

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
August 2, 2022
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of August 2, 2022, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson and Rick Alonzo. Also, present was City Administrator Lisa Ailport, City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman, Economic Development Coordinator David Sims, Fire Chief Dave Winey. Members of the public present were: Marciavee Cossette, Kathy Walk, Eric Anderson, David Clark, Emily Bosant, Fay Almond and April Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Walk spoke regarding the Farmer's Market.
Fay Almond spoke regarding the windshield sign.

REPORTS

EDC David Sims said the Department of Commerce did award the Economic Development Council the full amount grant for next year. David is working to have the Porthill port of entry open longer hours.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the July 19, 2022 Special Council meeting minutes, July 19, 2022 Council meeting minutes, July 26 Special Council meeting minutes

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Planning and Zoning** – Consider the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for File #V04-22 Variance Application from Earnest and Cowell (attachment) {action item}

Lisa said the Planning and Zoning Committee held a public hearing, so this is for deliberation only. Valerie asked if the negative commentor's property is directly affected. Rick said it is more than a mile away. Rick Alonzo moved to approve File #V04-22, a variance to allow two approximately 14-inch side yard setbacks, where 10 feet is required, to allow for the construction of a freestanding sign, finding that it is in accord with the standards of Section 11-7-1 of the Bonners Ferry City Code, as enumerated in the findings and reasoned statements contained in the staff report and based upon record testimony. I further move to adopt the following reasoned statement in the affirmative and conditions as written. The variance request is in accord with the general standards applicable to the variance provided at Section 11-7-1, Bonners Ferry City Code, as enumerated in the standards review table of the staff report and supporting evidence. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes

5. **Planning and Zoning** – Consider the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for File #AM014-21 and File #ZC02-21 from FJC, LLC and Boundary Community Hospital (attachment) {action item}

Lisa gave a brief presentation. The property is currently owned by the bed and breakfast, the current zoning is Residential A. A development agreement is required for this file. Dick asked how big the sign will be. April said 4' x 8' for the reader board and 3' x 8' for the base of the sign. Brion asked if the sign will be there as long as the hospital wants it to be there. Lisa said as long as the development agreement is being followed the sign can be there. Valerie Thompson moved to approve File #AM014-21 and File #ZC02-21 amending the Comprehensive Plan map designation from Residential to Commercial and the zoning map from Residential A to Commercial for a 0.096 acre parcel as described in the applications, finding that it is in accord with the general and specific goals and standards of the City of Bonners Ferry comprehensive plan, as enumerated in the findings and reasoned statements contained in the staff report and based upon record testimony, I further move to adopt the conditions of approval and the reasoned statement in the affirmative, based upon the following reasons: the amendments are supported by the City of Bonners Ferry Comprehensive Plan. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes

6. **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 but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement

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 at 6:23pm. Valerie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes

Entered into Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session ended at 7:45 pm with no action take.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

INFORMATION

Draft Minutes – Planning and Zoning, Golf Committee