

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
February 15, 2022  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of February 15, 2022, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Valerie Thompson, Rick Alonzo, Ron Smith. Also, present were: City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Attorney Andrakay Fluid and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman. Members of the public present were: Dave Gray, Jerry Higgs, David Clark, Mitchell Moseley, John Barbacci, Monroe Murdoch and Emily Bosant.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**GUEST**

Amy Manning with III-A presenting the annual report

Jan Bayer and Cal Bateman with the Boundary County School District regarding the school bond proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding the school bond and drug issues.

**REPORTS**

Police Chief Brian Zimmerman introduced Jeremy Garrett, the newest member of the police department.

City Administrator Lisa Ailport said the legislative session is currently underway and she is watching the bills in case input from the City is requested.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the February 1, 2022 Council meeting minutes
4. Electric – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order #3 from S & L Underground for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project (attachment)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Sewer** – Suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #602 for the City Sewer Ordinance {action item}
- Rick Alonzo moved to suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #602 for the City Sewer Ordinance. Ron Smith seconded the motion. Ron Smith – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. **Sewer** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Welch Comer to develop the site plan for Lift Station #5 (attachment) {action item}

Mike said lift station #5 needs upgraded. The grinder has allowed the lift station to remain operational and replacement is scheduled for 2023. Access to this site is not easy, still hoping to relocate the lift station. One item that may be difficult is land acquisition from the railroad. Mayor Staples requested adding a deadline of February 15, 2023. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Welch Comer to develop the site plan for Lift Station #5, to be completed by February 15, 2023, in the amount \$7,500.00. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes, Ron Smith – yes

7. **Police** – Consider the purchase of new tasers (attachment) {action item}

Brian said it is not possible to re-certify the tasers that we have since the tasers are so old. Valerie said this needs to be in the budget, so they get replaced on a schedule instead of an emergency basis. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the purchase of new taser 7s in the amount of \$16,610.00. Brion Poston seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron Smith – yes, Brion Poston – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes

8. **City** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with American Tower Corporation for the Hoover Street Cell Tower lease (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the current contract was signed in 2005 for 25 years. There have been numerous negotiations regarding this contract and staff is proud to bring this one forward. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with American Tower Corporation for the Hoover Street Cell Tower lease. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

9. **Executive Session** – Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, Subsection 1 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated by imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. {action item}

Rick Alonzo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, subsection 1 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron Smith – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes

Regular session ended at 7:09 pm.

Entered into executive session 7:12 pm.

Executive session ended at 8:10 pm with no action taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.