

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
May 17, 2022  
4:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of May 17, 2022, to order at 4:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson and Ron Smith. Also, present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Mechanic Jimmy Dorhofer and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman. No members of the public were present.

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

Lisa gave a power point presentation for the General Fund FY23 Budget. Ron asked if the department heads were present for the budget discussion. Lisa said they were. In order to balance the budget, either services or expenses need to be reduced. Lisa said Scooter reduced the chip sealing and asphaltting amounts. Ron asked if there is a cost-of-living adjustment already included. Lisa said there is a 3% COLA. The Mayor said a 3% COLA is the minimum. Brion recommended a dollar per hour increase for everyone, instead of 3%. He feels that might be easier on the budget. Valerie said it's important to have equipment that works properly. Council requested staff provide numbers regarding a dollar COLA versus a 3% COLA for the next budget meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm