

Mayor David Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Rick Alonzo, Tom Mayo, and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Street Superintendent John Youngwirth, Golf Committee Chairman Brion Poston, and Ralph and Julie Lotspeich met at Mirror Lake Golf Course for a field trip at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2013. Ralph took the group to hole three green where he showed the different heights of grasses and the snow mold and moss. Ralph told the group that thatching gets rid of snow mold and moss. He also spoke about the fertilizers and chemicals that he uses and explained which mower he uses on different parts of the course. The group then toured the golf maintenance shop and looked at the equipment. Ralph would like to see a trim mower purchased next and then a fairway mower. Most of the equipment is past its expected life and needs to be replaced. Mayor Anderson said we will agendize the golf equipment needs at the next council meeting. At 6:10 p.m. the golf field trip ended.

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 5, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Connie Wells, Rick Alonzo, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Water/Sewer Department Supervisor Jim Fritzsche, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Police Chief Steve Benkula. Also present were Dick Staples, Aaron Dunham, Jasmine Lang, Laura Roady, Phil Lowman, Rick and Shana Fawcett, Marcia Cossette, Dale Simpson, Ruth Sutton, Jerry Higgs, Doug Ladely, Sr., Loretta Hunsaker, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Bob Graham, Dorothy Smith, and Dave Gray.

Jerry Higgs spoke regarding bomb threats at the high school. He wonders about the efficacy of well trained law enforcement. He thinks it is an embarrassment for the community concerning the bomb threats happening. He also thinks parents should be responsible for the costs of responding.

Dave Gray thanked the Mayor for signing the Idaho Territorial Proclamation that will hang in the Museum. He also invited council to attend the Idaho Territorial Program at the Museum on March 9, 2013. He thanked council for the continued support.

Bob Graham said he has been involved with the situations concerning bomb threats and said there is no weakness on law enforcement's part. Law enforcement must have substantial evidence before they can make an arrest. He said law enforcement has spoken to the School Board about this issue and there are many rules and regulations that tie the hands of those involved. It is very frustrating and it ties up the time of law enforcement and it is an embarrassment but all that can be done is being done.

Craig Binnall, Will Hedrick, and Tony Morgan joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Dick Staples presented copies of the replat of the Birch Court Subdivision for council to review. He said Habitat for Humanity has made the request for the replat so there is more ability to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. The line change does not affect the city sewer lines. Mayor

Anderson said he changed the agenda because Dick needs to catch an airplane tonight and has to leave town. Dick Staples left the meeting.

Mayor Anderson opened the fee increase hearing at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Anderson read the proposed fees to be increased to the group. They included water and sewer rates, business license fees, swim lesson and daily pool fees, and security deposits. Ruth Sutton read a statement into the record. She said it was discussed in a previous meeting that the reason for increasing the water and sewer rates was to build a reserve and the fee increase hearing notice said the reason was to cover maintenance and operation costs. She also said there was discussion in a previous meeting to raise water and sewer rates higher for those outside the city limits and this cannot be done due to the ballot previously voted on by the two districts as this breaks the agreement between them and the city. She said the Mayor and City Council are elected to represent them. She demanded to know how the money is spent. Ruth also commented on interest income, treasurer reports, bidding, council packets, minutes, health insurance bids, attorney travel, and her Social Security cost of living.

Will Hedrick said he would like to implement more cost for usage rather than the base fee. He would like to see increases on usage rather than the base rate.

Loretta Hunsaker asked if the increase in the fees will go directly to a contingency fund or if it will be just a portion of it going to the contingency. Mayor Anderson said it is his intent to put money in the reserve account. Kris Larson told the group that the water fund has \$245,000 in it today and the sewer fund has \$432,000 in it today. She explained that we are covering our operating costs and meeting our debt payments of \$287,000 per year in the water fund but we do not actually have a reserve at this time. Loretta asked what we would do if we had an emergency. Kris said we would probably have to borrow. Mayor Anderson said that is what we are trying to avoid. Loretta asked about a study to be done. Mayor Anderson spoke regarding the cost of service studies that are being looked at. He said the studies will help us determine the rates that should be charged and help prioritize where the money should be spent. He spoke of the improvements that have been completed and changes made since the last cost of service study. Mayor Anderson recessed the hearing at 7:22 p.m. and said when the topic is brought up again there will not be any public comment.

Rick Fawcett from Whisper Mountain spoke to council regarding the Multijurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan. He said the plan is required under the Disaster Act of 2000, and it is an insurance plan in case there was an emergency, as we could receive funds for damages caused during natural disasters. Hazards included in the mitigation plan are weather, flooding, geologic, other including wildfire, vector borne disease, communicable disease, and technological hazards. In Boundary County hazards have been ranked as follows: flood, wildfire, severe winter storm, earthquake, and hazardous materials events. Our historical occurrence is as follows: flash flood, flood, wildfire, and severe winter storms. There will be a more detailed presentation on this subject tomorrow at the Extension Office at 8:00 a.m. for those who would like to attend.

Police Chief Steve Benkula said there was a police pursuit involving one of our officers where the subject failed to stop for him. The subject reached speeds of over 90 miles per hour so the officer terminated the pursuit. Our officer gained enough evidence to identify the driver and later an arrest of the subject was made. The vehicle was found in a ditch in the county by a county officer and three passengers were not injured. Officers have attended a firearms training and qualification program. Since the last meeting there have been 130 calls resulting in 37 reports. There were five DUIs, two driving without privileges, two simple batteries, one reckless driver, three stolen medications, five warrant arrests, four domestics, one felony alluding, two possession of controlled substance charges, two accidents, three failure to purchase a driving license, one aggravated assault, three thefts, and one bomb threat.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said the fire department is averaging eight calls per month now. There was a vehicle accident at the fairgrounds where a gas meter was sheared off. The department had 15 people assist in the search of a bomb and others stood by the apparatus during the most recent bomb threat at the high school. There was a chimney fire at a rental house on Tannenbaum today, and the fire department was there for two hours.

Stephen said the meeting at the golf course showed that we need to do work on the driving range and need a new mower. The upstairs bathroom in city hall has been remodeled with in-house labor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of minutes for February 20, 2013 council meeting and February 26, 2013 special council meeting.

Stephen spoke regarding the replat proposed this evening by JRS Surveying. He said originally the plat was done for a trailer park so the lots were in trailer sizes. Habitat purchased this property and it takes more space to build homes. Habitat for Humanity owns everything north of Spokane Street. Will Hedrick spoke regarding the plat and said they want to get more restrictive covenants (CCRs) to be enforced on all the lots. Mike Klaus asked if the covenants should be recorded before we adopt the replat. Stephen said the CCRs will not be enforced by the city. Will said most of the problems have been vehicles that sit too long or too many pets. He is hopeful that the CCRs will help those folks that live there to meet a higher standard. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the replat for Birch Court. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Dorothy Smith left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Fee increases were discussed. Tom Mayo is comfortable with the fees that were proposed during the hearing. Connie Wells said the base rates need to be high enough to cover the expenses of the city because overages cannot be guaranteed. She said the city currently has almost \$20 per person per month for debt coverage in the water fund so we need to keep the rates up to cover

this. Rick Alonzo said he heard some concern about children not being able to afford a fee for the swimming pool. He would be willing to purchase some passes for the kids who cannot afford the fee. Mike Klaus is concerned about our pool employees collecting the fees and taking them away from their jobs. Tom Mayo said he thinks there will be a bucket for the fees to be dropped in on the honor system. Mike said he would be willing to go higher on the sewer rates because of the improvements that will be coming forward but he will wait until we get the cost of service studies done. Mayor Anderson spoke regarding the annual business licenses and said there is value to know who is in business. He thinks the pool fees are experimental, and we need to do something as it is a drain on the general fund each year. He said we have not raised the water or sewer rates in the last couple years, and the amount is far less than what the regulatory agency is putting on us. He is hopeful that reserves can be built as there are many costs coming down the road particularly in sewer. Mike Klaus moved to adopt Fee Resolution 2013-03-01. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. (Clerk’s note: sewer rates increased by three percent, water rates increased by five percent, business license fees changed to a \$25 initial fee and \$10 annual renewal, swim lesson fees changed from \$20 to \$25 for city residents and from \$20 to \$30 for non city residents, daily swim pool rate of \$1 per day per person or season pass of \$5 for city resident and \$10 for non city resident, all swim lesson participants automatically receive a season pass, electric security deposits \$200 per residential customer).

Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Tetra Tech for the inundation study. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. Motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen spoke regarding the control valve maintenance contract with Northwest Hydrotech and said most of ours are clay valves. Jim Fritzsche said this contractor has identified many of our valves that were not properly valved so we could fix them. He said they are uniquely installed so this person is very helpful. Jim said in order to maintain them it is a five year program that keeps them in good running order so they do not cause a problem. Connie Wells moved to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Northwest Hydrotech for water pressure control valve maintenance. Tom Mayo seconded the motion and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen spoke regarding the FERC Part 12 inspection and said Charlwood needs to have the inundation study completed before he can finalize his report. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the addendum extending the expiration date on the Charlwood contract. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Mike Klaus moved that the rates that were adopted tonight be immediate and to approve the billing policy changes as recommended by staff. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The contract with P&O was tabled.

The pickup purchase proposed for the water department is for replacing the 1991 Dodge. Tom Mayo asked how Jim Fritzsche felt about this. He said both he and the pickup are ready for retirement. Stephen said the proposed pickup is under the State bid. Jim said the pickup is used for daily maintenance chores and will also be a crew cab for the entire crew to use for going to classes rather than taking more than one vehicle. Jim said the 1991 Dodge is quite tired. Tom asked what brand of pickup is being looked at. Stephen said Keith would prefer General Motors so it would be either Chevy or GMC and the cost would be split between the water and sewer departments. Rick Alonzo moved to purchase the pickup for up to \$24,000. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “no”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said we would like to hire Bruce Dally as a part time employee to do more concrete work at the dam as well as do some work at the golf course. He said Bruce is a good worker. Tom Mayo moved to hire Bruce Dally for part time work. Mike Klaus seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Stephen said we would like to use Keith at the power plant to pick up some of the work done previously by Ray Sackman. Keith services about 150 vehicles in our fleet so Stephen would like to hire an assistant for Keith. This would be a part time temporary position and it is possible we would hire a high school student. Mike Klaus moved to advertise for hiring a mechanic’s assistant as presented. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. Keith will be the supervisor of this position. Rick said this will be helpful in servicing the vehicles. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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David K. Anderson, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk