

Welcome to tonight's City Council meeting!

The elected officials of the City of Bonners Ferry are appreciative of an involved constituency. Testimony from the public is encouraged concerning issues when addressed under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda. Any individual who wishes may address the council on any issue, whether on the agenda or not, during the Public Comments period. Normal business will preclude public participation during the business portion of the meeting with the discretion left to the Mayor and Council. Special accommodations to see, hear, or participate in the public meeting should be made at City Hall within two days of the public meeting.

Vision Statement

Bonnors Ferry, "The Friendliest City", strives to achieve balanced growth, builds on community strengths, respects natural resources, promotes excellence in Government, and values quality of life. We are a city that welcomes all people.

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonnors Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
January 21, 2022
3:00 pm

Join video Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/176727634>

Meeting ID: 176727634

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

OLD BUSINESS

1. **City** – Consider purchase of a 2014 loader mount snow blower (attachment) {action item}
2. **City** – Consider Resolution 2022-1-21 for use of American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase of a 2014 loader mount snow blower (attachment) {action item}

ADJOURNMENT

Invoice

Northern Truck Equipment Corporation
 PO Box 563
 Sioux Falls SD 57101
 (605) 543-5206
 www.ntecorp.com



"since 1934"

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Sioux Falls, SD (605) 543-5206
 Rapid City, SD (605) 341-8780
 Fargo ND (701) 281-1718

Bill To:

C.O.D.- Sioux Falls

Ship To:

City Of Bonners Ferry
 Lisa Ailport
 7232 Main Street #149
 Bonners Ferry ID 83805

Purchase Order No.		Customer ID	Salesperson ID	Shipping Method	Payment Terms	Reg Ship Date	Master No.
		8888888		COUNTER PICKUP	Net 10th	1/12/2022	74,407
Ordered	Shipped	B/O	Item Number	Description	Discount	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1	1	0	OH2114 2962RPM	2014 Used RPM 217 Snowblower 1 CAT 6.6 203 HP Engine, Tier 3 2000 Tons/Hour, Telescopic Chute Hardwired Controls, LCD Display 182 Hours	\$0.00	\$102,450.00	\$102,450.00
1	1	0	-	As Is Condition - No Warranty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	1	0	NCN-SF	Freight To Bonners Ferry, ID	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

THERE IS A 3% SURCHARGE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS.
 THANK YOU!

Subtotal	\$105,950.00
FET	\$0.00
Tax	\$0.00
Freight	\$0.00
Trade Discount	\$0.00
Total	\$105,950.00



MEMO

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY
OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lisa Ailport, City Administrator *LMA*
DATE: December 29, 2021
RE: Use of ARPA funds to replace circa 1960's snowblower

On January 6, 2022, the US Treasury published the Final Rule, which replaced the May 10, 2021, Interim Rule regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. In conjunction with the publication of the Final Rule, the US Treasury also published an overview of the Final Rule. For discussion purposes in this memo, staff is citing the overview of the final rule.

On page 9 of the Final Rule Overview, under replacing lost public sector revenue, the US Treasury provides that "State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) may be used to pay for government services...Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, including construction of roads and other infrastructure, provisions of public safety and other services and health and educational services."

The US Treasury further provide that "Recipients may elect a standard allowance of 10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance...This standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss, particularly for SLFRF smallest recipients...All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue."

With this new standard allowance, it is my opinion that the city may use their ARPA monies on any government service that our citizens pay with their property tax.

After the workshop on January 5, 2022, Council provided guidance to staff that we should seek projects that prioritize spending in the following ways:

1. Support general fund expenses where applicable, and
2. Create long-term investments with limited long-term liability, and
3. Reduce the overall impact to the taxpayer and citizens in the city of Bonners Ferry

Staff has discussed with the other general fund departments needs and have come up with a suggested list of how each project can be supported in part, or in whole, by the ARPA dollars. Based on what we've read from the US Treasury publications, the money must be incurred by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026.

With the adoption of the Final Rule and the ability to use our ARPA dollars for government services, the city staff are seeking approval to purchase a 2014 snow blower to replace the 1960 era model on that we are currently using.

This snow season has already been exceptional, with snow accumulation rising as high as 4-feet in some areas of town. This has caused already strained equipment to cave under the pressures of moving the snow. The 1960's snow blower is feeling that strain.

Council may recall that back in 2019, staff was authorized to replace the motor of the machine. This was done over the course of the previous summers and up until this season has worked ok. However, with the use this season we are seeing this vital machine struggle to keep up with the need and with each use it is incurring more problems that worries staff about its overall prognosis.

The city streets department uses the blower to move snow in our downtown core and along areas where berms are too high, or snow has no where to go. In past seasons, we have attempted to limit our use of the blower to only those streets that have no other options. This year is an exception to the two previous years where the blower is needed more than ever. With the unreliability of the machine, it is causing more overall strain on the streets department ability to adequately and timely remove snow from the downtown as well as other areas that may need it. If any new snow accumulations are received, staff expects that we will have to seek other options for removing this snow, including leaving berms in the downtown streets.

The alignment of the Final Rule with the immediate need to replace the snow blower couldn't be timelier. Therefore, staff is seeking authorization to allocate \$105,950.00 of ARPA monies to replace the circa 1960's machine with a newer 2014 model. The newer model machine is currently located in South Dakota and has 182 hours on it. The cost of the used machine is around \$30,000 dollars less than a new machine and most important, it is available for purchase right now.

While staff knows that there needs to be more discussion on the planning and use of the ARPA dollars, we are hoping that Council sees the benefit of using the money we have already received from the state to cover this most important service that we are providing right now.

Since I am unable to attend the meeting in person next Tuesday, Scooter Drake has opted to attend in my absence to talk about the current condition of the snow blower and why its important that we look to solve this problem immediately.

In the event there is time to discuss with you in person, I can be available on Monday, January 17 to meet with you or any member of the public who is interested in learning more. After this date, Council members are encouraged to call me on my personal cell phone, and I will look to discuss via this method.

Thank you.

Number	Project	Budget Reference	ARPA Category	Expenditures Categories	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
1	Cost of Service Analysis- Water and Sewer Dept.	Water/Sewer	Water Infrastructure		\$ 50,000.00					50,000.00
2	Comprehensive Plan	Planning	Service to Impacted communities		\$ 20,000.00					20,000.00
3	Snowblower- Streets	Streets	Loss Revenue		\$ 105,950.00					105,950.00
4	Police Vehicle Replacement	Police	Loss Revenue	Presumes city pays for vehicle between years	\$ 60,000.00		\$ 60,000.00			120,000.00
5	Fire Turn out equipment	Fire	Loss Revenue			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	40,000.00
6	Wheel Loader- Cat 938	Streets	Loss Revenue	Presumes 5 year lease option	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		230,000.00
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					\$ 375,950.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	565,950.00
										Estimated ARPA Funds = 567, 208.00

BONNERS FERRY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE INTENDED USES AND ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND TO STATE HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BONNERS FERRY CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides fiscal relief funds to State and Local Governments, and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA includes State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to

- Support COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus;
- To replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services;
- To support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and
- To address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the pandemic on certain populations; and,

WHEREAS, the city is the recipient of an estimated \$567,208.00, delivered in two tranches by the State of Idaho, through the US Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, according to the state of Idaho's adopted law states that Local governments receiving direct ARPA funds should use the funds for infrastructure investments and allowable offsets that can reduce the property tax burden that Idahoans will face into the future.

WHEREAS, the City Council understand the importance of these funds and are focused on creating long-term investments with limited long-term liability. It is Council's hope that these investments will create a pathway to economic recovery and future growth.

WHEREAS, the council recognizes the use of these dollars should seek to reduce the overall impact to the taxpayer and citizens in the City of Bonners Ferry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1: As set forth more fully below, the Council expresses its intent to expend these funds for eligible, immediate needs within the categories below:

- A. Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services
- B. Public Health Measures to Respond to COVID-19
- C. Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- D. Address Negative Economic Impacts of COVID-19

Section 2: Allocation of Partial Funding

Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services.

According to the Final Rule over the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), the City has the ability take a standard allowance to spend on governmental services through the period of performance. In accordance with this section, the city seeks to replace an existing circa 1960's snowblower that has exhausted its useful life and replace it with a 2014 model loader mounted snowblower.

The following table below outlines the expenditure using the City's ARPA monies.

Request	ARPA fund request	Total Cost	% of Total Cost
2014 model loader mounted snow blower	\$105,950.00	\$105,950.00	100%

Justification

Council recognizes that the loss of revenue experienced not only within the years since COVID but additionally into future years does have an impact on the overall ability to purchase replacement equipment in areas of general government operations.

With the replacement of the existing equipment, the City has not grown our fleet of managed equipment, nor have we grown our overall maintenance needs. However, we are replacing a piece of equipment that is around 60 years; the hope is that the new equipment will last between 20 and 30 years before needing to be replaced. This equipment life meets the intent of creating long-term investment with limited long-term liability. By replacing the existing machinery, the city taxpayers will receive the benefit without having to incur the cost through additional tax dollars or bonds.

Under the Final Rule, adopted by the US Department of Treasury on January 6, 2022, the city may use up to a maximum ten million dollars, not to exceed the awarded amount, as a standard allowance towards governmental services.

Snowplowing is a governmental service that our residents and business owners receive with their property tax dollars.

Section 3:

Appendix A of this Resolution includes the necessary vendor invoice for the specific equipment purchase.

This Resolution is hereby **ADOPTED** and made **EFFECTIVE** by the City of Bonners Ferry this _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

BY: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk, City of Bonners Ferry

Appendix A
Vendor Invoice list- please attach