

Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of September 30, 2008 to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President John Langs, Council Members Dave Sims, Connie Wells, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Tim Wilson, City Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, County Commissioners Ron Smith, Dan Dinning, and Walt Kirby, Solid Waste Supervisor Claine Skeen, Commissioner's Secretary Michelle Rhorwasser, Brooke Wallace, Gwen Albers, Jay Cohn, and John O'Connor.

The purpose of the special council meeting was to discuss city/county issues.

Mayor Anderson asked the county if there was anything the city should be doing to alleviate the problem of the landfill filling up. Ron said we operate the landfill under a small community exemption. He also spoke about keeping plastics and cardboard out of the landfill. Dan said there are recycle containers at four sites around the county. The unmanned sites do not have recycling bins. Half of the tonnage comes from the outside dumpsters around the county. The county appreciates any recycling done. There are twenty tons of garbage allowed per day under the small community exemption. Claine said we are getting close. Claine tracks recyclables and how much weight they entail. Ron thinks a strong recycling program will extend the life of the landfill. Ron said if we could get the city residents to recycle it will help with the life of the landfill. He spoke about a transfer site and how we will be faced with major recycling before the transfer entity will pick up the garbage. The county is looking at recycling. A rough figure for hauling 20 ton per day through a transfer site program would be \$45 per ton equaling close to \$500,000 per year according to Claine. John Langs asked what that would cost to a resident. Claine estimated that it would be about \$100 per person. It will cost over a million dollars to close the landfill. The county is working toward this end by building up a reserve for this purpose.

Claine said there are eight kinds of plastics. The types of plastics for recycling are numbered on the bottom or the side of the bottle. Dave Sims said to encourage recycling in town there may need to be recycling bins in town. Dan spoke of sorting the garbage. He said the county does not have a figure for this cost but there would be quite a bit of liability with this. The county takes a recycle trailer to Far North parking lot once a month on Wednesdays. Three ton of recyclables have been collected under the recycle trailer program. This would result in quite a savings of tonnage at the landfill. Only two percent of the tonnage is now being recycled. Magazines and newspapers can now be sorted together and glass does not have to be sorted but is separated as an inert material at the landfill. All these features help extend the life of the landfill. Sorting efforts help with the future of the landfill. Ron spoke of the sorting efforts at the Shoshone County site for recyclables. Ron said Boundary County is the only county in the top ten counties of Idaho with a small community exemption. Bonner County has a voluntary recycling program. Stephen asked what portion of the city garbage is commercial versus residential since the city is responsible for 50 percent of the garbage brought into the landfill. Dan said city residents are county residents and we need to work together to reduce the tonnage

at the landfill. The manned dump sites cost approximately \$20,000 each after they have been established. The initial cost of the manned sites is \$50,000 according to Claine. Ron thinks manned sites will eventually pay for themselves. The landfill fees are higher for the coming year due to equipment purchases that are necessary but they should come down the following year.

Dave Sims asked how serious the county was about a sorting program. Dan said the county has taken the first step by finding entities to take the recyclables and purchasing some equipment to maintain this. The commissioners are considering looking at a sorting program in Spokane. The first of the year the commissioners anticipate making a decision about the sorting program.

Connie asked if the residents had curbside sorting if the county would be able to accommodate this. She thought this would get a good response for this from the community. Claine said lids and labels can be left on the bottles. Dave Gray asked about the recycling program in Moscow. Stephen asked about commercial paper waste. Walt Kirby said the county has a shredder for sensitive documents and then the paper is hauled away. Ron said non-sensitive paper goes in a container out back of the courthouse to pick up the paper to take to the landfill for recycling. Claine said the School District had two recycling bins that they obtained through a grant. It is now a voluntary program that the School District has and they may be interested in donating the bins to the county. Stephen spoke regarding Frederickson's Garbage Company and their franchise agreement and contract. Claine said the county is ready to take on the School District for their recyclables. Mayor Anderson asked what could be done to facilitate the recycling programs and help the landfill save tonnage. Ron said there have been several articles on the landfill and recycling and notices go out with the tax notices. The first Wednesday of every month is when the recycle trailer is brought to town. Dan said Frederickson's should be able to have a monetary gain if they pick up curbside and recycle. Dan said recycling is the right thing to do. Ron said the county is after keeping the tonnage down at the landfill. Dave Sims spoke about tiered residential rates for garbage.

Stephen Boorman spoke regarding Arizona Street. Mike Woodward will draw up documents for a land trade to straighten out the street. The county thinks it will be a good idea and Ron said the county has asked Road and Bridge Supervisor Jeff Gutshall to work with the city. Stephen said they have been meeting. The land being considered for the trade is all public right of way according to Stephen. The county will trade a piece of property to the city to straighten out the street and the city will give the county a piece of property for more parking.

Dan said the inmate count is down somewhat from what they have had in the past and this trend is statewide. Ron spoke about expansion of the current jail but that won't be necessary now.

Dave Sims inquired about a gas energy program at the landfill producing energy from waste. Ron said there may be possibilities there. Dan said we are not generating enough methane gas at this time to generate electricity. Stephen said when it is time to close the landfill we may look at the issue. He said it takes a million tons of garbage to generate electricity. Walt Kirby spoke of

mining the current landfill site. Claine said we cannot do mining at the current landfill site now in his opinion due to methane gas.

Mayor Anderson spoke of the dog pound. Ron said the county has budgeted funding to help pay for dog pound expenses. Mayor Anderson spoke about the meeting that he had with Second Chance Animal Adoption Agency. He said they are looking for property to be donated or leased to them for a nominal amount to build a reasonable building to house the animals. He also spoke about them hiring a secretary to man the phones, etc.

Ron said this has been a good meeting and appreciates working with the city. The group discussed meeting a couple times per year.

Ron spoke about the Craig Wyden bill. It was going to be for a four year extension with the State of Idaho receiving about four million dollars. This would give the counties time to get prepared for the future. The bill has been changed.

The commissioners, Claine Skeen, Michelle Rhorwasser, Brooke Wallace, Gwen Albers, Jay Cohn, and John O'Connor left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

The special event permit application for the Harvest Festival on October 4, 2008 was reviewed. Dave Sims moved to approve the special event permit for the Friends of Downtown and waive the fees. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The 60 mil membrane roof quote with a twenty year warranty from Schwartz Coatings came in at \$148 less than G&M Roofing did with a 15 year warranty. Dave Gray moved to accept the city hall roof repair quote from Ernest Swartz for \$28,440 subject to him obtaining a public works license. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen said if people are given the opportunity to conserve they will and this is evidenced through our water consumption. Stephen said in 1996 the water plant experienced its largest use.

John Langs moved to go into executive session at 6:15 p.m. per Idaho Code 67-2345 (f). Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. At 6:31 p.m. council went out of executive session. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk
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