

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
October 4, 2022
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of October 4, 2022, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson, Rick Alonzo and Ron Smith. Also present were: City Clerk/Treasurer Christine McNair, City Engineer Mike Klaus, City Administrator Lisa Ailport, Police Chief Brian Zimmerman and Economic Development Coordinator David Sims. Members of the public present were: Marciavee Cossette, Todd Bateman, David Clark and Eric Lederhos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

Todd Bateman with Bateman Benefits gave a brief presentation regarding retiree Medicare benefits. This is usually offered to employers with 100 employees or more. Todd was able to get special permission to offer this to the City. There is no cost to the City, it is billed directly to the member. Ron asked what the City's role is with this product. Todd said there is some initial paperwork the City will complete, when someone retires, that person will contact Todd and he will help them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport will be going to Boise for two conferences.

City Engineer Mike Klaus said there will be a meeting Thursday at 9:00 am regarding the sight issue at Augusta and Main. There is a grant for grid resilience that Mike is hoping to apply for.

EDC David Sims said the advisory meeting will be October 17th at Noon. David is still working with senators and congressmen to increase the hours of operation for the border crossings. Canada changed the rules as of October 1st visitors from the US no longer need proof of vaccination or a negative test. Carter Country moved into Tom Mackey's building. There is still interest in property, even with the interest rates increasing.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of the September 20, 2022 Council meeting minutes
4. **Garbage** – Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Frederickson's BF Garbage LLC for garbage services (attachment)

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Sewer** – Consider the quote from EL Automation for communications with lift stations #3, #4 and #6 (attachment) {action item} Mike Klaus said the communications at the lift stations are having increased problems with radios and phone lines. Mike spoke with EL to connect to fiber. Mayor Staples asked about the shipping and mileage that was listed on the quote. Eric Lederhos said there will be no shipping or mileage. Valerie Thompson moved to approve the quote from EL Automation and authorize the installation for fiber network \$3,440.00 for lift stations #3, #4 and #6. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ron Smith – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Brion Poston – yes
6. **Electric** – Consider additional contract budget with Allwest Testing for the Moyie Dam Concrete Rehabilitation Project (attachment) {action item} Mike Klaus said Allwest does intermittent testing. Allwest estimates they will need approximately \$5,000 to complete the project. There is about 10 yards of concrete that still needs to be completed before the project is finished. Ron Smith moved to authorize an additional \$5,000 for Allwest contract with the total amount not to exceed \$48,050. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes
7. **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 {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. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brion Poston – yes, Valerie Thompson – yes, Rick Alonzo – yes, Ron Smith – yes

Entered Executive Session at 6:43 pm.

Executive Session ended with no action taken at 7:58 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm