

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Bonners Ferry City Hall  
7232 Main Street  
267-3105  
May 3, 2022  
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of May 3, 2022, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson, Ron Smith. Also, present were: City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Engineer Mike Klaus and Police Chief Brian Zimmerman. Members of the public present were: Marciavee Cossette, Dave Gray, Tim Bertling, Chuck Roady, Emily Bosant, Nate Gattey, Josh Standley, Fay Almond, Dave Anderson, Wally Cossairt, Ken Brink, Steve Myers, Denise Crichton, Carolyn Testa, Dave Wattenbarger, Wally Dinning, Chip Corsi, David Clark, Cal Russell, Kathy Walk, Diane Powers and David Powers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Gray spoke regarding the Museum and Visitors Center.

Dave Wattenbarger spoke regarding the Myrtle Creek Game Preserve

Cal Russell thanked Mike Klaus and the Water/Sewer Department employees for their professionalism while working on the sewer line relocation on his property. Cal supports the way the City is using the ARPA funds.

**REPORTS**

Valerie asked for clarification regarding the national flood insurance program. City Administrator Lisa Ailport said the Army Corp of Engineers manages the dike which relates to flood prevention, while the Idaho Department of Water Resources looks at preventing losses in the flood plain.

**CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the April 19, 2022 Council meeting minutes, April 19, 2022 Special Council meeting minutes

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. **Golf** – Consider the request from David and Diane Powers for a refund for a couples golf season pass {action item} Mayor Staples said we received a letter from the Powers. Diane said they were hoping to retire here and learn to play golf. David said they received a call and have to move back to Alaska. Valerie Thompson moved to refund the 764.50 for the season passes. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Ron Smith – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes

5. **City** – Discuss the status of the Myrtle Creek Game Preserve (attachment) {action item}

Chuck Roady said the Preserve was created to increase the amount of wildlife in this area. Chuck presented a letter from Idaho DEQ supporting hunting, fishing and trapping in the Myrtle Creek Game Preserve. Chuck said it is important to manage this area to help prevent the spread of diseases in wildlife. One disease causes wildlife to go to water, if an animal with that disease dies in Myrtle Creek that would not be good. If this area is reopened, then the wildlife can be managed. Chuck asked for a letter of support for hunting, fishing and trapping in the Myrtle Creek Preserve area. Wally Dinning spoke in support. Chip Corsi said he had a conversation with Darrell Kerby about this many years ago and Darrell was not in favor of opening the area. Chip said this area is approximately 23,000 acres and this will be a good thing for sportsmen and Idaho in general. Mayor Staples said Darrell hasn't changed his mind. Dave Anderson said people are already hunting there. Nate spoke in support. Ron said he was concerned about the water quality until he read the letter from DEQ, stating DEQ doesn't have any concerns about things happening to the water quality. Valerie is concerned about CWD spreading to this area. Brion said it is important to manage the wildlife to protect the water. Chip said a letter from the City and the letter from DEQ will allow hunting, fishing and trapping within the game preserve. The rule changed will remove the designation as a game preserve. The letters will be used as a bridge to change the rule. Lisa asked if Fish and Game will pass the letter through to the legislature. Chip said yes. Valerie Thompson moved to write a letter to Fish

and Game and state legislators support the restoration of Fish and Game wildlife management to the Myrtle Creek Drainage and opening it up for public harvest. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

Mayor Staples took a break at 6:31pm.

Mayor Staples reconvened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

6. **Sewer** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Chapman Excavating for the Alderson Lane Sewer Main Extension Project {action item}

Mike said this is a project that has been committed to for approximately two years. DEQ approval has been received. The City has already purchased the parts, this contract is for installation of those parts. Lisa said this is a public/private partnership, where in return for extending a sewer main we will receive a 50-foot public right of way, that will eventually connect Denver Street with Alderson Lane. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Chapman Excavating for the Alderson Lane Sewer Main Extension Project, for \$15,800. Brion Poston seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron Smith – yes, Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes

7. **Street** – Consider authorizing staff to seek competitive bids for a new loader (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said this is to replace a 1983 loader with a new loader using the ARPA funds. Mayor Staples asked the status of the current loader. Lisa said it is not large enough for the work that needs to be done by the Street Department. Ron Smith moved to authorize staff to seek formal bid and publication for the future purchase of a loader for the City Street Department. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes, Brion Poston – yes

8. **City** – Consider the surplus list and authorize the publication of the surplus auction (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the items are no longer of use to the City. Valerie Thompson moved to authorize the publication of the surplus auction with the surplus list as presented. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron Smith – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes

9. **Planning and Zoning** – Have the first reading by title only of Ordinance #603 for amendments to Title 11 and approve the publication summary (attachment) {action item}

Lisa presented a PowerPoint summarizing the amendments. Valerie Thompson moved to have the first reading by title only of Ordinance #603 for amendments to Title 11 and approve the publication summary. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Ron Smith – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes. Lisa read Ordinance #603 by title only.

10. **Planning and Zoning** – Suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #603

Valerie Thompson moved to suspend the reading rules and adopt Ordinance #603. Brion Poston seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes, Ron Smith – yes

11. **Planning and Zoning** – Consider Resolution 2022-003 adopting parklet design standards (attachment) {action item}

Ron Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2022-003 adopting parklet design standards. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Ron Smith – yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

## **INFORMATION** – Draft Minutes – Planning and Zoning