

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 21, 2023
6:00 pm**

Mayor Dick Staples called the Council meeting of February 21, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson and Rick Alonzo.

Also present were City Administrator Lisa Ailport and City Attorney Andrakay Pluid.

Members of the public present included: Gerry Higgs, David Sims, David Clark, Fay Almond.

The Mayor began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments provided at the meeting.

REPORTS

City Administrator Lisa Ailport gave an update regarding the applicants for the Moyie Hydro Superintendent position. She noted that there were eight applicants and in order to narrow down the applicants for interview staff has put together a test of questions that will further understand the applicant's knowledge of how hydroelectric systems work. Those interviews are occurring this week with interviews to start hopefully the week after.

Additionally, she noted that she will speak at the EDC advisory meeting next Monday, February 28, 2023, at the Kootenai River Inn on the Local Option Tax. She encouraged anyone who is interested in learning more to come and attend the meeting.

She also mentioned that the city has received six applicants for the Clerk/Treasurer position and according to the posting, we are scheduled to take our first look at the candidates next week. An interview committee will be formed, and applicants scheduled for interviews following the review of the applications. Both positions are listed as "Opened until Filled," so the city is under no obligation to interview any of the applicants. We may continue our search if we are not satisfied with the first review.

Lastly, Lisa summarized a pilot program started by BPA energy efficiency program to fund larger projects that would consume smaller utilities energy efficiency dollars. The pilot program was formulated because of a larger project the City of Bonners Ferry received that would have eliminated any other projects from being funded. The city has submitted a larger project for consideration, and we are hopeful we will learn the outcome of this project soon.

David Sims reported about the EDC advisory meeting being held on Monday, February 28, 2023, at the Kootenai River Inn.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2023

The motion was seconded.

Result:	Approve
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Moved by:	Val Thompson
Seconded by	Brion Poston
Voted Yes	Brion Poston, Val Thompson, Rick Alonzo,
Voted No	
Absent	Ron Smith

NEW BUSINESS

4. **URA-** Consider Annual Report from the Urban Renewal Agency pursuant to Idaho Code 50-2006(c). (attachment) {action item}.

Lisa summarized the purpose of the letter and requested that the Council accept the letter. David Sims added that the increment is decreasing, likely due to the

Val Thompson made a motion to accept the report by the Urban Renewal Agency pursuant to Idaho Code 50-2006 (c). The motion was seconded.

Result:	Approve
Moved by:	Val Thompson
Seconded by	Rick Alonzo
Voted Yes	Brion Poston, Val Thompson, Rick Alonzo,
Voted No	
Absent	Ron Smith

5. **City-** Consider Resolution 2023-007 to adopt Local Option Tax ballot language and submit such language to the Boundary County Clerk for a May 16, 2023, election {action item}.

Lisa summarized the resolution by noting that the proposal that is before council encompasses all the parameters that the council discussed at the workshop, with the slight exception of the duration. That was modified from 10 years, to starting on July 1, 2023 and running through December 31, 2033 to allow for a November election, should the council desire to seek another Local Option Tax in that year.

Lisa did state that should council approve the resolution tonight, that it would tell staff that we are ready to start educating the public on the Local Option Tax. Conversely, if council were to hold off on approving tonight, it could signal to staff that more public input is needed.

Councilman Alonzo stated that he feels that the resolution includes what the public expects from the language, and he supports moving forward with educating the public rather than seeking more input.

The motion was seconded.

Result:	Approve
Moved by:	Rick Alonzo
Seconded by	
Voted Yes	Brion Poston, Val Thompson, Rick Alonzo,
Voted No	
Absent	Ron Smith

6. **Electric-** Unit 1 Rehabilitation- Riverside Pay Application #2 (action Item)

Lisa summarized the proposal as being within the original cost approved by the city council when the project was approved. Future requests for payment, as long as it is within the contract terms, will likely go on the consent agenda.

The motion was seconded.

Result:	Approve
Moved by:	Rick Alonzo
Seconded by	Val Thompson
Voted Yes	Brion Poston, Val Thompson, Rick Alonzo,
Voted No	
Absent	Ron Smith

7. **Executive Session-** pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, subsection (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.

Councilman Alonzo made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206, subsection (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 motion was seconded.

Council entered the executive session at 6:20pm

Result:	Approve
Moved by:	Val Thompson
Seconded by	Brion Poston
Voted Yes	Brion Poston, Val Thompson, Rick Alonzo,
Voted No	
Absent	Ron Smith

The Mayor exited the executive session, noting that no decisions were made, at 7:12pm. He, then adjourned the meeting immediately thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT