

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of July 7, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs, Chris Clark, and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Dave Sims, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Dan Studer, Jason Thomas, Collett Allen, Carolyn Testa, and Jeff Stankiewicz.

Rick Alonzo gave the police report. There have been a rash of burglaries within the city and county - five in the city, also three crashes, one shoplifting charge, three warrant arrests, two driving without privileges, seven DUIs, one battery, one aggravated assault, one unlawful entry, four minor in possession charges, two assists with drug task force, counterfeit money, and NSF checks.

Pat Warkentin said there have been about ten to twelve calls per month. The State Fire Marshall has asked that the fire department give reports. He said there were some minor fires after the 4th of July fireworks display.

Stephen Boorman gave the administrator report. AT&T has offered to pay City of Bonners Ferry \$5,000 for a co-lease on the cell tower. The handout on Bonners Ferry visitors sign was pointed out. The water right for the Kootenai River is in the packet as information. Stephen said it was for fish and wildlife purposes. Stephen has spoken with Ron Frederickson from BF Garbage and he is considering recycling so we need to get on board with Boundary County. The BPA rate increase proposal is 6.38 percent. The ICUA meeting is in Post Falls this year from July 28-30, 2009 and the Mayor will be speaking. BPA is buying acreage on the Kootenai River for a conservation easement and it will end up belonging to the Kootenai Tribe. Stephen got his first call regarding net metering agreement for a wind generator at a home. The ITD tour is upcoming and Stephen encouraged council to get involved. Chlorination at the sewer lagoons is ongoing. There will be a golf committee meeting on July 15th.

David Sims updated council about the chlorination project at the sewer lagoon. He said we started the chlorination and de-chlorination about 17 days ago. He said the algae seems to be dying but it is taking a lot of chlorine. The project appears to be working and he is hopeful that it will be a success.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of June 15, 2009 council meeting minutes; approval for Brian Kerins to attend Cooper Power Systems Voltage Regulators and Overvoltage Protection Class on July 22, 2009 in Spokane, Washington; and approval for Tiffany Murray to attend DARE Officer training in Douglas, Wyoming from August 17-28, 2009.

The Kootenai Tribal contract discussion was moved to executive session.

Chris Clark moved to authorize Mayor Anderson to sign the joint use agreement with Windjammer Communications. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – Dave Gray “yes”, John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”.

John Langs moved to approve the special event permit with the Grow Group for the street dance on August 29, 2009 and waive the fees. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Mayor Anderson said if they need to be covered by insurance that they will need to be appointed by the City as a volunteers. Jason Thomas and Dan Studer left the meeting.

Dave Sims said the sewer lagoons need to be dredged this fall and again next summer. He said dredging was done last summer and explained the process. David thinks we should consider purchasing the equipment to do it ourselves and we will save the cost of the bags. He said this would reduce our costs. Stephen explained that the drainage from the bags must be pumped back into the ponds and after the material is dried out it is taken out of the bags to the dump. David said we may have to hire someone part time to run the equipment. Dave Gray moved to approve going out for bid for the purchase of the sewer dredging equipment. John Langs seconded the motion. David said we will probably need to purchase two bags because we can reuse one of the bags we have now. The motion passed, all in favor.

Council reviewed the treasurer’s report and briefly spoke about budget shortfalls for fiscal year 2010. Mayor Anderson said he is available on Monday evening if that works for council members for the budget meeting. We will set the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 13, 2009 to work on budget.

Dave Gray moved at 7:38 p.m. to go into executive session 67-2345 (f) to discuss legal issues. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:38 p.m. No action was taken.

Dave Sims said we applied for grant funding with LHTAC for Alderson Lane reconstruction and we did not make the first cut. It will be reviewed the during the second go round and we will know in August if the project is approved for construction next spring.

Stephen briefly explained the ATT Cingular contract using our cell tower ground.

Dave Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk