** – Suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #600 Amendments to Title 11, Zoning Regulations and approve the publication (attachment) {action item}

Valerie Thompson moved suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #600 Amendments to Title 11, Zoning Regulations and approve the publication. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. **Planning and Zoning** – Consider the recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan consultant {attachment} {action item}

Lisa spoke regarding the whole process involved in choosing a Comprehensive Plan consultant. Lisa is bringing forward the recommendation of SCJ consulting firm for the Comprehensive Plan consultant. Adam Arthur moved to approve the recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan consultant. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

10. **City** – Consider using the additional funds from the Blue Cross Foundation for the Comprehensive Plan Amendments (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said she participated in a program from the Blue Cross Foundation and was awarded a \$20,000 grant. Lisa has a meeting next week regarding different areas where this money can be used. A few options are code reform, pool enhancements, sidewalk improvements and space making enhancements (parklets). Mayor Staples asked how long the negotiation will take with SCJ. Lisa is unsure, hopefully by the next Council meeting. Valerie is interested in using the money for code reform. Adam moved to table this until the next meeting. Valerie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. **Electric** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Palouse Power for underground work for the Riverside Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said this is a continuation of the Riverside Project. The conduit has been placed this part of the project, which will also involve pulling the wire, install transformers, moving and removing poles. This is an area that has had a lot of tree damage in the past and is on our capital plan list. Adam asked if the cost of this project is all labor. Mike said it is. Adam asked if the price is so high due to contractors being so busy. Mike thinks that is the reason. Mayor Staples tabled this to the next meeting.

12. **City** – Consider authorizing Barb LePoidevin and assistants to decorate the Georgia Mae Plaza for Christmas (attachment) {action item}

Christine said Barb has done this for the past few years and does a great job. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize Barb Lepoidevin and assistants to decorate the Georgia Mae Plaza for Christmas. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

13. **City** – Consider giving the employees the day after Thanksgiving off (attachment) {action item}

Ron Smith moved to give the employees the day after Thanksgiving off per the memo submitted by Council President Rick Alonzo. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm