

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 20, 2023
6:00PM**

Council President Rick Alonzo called the Special Council meeting of June 20, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the meeting were: Council Members Brion Poston, Valerie Thompson and Rick Alonzo and Ron Smith. Staff present were Lara Tyler, Andrakay Pluid Members of the public in attendance were, Emily Bonsant, Marciavee Cossette, David Clark, and David Sims.

Marciavee commented on how people are pausing and letting people go in and out of traffic during this construction and said that she is happy to be here in Boundary County.

EDC- David Sims updated on the Port Hill border hours. Our congressional delegation has joined the North Dakota and Montana delegation to restore the hours or match what Canada is doing because they are open later than we are. David also reported that Idaho Department of Commerce Director Tom Kealy visited in May. This is the fourth or fifth time he has visited and the only director that has visited Boundary County. Tom toured the IFG Mill in Moyie Springs and learned about what their plans are.

The Moyie Springs sewer project is out for bid, they held a pre-bid meeting today for contractors.

Broadband grants, Idaho has released their capital projects grant fund it federal money that one closes in early July and there are two companies that are submitting projects in Boundary County on is doing some work in Bonners Ferry they are doing fiber to upper and lower Oak St. as well as some areas south of town. The other company is doing a project in rural areas. There will be a fast turnaround time and will know by early August. Downtown businesses one of the businesses that was in the process of selling will have a closing date for the end of this month and another business that was in the process of selling the owner passed away and now that is in probate but is still in process so one of the vacant buildings will be filling soon.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll

Brion Poston made the motion to approve the consent agenda.
Val Thompson seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. **STREETS {action Item}** [attachment]- Consider contract with Century West Engineering to assist with grant application for Idaho’s strategic initiatives grants for reconstruction of Ash Street.
Council member Brion Poston mentioned that if we get the grant for this it will be a maximum of \$2,000,000.00. Brion asked if anyone knew what the estimated cost was going to be. Val said that the city would be investing \$3500.00 for assistance in the beginning, but there is no match for this grant. Council member Ron Smith

mentioned that a person asked about the sidewalk on Ash St., and he understood that it was the property owner's responsibility to repair or replace it.

Ron Smith made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Century West Engineering to develop a grant application for the Fiscal Year 24 strategic initiative program to fund the reconstruction of Ash Street. The amount of the contract shall not exceed \$3,500 without council authorization.

Val Thompson seconded the motion.

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

- 4. **PLANNING {action Item}** [attachment]- Consider Resolution 2023-012, a resolution designating a 0.35-acre tract of land associated with file AN07-23 as Residential low density on the official comprehensive plan map.

Val Thompson made the motion to approve Resolution # 2023-012 amending the official Bonners Ferry comprehensive plan Future Land Use Map to designate the land that is the subject of the Sharon Lincks annexation File #AN07-23 as Residential Low Density.

Brion Poston seconded the motion.

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

- 5. **CITY {action Item}** [attachment]- Consider Ordinance 610, an annexation ordinance, annexing into city limits a 0.35-acre tract of land and zoning such lands Residential B on the official zoning map, for first reading by Title only.

Val Thompson made the motion to dispense with the rules for reading the ordinance regarding File #AN07-23 on three different days and call for one reading of the proposed ordinance by title alone, pursuant to Idaho Code §50-902.

Ron Smith seconded the motion.

Andrakay did the first reading by title only.

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

6. **CITY {action Item}** [attachment]- Consider suspension of rules and adopt ordinance 610, by Title only and authorize publication of the ordinance summary.

Val Thompson made the motion to adopt Ordinance # 610 regarding annexation File #AN07-23 and authorize the publication of the ordinance summary in the Herald in compliance with Idaho Code §50-901A by title only.

Brion Poston seconded the motion.

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

7. **CITY {action Item}** Consider July 11th for Regular Council meeting, instead of July 4th, due to the holiday.

Brion Poston made the motion to move the meeting that was scheduled for July 4, 2023 to July 11, 2023.

Val Thompson seconded the motion.

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

8. **CITY {action Item}** Consider closing the city and giving employees Monday, July 3rd off as an extra day off due to holiday on Tuesday, July 4th.

Ron Smith made the motion to give the employees Monday July 3rd off due to the holiday on July 4th.

Val Thompson Seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Chair Alonzo adjourned the meeting at 6:17pm