

Welcome to tonight's City Council meeting!

The elected officials of the City of Bonners Ferry appreciate an involved constituency. Testimony from the public is encouraged for items listed under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda. Any individual may address the council on any issue, whether on the agenda or not, during the Public Comments period. Individuals addressing the Mayor and Council during Public Comment should refrain from using that time to address the performance of or to make complaints about a specific employee. Public participation during the business portion of the meeting will generally not be allowed, with the discretion left to the Mayor and Council. Special accommodation to see, hear, or participate in the public meeting should be made at City Hall within two days of the public meeting.

Vision Statement

Bonners Ferry, "The Friendliest City", strives to achieve balanced growth, builds on community strengths, respects natural resources, promotes excellence in Government, and values quality of life. We are a city that welcomes all people.

**AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Bonners Ferry City Hall
7232 Main Street
267-3105
July 16, 2024
6:00 pm**

Join video Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/176727634>

Meeting ID: 176727634

Join by phone: 253-215-8782

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes, unless repeat testimony is requested by the Mayor/Council.

REPORTS

Police/Fire/City Engineer-Administrator/Urban Renewal District/SPOT/Golf/EDC

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Bills and Payroll
3. Approval of minutes for 4/16/24 regular council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **CITY- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider request from Elizabeth Benage for additional signage on Chinook St.
5. **GOLF- (action item)**- Consider donating the green fees to the Boundary County Victim Services from the Boundary County Victim Services Fundraiser Tournament on 09/14/2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Those who wish to address City Council during the council meetings are encouraged to adhere to the guidelines below.

Public Comment Guidelines:

Speakers are encouraged to:

- State their name and city of residence.
- Focus comments on matters within the purview of the City Council.
- Limit comments to three (3) minutes or less.
- Those who wish to speak should sign up on the sheet provided by the Clerk.
- Practice civility and courtesy.
- City leaders have the right and the responsibility to maintain order and decorum during the meeting.
- Time may be curtailed for those speakers whose comments are disruptive in nature.
- Refrain from comments on issues involving matters currently pending before the City's Planning and Zoning Commission or other matters that require legal due process, including public hearings, City enforcement actions, and pending City personnel disciplinary matters.
- Comments that pertain to activities or performance of individual City employees should be shared directly with the employee's supervisor or with the Mayor and should not be the subject of public comment.

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2024
6:00 pm**

Mayor Alonzo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council present were Val Thompson, Adam Arthur, Ron Smith.

Staff present were City Engineer/Administrator Mike Klaus, Police Chief Willie Cowell, Mechanic Jimmy Dorhofer, Contract Planner Clare Marley via Zoom, City Clerk Treasurer Deborah Garcia, Associate Planner Tess Vogel
Public present were Marciavee Cossette, Michael Shannon, Kathy Walk, Jim Woodward, Joe Knight

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Walk wanted to remind everyone that the farmers market is starting Saturday April 27th and every Saturday until the first week in October.

REPORTS

Police- Chief Cowell reported that they sent School Resource Officer Jason Trujillo to ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) it was a 16-hour class that aids an officer in recognizing impairment beyond alcohol abuse. Jason will be able to utilize this training at the schools. Sergeant Scott Davis Graduated 20 hours of field Training School in Lewiston and is now certified as a field training officer. There were six Alpine Storage unit burglaries since April 3rd. Assistant Chief Garrett is in an ongoing and very aggressive investigation where a suspect has been identified and a warrant has been submitted for review for his arrest. Assistant Chief Garrett is working with the Lincoln County Sheriff's office quite a bit on this investigation. 45 total in the last two weeks to the Clerk's office: 8 misdemeanors, 1 felony, 10 outside city limits requests for agency assists.

Fire- Police Chief Willie Cowell reported that Officer Brandon Johnson has been out due to an injury and illness. Chief Cowell covered his weekend shifts. At about 12:30am or 1:00am on April 7th, Chief Cowell saw a large amount of smoke coming across the highway and followed it back north across the bridge to Cassia St. There was a building fully engulfed and there were homes threatened. Dispatch was alerted and Chief Cowell said he could not believe how fast the city volunteer Fire Department was mobilized and on scene. Chief Cowell was called out on an agency assist and when he returned to the fire twenty minutes later the fire was out. Chief Cowell was very impressed and feels fortunate that we have them.

City Engineer-Administrator- Mike reported that there was a lot of time spent working on the budget and will speak about that later in the meeting.

Urban Renewal District- No Report

SPOT- Ron Smith reported that they met with the Extension office, and they have occasions to move about 13 to 14 kids from one place to another. SPOT Director Donna Griffin, and Ron said they will make arrangements to make it work. They would like Friday, and that is the Moyie route so they may have to do some switching around.

Golf- Mike Klaus said that Ben was unable to be at the meeting tonight but has given him an update of how things are going. They are ahead of schedule money wise. They have taken in more money than last year at this time. Still in search of a new mower for the tee. The city may limp it through another year or Mike said he has been in contact with Turf Star to maybe get a used one. The two they have are \$21,000.00 and \$33,000.00.

EDC- No report.

CONSENT AGENDA – {action item}

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

Adam Arthur made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ron Smith seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Adam Arthur
Seconded by	Ron Smith
Voted Yes	Val Thompson, Adam Arthur, Ron Smith
Voted No	
Absent	

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. PLANNING- (action item)** [attachment]- DECISION ON RESOLUTION # 2024-003, REGARDING REPLACEMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP. The proposed resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a replacement City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho Future Land Use Map for the adopted City’s Comprehensive Plan. The original future land use map has been lost or misplaced. The replacement map is the same as the original map. There are no changes to boundaries or land use designations in the replacement map.

Contract City Planner Clare Marley said the background on this is that we have an applicant for a proposed annexation. Clare and staff have attempted to locate the signed version of the map and have been unable to locate it. Clare spoke with the former Mayor as well as the former City Administrator and they were not able to help locate it. At this point the map needs to be replaced. It needs to be signed and scanned and then returned to the city for the official record. Clare said that they have the electronic version that was adopted in March 2023 by resolution, so we are assured that the map before you now is the same as the electronic final. The larger version will need to be signed by the mayor and the clerk and then they will scan it and return it to the city along with copies so that they can have that permanently in their records. The resolution would authorize the mayor and the city clerk to sign this replacement map. Clare said that Assistant Planner Tess Vogel is supposed to pick the map up from Deby after it has been signed.

Val made a motion to approve resolution #2024-003, adopting a replacement City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho Replacement Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan map, and authorizing the City Clerk and Mayor to sign the replacement map. Adam Arthur seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Val Thompson
Seconded by	Adam Arthur
Voted Yes	Adam Arthur, Ron Smith, Val Thompson
Voted No	
Absent	

- 5. ELECTRIC- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider approval of Schweitzer Engineering Labs Change Order Proposal for Hydro Controls Upgrade Project.

Mike explained the scenario when Unit #1 was re-done last year, the one thing that fell apart in the schedule was a cracked runner that needed to be replaced that set the project back to November of 2023. Start up on the controls started in October and they were unable to facilitate the startup of unit #1 because it was still being put back together. Schweitzer Engineering and Riverside who did the mechanical work on the generator, Schweitzer controls had to come on site a couple of times it created a change order because a couple bearings that failed during start up. This caused our controls contractor to take on additional costs. The unit is operational, and the work was done. Mike said in the future there will be discussion about the mechanical contractor.

Ron Smith made a motion to approve change order #5 by Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories for \$17,700.00 for Unit #1 commissioning, testing and start-up assistance. Val Thompson seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Ron Smith
Seconded by	Val Thompson
Voted Yes	Adam Arthur, Val Thompson, Ron Smith
Voted No	
Absent	

6. **STREET- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider approval to purchase a new water truck for the Street Department.

Last year the former City Administrator at that time and General Fund staff like Street, Fire, and Police all got together to look at what capital needs would be needed to use under the Local Option Tax. One of the items on the list for replacement was the water truck that would be used by the Street Department and also by the Fire Department. Mike had the clerk hand council a breakdown when the LOT was enacted a year ago. Mike said in the upper left column the actual capital items are listed. The Water Tender was listed under Fire as well as Street for a total of \$150,700.00. Jimmy and Scooter went and looked at the water truck that is in the pictures provided in the packet. It only has 2,595 miles on it and the cost is \$129,500.00. It is cheaper than a new one. Jimmy said that it has served its purpose, it is getting old and is hard to buy parts for it. When it is full of water it is overweight. Jimmy would like to see it go to the surplus auction.

Adam Arthur made a motion to approve the purchase of a new water truck for the Street Department in the amount of \$129,500.00. Val Thompson seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Adam Arthur
Seconded by	Val Thompson
Voted Yes	Val Thompson, Ron Smith, Adam Arthur
Voted No	
Absent	

7. **PUBLIC WORKS- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider revised Capital Plans for the Public Works Departments.

Mike went through the revenue and expense report for the utilities that was for the first six months of this fiscal year. The report shows that the electric revenues exceed the expenses by \$162,000.00 overall. These sheets are the ones that Kris Larson used when she was the Clerk/Treasurer, and they include capital expenses as well.

Sewer revenues exceed the expenses by \$176,000.00 and does not vary more than \$1,000.00 per month because it is by unit. Water revenues exceed the expenses Mike used the most recent 6 months to calculate the 90-day reserves. Mike will come to council in May to ask to order a new bucket truck for FY 2025.

No Action Taken

- 8. **POLICE- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider approval for the Police Department to order a new car for FY2025.

Mike recommends ordering now for a new Police vehicle now for next year as they are taking a year to get. For the future this is the direction that we should go by budgeting for a new car each year to get more life out of our cars instead of buying used cars that are starting to pile up in the yard.

Ron Smith made a motion to approve a purchase of a vehicle up to \$60,000.00 knowing that decals and other equipment may be needed after it arrives. Val Thompson seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Ron Smith
Seconded by	Val Thompson
Voted Yes	Adam Arthur, Val Thompson, Ron Smith
Voted No	
Absent	

- 9. **POLICE- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider approval to purchase a used police car.

Mike said the car that is being considered has a lot of life still. Chief Cowell said he is not sure if this exact vehicle is still available, but it is a 2020 Dodge Charger with 40,000 miles on it and it is \$28,000.00 and the \$30,000.00 should cover the vinyl and any equipment that needs to be transferred. Chief Cowell also said that this vehicle has a lot of life left on it as regular patrol average 10,000 to 15,000 miles per year so this will serve many years before it would have to be cycled out of the fleet. The Police fleet consists of three Ford Explorers that were purchased in September that have 65,000, 75,000, and 100,000 miles on them. The two with lower miles have a lot of idle time on them where they sat running. There are three Dodge Chargers with 130,000, 140,000, and 178,000 miles on them and the 178,000-mile vehicle will cycle out of the fleet with the purchase of this vehicle.

Val Thompson made a motion to approve the purchase of a used vehicle for up to \$30,000.00, with \$25,000 coming from Local Option Tax funds and the remaining amount coming from the remaining ARPA funds that are allocated to the Police Department. Adam Arthur seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Val Thompson
Seconded by	Adam Arthur
Voted Yes	Ron Smith, Adam Arthur, Val Thompson
Voted No	
Absent	

10. **POOL- (action item)** [attachment]- Consider approval to advertise for the hire of lifeguards.

Mike said after talking with David Hatch he is coming back and will want to be doing some interviews in the next thirty days. Mike wanted to talk to council about the starting wage as it is \$9.00 to \$11.00 per hour currently. Council member Val Thompson said that is not a good starting wage for a teenager that is looking for a job in town. Mayor Alonzo said kids working at Safeway are making \$16.00 per hour. Mayor Alonzo said that we should be starting at \$15.00 per hour if the budget allows for it. David Hatch is considering retiring next year so they would like to make the head lifeguard his assistant, so he doesn't have to be at the pool 24/7. Mike said this person would be responsible for the chemicals and testing the PH, alkalinity, and chlorine levels are all correct.

Adam Arthur made a motion to put out an ad for lifeguards for the 2024 season and let the mayor set the range after Mike does research with other pools. Ron Smith seconded the motion.

Result:	Approved
Moved by:	Adam Arthur
Seconded by	Ron Smith
Voted Yes	Val Thompson, Ron Smith, Adam Arthur
Voted No	
Absent	

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Alonzo adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Bonnors Ferry City Council Meeting

July 2, 2024

My name is Elizabeth Benage,

I am writing this is an addition to what I have to say to the Bonners Ferry City Council. My husband Bill is a 29-year veteran of the US Navy. He currently serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission for Bonners Ferry. He just retired after teaching at Forest Bird Charter High School for the past 8 years in Sandpoint. We live at 6495 Chinook Street here in Bonners. Our street is the street you take when going to Boundary Community Hospital. Ambulances, Paramedics, Police Officers, Sheriff's deputies, Fire Trucks, etc. use this street to access the hospital and homes and farmlands to the West. This is also the street that the school buses take and there is a bus stop at the corner of our property to drop kids off at the end of the day when school is in session, and across the street from our house to pick up kids for the school day.

On June 8th of this year, I called 911 when I heard the screeching of tires and my neighbors across the street start yelling at a car or truck. I couldn't hear what they were saying, but the vehicle came back with screeching tires again. Within just a few minutes of calling 911 officers had pulled over a vehicle and I'm assuming it was the car and I hope writing them a ticket. I'm not sure, but when the vehicle was released, it came back down the road between the houses, and I have a feeling they thought our neighbors called 911. The family across the street have young kids and they are outside in the evenings with the adults. They have a wonderful time, but I could just see a car out of control going through the yard and striking someone in the yard.

We have lived here for 7 years. Like other communities in the Idaho Panhandle, we are seeing growth and not always of the good kind. Prior to coming to Bonners Ferry we lived in Redding, Ca. which is on the I-5 Corridor. We watched drugs, child trafficking, and women being kept in houses not of their own free will. We moved our daughter and her 4 children out of Redding and then moved ourselves. One of the things I have started seeing here in the last few years is what I call California Cars. Small sedans, low to the ground, and they go in and out on a more than regular basis past our house. This is an obvious sign of drugs and trafficking. I am asking for your help in trying to control the people who speed past our house doing more than the 20 mile per hour speed limit. We need school bus signs and when I spoke with Bonners Ferry Police Department, they mentioned bring the electric speed limit sign out so people could see how fast they are going.

Bonnors Ferry Police officers have been so good about patrolling and pulling over speeders and suspicious cars on Friday and Saturday nights. They do as much as they can, and we are very proud of them. They have other things to do and areas to patrol so we appreciate whatever coverage they can give us. Chinook Street is where families walk with their children and the occasional dog to go into Bonners. We have walkers in the mornings and of course the kid's morning and afternoon. Strollers, tricycles, bicycles, skateboards Runners and one or two of the foot races during the year.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope you can help.

Liz Benage



Boundary County Victim Services

PO Box 633 • 6452 Kootenai Street, Suite 12A • Bonners Ferry, ID. 83805 • 24 Hour Hotline (208) 267-5211

July 9, 2024

City Council
7232 Main Street
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

Re: Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Dear Council:

Boundary County Victim Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We operate on federal, state and local grants/donations. Our organization was established in 1988 and has grown over the years to meet the expanding needs in our community. Boundary County Victim Services provides support and services to victims of all crimes in Boundary County. We have 3 full-time advocates and one on-call advocate that covers one weekend per month. In 2023 we served 723 individuals and performed 13,438 services for our community. The attached spreadsheets show statistics for the number of victims/survivors we served, the general services we provided, and the victimizations suffered in 2023. We have at least one advocate on call 24/7 so that we are available to report to the hospital or on-scene if law enforcement requests an advocate.

Our agency is planning to put on a golf tournament fundraiser to help fill gaps created by federal cuts in grant funding. The funds raised will support our mission: To provide support, services and options to survivors of all crimes by offering confidential, non-judgmental advocacy aimed at empowering, encouraging, and building independence. We believe this golf tournament will be an enjoyable way to bring our residents together and increase awareness of our program and the services we provide.

I realize that if an expense is not in the City budget it is difficult or impossible to fund; therefore, I am not asking for a direct donation, instead, I am writing today to ask if you will consider donating a portion of the City's Green Fees for our Golf Tournament fundraiser; although we do not want to take away or decrease compensation for the Mirror Lake Management Team. Any support for this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,


Rebecca C. James, Executive Director/Advocate

INDIVIDUALS - 2023

	01/01/23 - 03/31/23	04/01/23 - 06/30/23	07/01/23 - 09/30/23	10/01/23 - 12/31/23
Total number of individuals receiving services	164	192	215	152
GRAND TOTAL	723			

SERVICES - 2023

	A	B	C	D	E
1	SERVICES	01/01/23 - 03/31/23	04/01/23 - 06/30/23	07/01/22 - 09/30/23	10/01/23 - 12/31/23
2	A. INFORMATION AND REFERRAL				
3	A1. Criminal Justice	36	116	78	63
4	A2. Victims' Rights	171	203	228	184
5	A3. Referral Programs	18	52	98	57
6	A4. Referral Resources	169	259	283	196
7	B. PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT				
8	B1. Emergency Medical Care	1	0	4	0
9	B2. Medical Forensic Exam	0	0	0	0
10	B3. Law Enforcement Interview	16	23	8	12
11	B4. Individual Advocacy	599	669	935	672
12	B5. Performance	0	0	0	0
13	B6. Immigration Assistance	0	0	0	0
14	B7. Intervention	38	53	68	43
15	B8. Child or Dependant	3	0	9	4
16	B9. Transportation	10	31	18	14
17	B10. Interpreter	0	0	0	0
18	C. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES				
19	C1. Crisis	95	171	174	112
20	C2. Hotline	286	419	576	361
21	C3. On-Scene	0	0	0	0
22	C4. Individual Counseling	60	10	20	29
23	C5. Support Groups	5	2	1	2
24	C6. Other Therapy	0	0	0	0
25	C7. Emergency Financial Assistance	17	44	39	59
26	D. SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES				
27	D1. Emergency	9	13	29	5
28	D2. Transitional	24	27	42	10
29	D3. Relocation	5	18	62	0
30	E. CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE				
31	E1. Notification	160	209	214	146
32	E2. Victim Impact Statement	63	108	77	60
33	E3. Restitution	101	110	64	46
34	E4. Protection or Restraining Order	58	166	160	138
35	E5. Family Law Issues	206	250	157	139
36	E6. Other Emergency Justice-Related	22	33	32	33
37	E7. Immigration	0	0	0	0
38	E8. Prosecution	215	237	274	119
39	E9. Law Enforcement	8	45	28	45
40	E10. Criminal	247	519	497	285
41	E11. Other	0	0	0	0
42	TOTAL	2642	3787	4175	2834
43	GRAND TOTAL		13438		

VICTIMIZATION - 2023

A		B	C	D	E
VICTIMIZATION		01/01/23 - 03/31/23	04/01/23 - 06/30/23	07/01/23 - 09/30/23	10/01/23 - 12/31/23
1					
2					
3					
4	Adult Physical Assault (Includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	46	41	68	33
5	Adult Sexual Assault	14	15	34	15
6	Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	8	11	8	4
7	Arson	1	2	5	5
8	Bullying (Verbal, Cyber, or Physical)	5	2	0	11
9	Burglary	2	0	2	1
10	Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	34	48	49	46
11	Child Pornography	0	2	0	1
12	Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	28	39	54	28
13	Domestic and/or Family Violence	93	120	139	83
14	DUI/DWI Incidents	6	4	1	0
15	Elder Abuse or Neglect	3	5	4	3
16	Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other	0	0	0	0
17	Human Trafficking: Labor	0	0	0	0
18	Human Trafficking: Sex	0	1	6	1
19	Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	2	0	0	0
20	Kidnapping (non-custodial)	2	4	4	0
21	Kidnapping (custodial)	0	0	0	0
22	Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	4	9	9	6
23	Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g. Hit & Run)	5	4	4	3
24	Robbery	0	0	0	0
25	Stalking/Harassment	7	18	12	30
26	Survivors of Homicide Victims	1	1	4	4
27	Teen Dating Victimization	2	1	0	0
28	Terrorism	0	0	0	0
29	Other:				
30	Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult	0	0	0	0
31	Assault	0	1	1	0
32	Battery	11	3	5	3
33	Destruction of Telecommunication Device	0	1	2	0
34	Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult	0	0	0	0
35	False Imprisonment	0	0	2	0
36	Grand Theft	15	6	6	8
37	Illegal Eviction	0	0	0	3
38	Intimidating a Witness	0	0	1	0
39	Malicious Injury to Property	6	6	9	4
40	Operating a Vehicle w/o Owner's Consent	0	0	0	0
41	Petit Theft	1	0	0	0
42	Property Crime	1	0	0	0
43	Theft	1	0	1	0
44	Threatening Violence Upon School Grounds	4	9	9	14
45	Trespass	2	1	1	1
46	Unlawful Entry	0	0	0	4
47	Unlawful Sale of Alcohol to Intoxicated Person	0	0	0	0
48	Violation of a Court Order	0	0	1	2
49	TOTAL	304	354	441	313
50	GRAND TOTAL			1412	