

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonnors Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
April 19, 2022
4:00 pm

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of April 19, 2022, to order at 4:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson, Rick Alonzo, Ron Smith. Also, present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Fire Chief Dave Winey, City Mechanic Jimmy Dorhofer, Street Superintendent Scooter Drake and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman. No members of the public were present.

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

Meeting ID: 176727634

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

1. **City** – Consider adopting Resolution 2022-001 designating the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (attachment) {action item}

Lisa gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. Three prong test: 1. funding created long-term investments with limited long-term liability and would not grow government, 2. The use of dollars should seek to reduce the overall impact to the taxpayer and citizens in the City of Bonnors Ferry, 3. That the use of funds should look to reduce the overall impact on the general fund where possible. Valerie asked what a repeater is. Brian Zimmerman said the portable radios talk to the repeater, the repeater talks to the patrol vehicle radio, which then talks to dispatch. Currently the portable radios are not strong enough to communicate in most buildings. Brion Poston asked if there is 911 money available to pay for that. Brian Zimmerman said the 911 money is distributed by the sheriff. Brion Poston asked about the rifles for the police department. Brian Zimmerman said all of the rifles are different and antiquated. The \$13,000 is for seven rifles and shotguns, so everything will be the same. Brion Poston asked what will happen to the old rifles and shotguns. Brian Zimmerman said they will be sold to Woody's Gun and Pawn. Brion Poston asked about the price of the Fire Chief vehicle. Jimmy said that price is for a new vehicle. The price of used vehicles isn't much less than a new one right now. Valerie said it makes sense to wait unless there is an immediate need for a different vehicle for the Fire Chief. Jimmy said the current vehicle does have some issues. Ron asked if this is approved, then the items in the resolution are locked in and won't have to come before Council again. Lisa said yes. Brion Poston asked if the ARPA funds are in a separate account and will be easily tracked. Christine said yes. Ron Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2022-001 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 Bonnors Ferry citizens and taxpayers. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Ron Smith – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes

Council took a 10-minute break at 4:29pm.

2. **City** – Budget workshop for fiscal year 2023 {action item}

Lisa gave power point presentation for the General Fund budget workshop. Mayor Staples asked if the numbers were through the end of March. Lisa said yes. Lisa recommends increasing the contingency by 3% and prioritize savings. Mayor Staples asked if the development in the City will increase our tax base. Lisa said we are allowed to take up to 8%. Lisa said the general fund department heads will work on getting their proposed budgets together for the next meeting. Lisa said any input from Council will definitely help staff present a more accurate budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm