

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
November 2, 2021
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of November 2, 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 Engineer Mike Klaus, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed and Brian Zimmerman. Members of the public present were: Carolyn Testa, John Birrell, Denise Crichton, David Clark, Brion Poston, Fay Almond, Emily Bonsant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Clark spoke regarding the rate increase.

REPORTS

Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed said the border will open soon.

Urban Renewal District Dennis Weed said there is an informational letter in the packet. Dennis said Boundary County is the only county that uses self-reported data instead of MLS data for commercial property values. Rick asked who makes the decision not to use MLS. Dennis said it is the County Assessor's decision. Lisa said the only properties that saw an increase were: Super 1, Grocery Outlet, Auto Zone and Conoco.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the October 19, 2021 Council meeting minutes, October 20, 2021 Special Council meeting minutes
4. Consider Pay Request #1 from Wink Inc for the Highway 95 Water Relocation Project (attachment) {action item}

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

5. **Electric** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 from S & L Underground for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project (attachment) {action item}

Mike said they are still applying concrete on the Spillway. Mayor Staples asked if this is change order for time only. Mike said that is correct. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 from S & L Underground for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project to extend the substantial completion date to November 15, 2021. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

6. **City** – Consider a three percent increase to Electric, Water, Sewer and Golf rates (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said there is no directive under State Law that says how often rates can be increased. The increases are to help offset a portion of inflation. Rick feels it is wise to do smaller incremental increases instead of a large increase. Valerie Thompson moved to increase Electric, Water and Sewer rates by three percent and Golf rates between three and five percent as provided by staff. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed. Adam Arthur – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **City** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution #2021-11-02 for the three percent increase to Electric, Water, Sewer and Golf rates (attachment) {action item}

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution #2021-11-02 for the three percent increase to Electric, Water and Sewer and Golf rates less than five percent and amend the last paragraph to say "into the City fee schedule". 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 6:21 pm.