

Mayor David Anderson called the April 1, 2008 council meeting to order at 7:00 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, Police Chief Dave Kramer, City Engineer Mike Klaus, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present were Marcia Cossette, Helen and Jim Chase, Stephanie Chase, Ana Chase, Leroy Vogl, Marj Bagley, Steve and Deanna Galbraith, John Marquette, and Sarah Thomas.

John Langs moved at 7:02 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss contracts and legal issues. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”. At 7:15 p.m. Council went out of executive session. No action was taken.

The meeting reconvened.

Helen Chase spoke to council regarding the Tucked Away store on Bonner Street. She said they do a lot for the community and are hopeful that the community will do something for them. She said many vehicles drive by their store but do not stop because there is no parking except on Main Street and near Larson’s. She asked if council would make Bonner Street a one way street from Main Street to First Street with parking on Bonner Street. She said Riverside and Kootenai both are two way streets so traffic would not be prohibited from entering town.

Steve Galbraith spoke to council regarding North River Drive. He said the first topic involves lot one. Steve said ten or twelve years ago the dike washed out so the road got pushed over on lot one and a couple years ago the Corps came in and further pushed the road onto lot one. Then the city has now opened the road for public traffic. He said they would like to work with the city to find a solution basically so the city is not driving on private property.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. He offered to have the traffic safety committee look at the one way street proposal for Bonner Street. He said statistics from the Uniform Crime Report were received and the crime clearance rate for Bonners Ferry was over 78 percent of reportable offences and he is proud of the job the department is doing. The total offenses have gone down but they still have a high clearance rate. On April 21st the Bonners Ferry Police are involved in the Tip-A-Cop Program at the Kootenai River Inn and he invited the public to attend. He said the money received will go to the Special Olympic Program.

The Chase family left the meeting.

Mike Klaus reported that the waterline realignment on the Kootenai River Bridge was completed earlier this evening and no customers were out of water during the construction. Dave Sims asked what the installation of the clarifiers would entail time wise. Mike said it would be about a 60 day window. Mike said there are 20 to 30 days of design work that needs to be done and then it must be approved by DEQ and then it would go out to bid. The bid process takes about 30 days. He said we are about three months out for construction. Dave Sims expressed concern

about not being able to complete the clarifier project before winter. Mike said he will speak to Stephen when he returns from vacation.

Dave Gray asked about the water project. Mike said it is coming along well.

John Langs moved to approve the consent agenda. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of April 1, 2008 accounts payable; approval of the treasurer's report; approval of March 18, 2008 council meeting minutes; approval for Foster Mayo to attend Fire Arms Instructor School in June in Lewiston; approval for Rick Alonzo and Jeanette Woodard to attend Child Abuse Interviewing and Investigation Training in Sandpoint from April 10-11, 2008 and May 1-2, 2008; approval for employees to attend the AIC Spring Seminar on April 15, 2008 in Coeur d'Alene.

Annexation workshop is scheduled for April 8, 2008.

Mike said we got a proposal for about \$80,000 for dredging the lagoons and he thinks that is high so he has researched the possibility of purchasing the equipment and doing the work ourselves. He and Stephen are looking at the dredging issue. He would like to have the issue researched and ready to come before council at the next meeting. He said this issue needs to be done quickly.

Dave Gray moved to read Ordinance 508 by title only. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Tim Wilson read Ordinance 508 by title only.

The grand opening discussion for Hometown Pizza was tabled until the owner can address council.

John Langs said he would like to have the issue of Bonner Street being a one-way street go before the Traffic Safety Committee.

John Langs moved to table the North River Drive issue pending legal review. Dave Sims seconded the motion. Dave Sims said he would like to know if what the Galbraith's are proposing is legal so a review is necessary. Dave Gray said he agrees and wants to make sure what we are doing is legal for the city as well as the Galbraith's. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to adopt the 2008 Fair Housing Proclamation. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Gray gave a report regarding the Panhandle Area Council (PAC). He said at the last meeting there was business concerning many issues. He read over the description of what PAC does. John Langs moved to appoint Dave Gray as the PAC representative. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Dave Gray moved to appoint Connie Wells as the PAC alternate. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Sims moved to have the budget hearing for the City of Bonners Ferry on August 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mike Klaus spoke to council regarding phase 2 of the water project. He said basically on Chippewa and Oak Street there are very low fire flows and one of the goals through the master plan is to improve the fire flows within the city. Phase one has dealt with water pressure and flow issues. Mike will make a presentation to council at the next meeting regarding the water projects. Mike said on phase 2 there is quite a bit of surveying that needs to be done so approval of the agreement will get the ball rolling and we need to get working on the project. Mayor Anderson asked if it will hurt the city if we approve the engineering contract this evening. Mike said if we wait for the decision on the grant we would not get started on the projects until October or so. He also said if we do not get grant funding the project will proceed but we will be limited on the amount of work that will be done on future projects. Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Welch Comer for phase 2 water project engineering. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mike spoke regarding the phase 1A water project change order. The change order is the cost of extending the service lines without disturbing the asphalt by using a boring tool. Mike said it is not a high priority project so we can rethink the issue and he recommended tabling the issue until he can look at the change order again. Dave Sims moved to table change order #1 for phase 1A of the water project for further staff review. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #2 for phase 1A water project and also sign the DEQ loan request paperwork. Dave Sims seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mike Klaus explained the amended plat request for Marjorie Bagley. Marj drew a diagram on the board. Her proposal is to make three equal lots and even out the property and also deed property to the city for a street. She said the lots all have water and sewer utilities. Mike said there is a great advantage to the city because we are getting a 20 foot strip of land. Mike said lot minimums are 5,000 feet and all three of Marj’s lots are larger than these. John Marquette spoke and said originally the parcels were in a subdivision and somehow the parcels got split out with meets and bounds descriptions. Now they will be lots in O’Callaghan’s Acres as they should have been and the property will be deeded to the city for a dedicated roadway. Mayor Anderson asked if this issue should have gone before planning and zoning. Dave Sims moved to approve the lot line adjustment and accept the right of way for the road. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The group discussed the billing policy. John Langs moved to approve the billing policy to include the written application and for the policy to be reviewed again in six months. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Dave Sims moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Dennis Fitch for excavation and heavy equipment services. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray spoke regarding city representation for the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Friends of Downtown. Mike Sloan pays \$60 for Chamber representation. Mike Sloan said the Friends of Downtown do not have set dues and the Chamber is working toward absorbing the Friends of Downtown. Dave Gray said since Mike Sloan and Dave Kramer are representing the city that he would like to see the Rotary and Chamber dues paid by the city. Dave Gray moved to designate Dave Kramer to represent the city at the Rotary meetings and Mike Sloan to represent the city as representative for Chamber for calendar year 2008 and pay the dues. John Langs seconded the motion. Rotary dues are \$150 per quarter. The representatives will be the Mayor’s representatives. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs moved to waive the liability insurance for Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and the Selkirk Saddle Club for use of the visitor center for the calendar year 2008. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to purchase the scanning equipment in the amount up to \$1,500 for the clerk’s office. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Clerk Larson gave council an update on Riley Creek. The City of Bonners Ferry has given Riley Creek credits of \$11,828.72 and \$13,711.33 on the past two utility bills based on calculations done by City Administrator Stephen Boorman. These credits will continue until the site specific rate study is completed.

Dave Sims moved to hire Alan Flory to do cleanup work for the Fire Safe Program at the rate of \$40.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,200. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Dave Sims “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray asked to move item #32 Domestic Violence Hotline letter to new business for discussion. Mayor Anderson moved the item to new business for discussion. Dave Gray said the hotline will be cut funding wise and he would like to have Margaret Huggins come before council and let them know if the hotline needs assistance because the hotline is a help to law enforcement, the county, and the city. John Langs asked that a representative of the city council contact Margaret Huggins. Dave Kramer said the hotline has been quite a help to the police in the past. Dave Anderson asked Dave Kramer to write a letter to Margaret regarding the hotline funding.

Dave Kramer said on April 1, 1899 the city was incorporated.

Dave Sims asked the procedure a councilman needs to follow to get items placed on the agenda. Mayor Anderson said the agenda is the official child of the mayor. John Langs said he could not find that in the Idaho Code. Mayor Anderson said he has not researched the Code so maybe he is incorrect. Tim Wilson said the Code does not spell out who puts agenda items on but the Mayor controls the agenda as to its organization and flow and the implied content. Tim said it would be the Mayor's prerogative to set the criteria for putting items on the agenda. Tim also said as the executive branch of the city that the mayor reviews the agenda and makes the final decision as to what the agenda will be as an inherent executive power. John Langs said he is not sure he wants the mayor to have that power because as part of the legislative branch of the city it is the city council meeting and city council should get to determine what is brought up. Mayor Anderson said as a group that is exactly right and the mayor could not stand in the way but the question is whether unilaterally a council person can add or subtract. John Langs and Dave Gray do not like the foreman's group setting the agenda. Mayor Anderson said the foremen do not put items on the agenda because he approves all that is on the agenda and no one that is not an elected official adds or subtracts from the agenda. Dave Gray said they were suspicious of that. Mayor Anderson said he is encouraging council to add agenda items but questioned if they can add items as individuals without the mayor's approval. Tim Wilson will get an interpretation for council. The group discussed having agenda items on the agenda as a permanent item. John Langs asked that the Mayor put agenda on the agenda next time so items can be agendized.

Dave Sims asked that the operation of the visitor center be on the agenda next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk