

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of August 5, 2008 to order at 6:30 p.m. 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, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, Deputy Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Water Department Supervisor Jim Fritzsche, Street Department Supervisor and Assistant Fire Chief John Youngwirth, and Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Carolyn Testa, Bill and Linda Hiatt, Stuart Langs, Sharon Langs, Jay Cohn, and Sarah Thomas.

Mike Sloan presented a tally sheet of the visitor count from the visitor center for this year. He said over 4200 people have gone through the visitor center since January. Mike thanked the city for the assistance from the city for the Swish Tournament.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. A couple DUI arrests and drug arrests were made. A clearance rate of 85.7 percent was on the state statistic report. The police chief retired last Thursday. The burn by the fire department went well.

John Youngwirth said there have been six fire calls since the last meeting. The planned burn for the house on Arizona was done.

Stephen Boorman said the Street Department will begin on the Tamarack Lane project next week. John Langs asked if the project will be done before school begins. Stephen said it will not be complete before school starts but it will be close. John Youngwirth said the crossing will be the biggest part of the project. He said he is asphaltting this week and intends to start on the Tamarack project next week. Stephen explained the workings of the project and said there will be a concrete sidewalk with a curb and no gutter. The sidewalk will be along the fence and the cost is estimated to be \$10,000 to \$15,000 for drainage work. The concrete/asphalt estimate will be looked at and put in the council's boxes. The subsurface drainage will be done this year.

In the water department they are working on the Chippewa Drive area and there is quite a bit of right of way work to be done. The area is not platted so there will be quite a bit of research done to see if the property was deeded as a utility easement. Some of the smaller waterline projects will be worked on while the right of way issues are researched.

The sewer department dredging was completed but there is still material in the ponds.

Dave Sims inquired about the clarifier project. Stephen said it is at DEQ and it will probably be the end of the month before DEQ completes the review and the bid packages can go out. He said it will probably be the end of the year before construction can begin and the structure erected before bad weather so the inside work can be done during the winter months.

Stephen explained the Bonneville Power Administration 20 year contract. The contract will contain a high water mark and rate period high water mark. A TOCA (tier 1 cost allocation) will also be in the 20 year contract. The bill will contain a base rate of about 70 to 80 percent of our bill. A load shaping charge will be assessed when the city is not generating as much power and we have a large load. The average will be about 20 percent of our bill. He said there will be cash flow issues with the new contract. Demand charge will be about \$2.00 per kilowatt. Demand is going up to meet the peaks. Stephen said the monthly cash flows will not be as stable as they are now. Stephen said it may be worth looking at seasonal sources.

Steve Fendos joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of payroll and August 5, 2008 accounts payable; approval of July 15, 2008 regular council meeting minutes and July 22, 2008 special council meeting minutes; and approval for Rick Alonzo to attend POST graduation ceremony on August 15, 2008.

John Langs asked that the order of business be changed to bring the Riverside Addition property use to the beginning of old business; combine #22, consideration of formation of Bonners Ferry Arts Commission with #6, outdoor sculpture discussion; and to bring #24, plotter purchase approval up to item #12 under new business.

Bill Hiatt spoke to Council regarding the use of property near Riverside Auto. He said the proposal he received from the city will not work. He said the property is used for parking and he can live without it. The best plan is fair market value. The problem for a right of way through his existing property probably won't work because it is valuable property to him. Mayor Anderson said a property owner has complained that there is no access to his property. He said it is city property and it has a value but there is also the issue of a citizen without access to his property. Mayor Anderson said it has to be an equitable solution for the tax payer. Bill suggested building a new shop and using the old one for storage. Mayor Anderson said we cannot offer the property to Hiatt's because it has to be put out for public auction. He also said Hiatt's do a lot for the community but we need to be fair. Linda Hiatt suggested renting the property for a fair price. Connie asked what a fair price would be. Bill Hiatt said \$200 to \$300 per month would be fair. Dave Sims asked about the access problem. Bill said there is not an access problem. Council said they have heard the opposite. Linda asked what area is blocked most. Mayor Anderson said it is not necessarily during business hours but it can be on Sundays when people leave their vehicles to be worked on or when a truck comes in for deliveries. Linda said they can post a no parking sign. John Langs said the access issue is the most important issue to him. The group discussed painting lines for a starter and posting it for no parking. John Langs would like an annual lease to make sure the property owner has access. Bill Hiatt asked about a property trade with the city. Stephen said the property is a dedicated right of way and

cannot be traded. Tim Wilson said public right of ways are held in public trust. He said a property trade would not be advisable. Ms. Hiatt suggested a property trade. Tim said the statute does not allow property trades. Dave Sims and the Mayor said Ms. Hiatt is speaking about another piece of city property to be traded for access to the neighboring property. Bill Hiatt said that is more feasible. Mayor Anderson asked if he and the City Administrator can come on site and view the property. Mayor Anderson invited the council to attend also if they wanted to. Dave Gray said the lack of payment of dividends to the citizens is not fair and this has been going on for 32 years.

Linda Hiatt thanked the city crews for the improvements to the steps at the golf course.

Bill and Linda left the meeting.

Connie Wells moved to have the second reading of Ordinance 510 Resort Tax by title only. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Attorney Tim Wilson read Ordinance 510 by title only.

John Langs asked that the impact fees contract implementation be postponed due to the amount paid for studies this year by the city and the probability of growth not being enough in the next year or two to offset the fees. He would like to defer this contract until a later date. Tim Wilson said it was a time of performance contract so there has not been a penalty because there has been no performance at this time. Tim said the staff of the city held off on the implementation of the contract due to the concerns of the council. Dave Sims and Dave Gray agreed as well as Connie Wells. John Langs moved to defer the impact fee study contract. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Stephen said the contractor will probably want to cancel the contract. John Langs amended his motion to include the wording of cancellation of contract. Dave Gray agreed to the amendment. Mayor Anderson said we need to be preemptive with this type of study so he will keep it on the burner. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs said the memo from the City Administrator dated August 1st lists out three options for pool repairs. Mr. Langs disagreed with the third option of no repairs but to continue to leave the pool leak because it is the cheapest fix with the lowest risk. John would like to see a civil engineer come up with plans for the repairs to be done this year so the pool will be ready for operation next season. Stephen said 90 percent of the work for plans and specifications for the pool repairs is done. He said the real work is on the water stops. John said option number three makes the community threatened with the closing of the pool. It is too important to our community not to teach the youth to swim and have a facility for families to swim. Mayor Anderson asked about the filters. Stephen said they have been replaced and the filters are fine. Mayor Anderson said a new pool may be looked at. John Langs said it will not happen. Dave Sims said until we have a road map for a new pool we need to take care of the pool we have. He also said he thinks the leakage is much less this year than it has been in previous years. Stephen

said heat was put to the pool from day one this year and that has not been done in the past. He also said work was done to the pool floor this year at the joints. David Sims said the range of \$25,000 to \$40,000 needs to be tightened up because it may be more cost effective to go with a liner. Mayor Anderson said he wants to keep the pool open and he spoke about the value of teaching people to swim and also about crime rates being lower for small towns with swimming pools. Dave Sims said the concrete repair will be rough so a liner would be a smoother surface. Dave Gray said a liner may be the way to go. Dave Sims said a firmer quote for concrete repairs needs to be sought. Connie said if the sides of the pool leak, it may not be the fix to repair the floor. Dave Sims asked about how a liner is installed in a pool. Stephen explained this. Mayor Anderson asked if there is someone who can come in to tell us where the leakage is in the pool – in the walls or floor. He also said a guarantee needs to be made that the repairs will work. He said it is a guessing game.

John Langs moved to hire Mike Woodward at the rate of pay he currently receives from the city as a consultant to explore the pool repair issue within 30 to 45 days. Dave Sims said he would like to see specific quotes for repairs. Jim Fritzsche said the pool leakage is very small at this time. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Dave Sims asked Jim Fritzsche's opinion. Jim said the leak test would be good but he is concerned about the floor repairs and said it will probably have to be removed and then you don't know what will be found. Jim said he stopped repairing the concrete because he could not find viable material to bond to. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Anderson said six applicants were interviewed for the police chief position and five were in-house candidates. He said every applicant interviewed was qualified and we have an absolute fantastic police force. He thanked the interview committee. He recommended that Rick Alonzo be appointed Police Chief. John Langs moved to appoint Rick Alonzo as Police Chief. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Dave Sims said he has received many comments from the public that they wanted Rick to be the Police Chief. The motion passed, all in favor. Mayor Anderson said the swearing in of the Police Chief will be at a later date so there can be a ceremony.

The plotter purchase was discussed. Stephen said the demand for large format drawings and maps is needed at the city. The recommended plotter is a Cannon due to the price. He said we have a lot of drawings that are 36 inches wide. Tim Wilson commented on printer repairs. Stephen said the ink jet plotter is the one being recommended. The group discussed prices. Dave Sims said he found a supplier that had the same plotter on-line and found it to be \$1,000 cheaper and it included shipping. Mayor Anderson asked about the warranty and service representatives. Dave Sims also asked about the comparison of ink cartridges between Cannon and HP. Stephen said it is comparable. John Langs is concerned that Stephen recommended a plotter that Councilman Sims found on-line cheaper. Dave Gray suggested getting more competitive quotes and also spoke regarding Attorney Wilson's comments. Dave Sims said we should reconsider the purchase at a later date. No action was taken.

Connie Wells moved to appoint Randy Tremble as a volunteer fireman for the City. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Dave Anderson recommended appointment of Marcia Morman to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Dave Sims moved to affirm the appointment of Marcia Morman to Planning and Zoning. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Stephen informed council that interviews for the power plant foreman took place today and the unanimous recommendation was to hire Pat Stevens as power plant foreman. Dave Gray moved to hire Pat Stevens as power plant foreman. John Langs seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

The group discussed the personnel policy amendment proposal. It was initiated due to the pager requirement at the power plant for off hours. Mayor Anderson said it is still a cost savings to the city and he recommends that the city proceed. Stephen said the amendment also rectifies what the city currently pays for comp time for the Police Department. Dave Sims moved to approve the policy amendment pending ICRMP approval. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Sims said he would like to see a sprinkler system at the pool park but he is concerned about the budget with the anticipated pool repairs. The group briefly discussed having the lifeguards move the sprinklers at the pool. Mayor Anderson said it will be difficult to get the lifeguards to move the sprinklers. Dave Sims said the lawn has not been watered in the past week. John Youngwirth said that is not true because Dave Kelley comes in to water the parks. Dave Sims said Stephen has mentioned using the backwash water from the water plant to water the pool park. There would be plenty of water from the backwash to keep it watered. Dave Sims said it needs frequent watering for short periods of time. Stephen gave the scenario of watering now. John said it would be best to water in the evenings. Tim Wilson said to mark the positions for the sprinklers and make the lifeguards chart their actions each day. Dave Sims asked about the pump system. John said the pump system would not be a problem. John Langs asked the Mayor to take charge of this issue and have the swimming pool lifeguards take care of it. John Youngwirth suggested purchasing timers for pool watering. The Mayor will work on the issue.

The parade permit for the Boundary County Fair was discussed. John Langs moved to approve the parade permit and waive the fees. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #5 for S&L Underground for Phase 1A water project and also the DEQ loan request. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The contingency policy was briefly discussed. Stephen said the council's guidance on contingency would be appreciated. He said it is a target level for budgeting purposes. Connie said she is concerned about reaching the levels when funding is so tight. Mayor Anderson said it is an aspect to think about. No action was taken.

The proposed budget was reviewed. Dave Gray said he has been collecting information on the economy. He would like the city to proceed with caution and he expressed his concern. Mayor Anderson said he thinks the council is going in that direction. He said rates may need to be increased due to the costs associated with operations and we need to increase incrementally. John Langs would like to see the city departments come to council and speak about their capital needs. He would like to speak to them directly and have them express their concerns. Dave Gray said council needs to speak to the department heads also so the needs are realistic. Mayor Anderson said we need to prioritize the needs. Dave Sims said it would be helpful to look at the equipment. John Youngwirth invited the council to come look anytime. Dave Sims asked about the purchase of a roller. John said it is used on different projects other than just asphaltting. He said the State does not have the equipment available for purchase like it was in the past. John said we cannot get parts for the current roller. He said it is getting dangerous to haul because the pins are completely worn on the roller tires that are used to haul. John is renting a roller to use this season and it is smaller. John said the roller is smaller but it has a vibratory feature which is needed.

The budget hearing was discussed because two council members will be absent. Tim said you can start a meeting with a quorum and someone can leave and we can still carry on business. We will contact either John Langs or Dave Gray by telephone during the hearing.

Stephen showed council roofing samples and spoke about flat roofs. He said there are two quality roofing materials. He said Mike Woodward has worked up specifications for the roofing materials. Stephen said there is insulation value in the fire hall roof but not in the city hall roof. Stephen said the walls at the fire hall are not insulated well. Council will go out for membrane and foam bids or quotes.

John Langs said he and Councilman Sims have thought about formation of an art commission to oversee and give recommendations to council for items such as the proposed sculpture that was proposed. He said it would be nice to see something like Art on the Green. He said it would be helpful to have their recommendation as to where to place art items. Dave Gray suggested Carolyn Testa, Susan Loveland, and Barb Russell. It would be a commission to promote and guide art issues. Carolyn said the Bonners Ferry Arts Alliance has a wall at the Mountain West Bank and also at the Restorium. Dave Sims said the council needs guidance and he does not think it should be permanent. He also said the city has limited space. Mayor Anderson said it would be an advisory committee to promote and advise on art issues and he is hopeful that Carolyn would volunteer. Carolyn said there may be art items placed in the Library and they

showcase an artist's work each month. John Langs moved to have the Mayor research and appoint an Arts Commission. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Council reviewed the sewer video of Oak Street.

At 9:10 p.m. John Langs moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss labor and negotiations. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Executive session ended at 9:38 p.m. No action was taken.

John Langs moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation of \$50,600 for police chief plus incremental raises over the next two years to match the current chief's salary plus normal cost of living raises. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk