

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 21, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, Police Chief Vic Watson, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Police Officer Chris Langan. Also present were Jerry Higgs, Amy Bridges, and Ruth Sutton.

Police Chief Vic Watson said in the last two weeks there have been three petit thefts, one grand theft, one vehicle burglary, two other burglaries, one trespass, one vehicle accident, one driving without privileges, one malicious injury to property, two DUIs, three domestics, two warrant arrests, and four felony possession of paraphernalia charges.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said since the last council meeting the department completed the vehicle drivers course. They assisted the police with a crash on the bypass and Boundary Volunteer Ambulance with an EMS assist. There was a trailer house fire west of the hospital and it pretty much destroyed the home. Three of five dogs were rescued in the trailer house fire. There was a fuel leak in the parking lot at Super 1 that the fire department took care of. A grant for \$2400 from Department of Lands was awarded to the fire department. This will be used for radios. Ron Smith asked if the Sheriff's Office called the fire department for extrication if they would respond. Pat said they would if the Sheriff makes the request. Ron said he thought we were only going to respond if there was a mutual aid agreement. Mayor Sims said, according to Idaho Code and our attorney, we do have to respond if the Sheriff requests us.

City Administrator Mike Klaus gave his report. There is a lot of construction going on with most of it being on Augusta Street. There has been quite a bit of asphalt removed in preparation for the contractor to start next Monday. Last week Avista had a gas line moved by KG&T from Lincoln Street to Wilson Street. Mike showed power point slides of the waterline move on Wilson Street. He also showed a picture of a water leak repair done on the Northside by Joe and Jay with Alan supervising. He said the new guys are doing a great job. Another slide was of the pumps at the South Hill booster station. The work was done by our crew. Mike also showed pictures of our new water tank. Mike said the control board for the pool boiler has gone out so the pool is cold right now.

Mayor Sims said Dennis Weed was hired as the BEDC director and is on the job. There was no report for the urban renewal agency.

Connie Wells moved to approve the consent agenda. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of the Treasurer Report; and approval of the June 7, 2016 minutes.

Police Chief Vic Watson spoke regarding the memorandum of understanding between the City Police and the School District for the School Resource Officer Program. This was written by our attorney at the request of the School District. Adam asked if this increases the policing ability on the school campuses. Vic said there is more that can be done on school property than what was first thought. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Boundary County School District and Bonners Ferry Police Department.

Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike Klaus said the design firm and construction oversight firm are preferred by Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) to be different. Mike said he and Jim Fritzsche will do the construction oversight but we want to have HMM Engineering on board for questions. Mike invited council to attend the construction meetings held at the job site each week. Mike said there was \$16,000 left in the budget after the bids came in and this contract with HMM will take up half of that. He said there will be change orders and gave the example of concrete or asphalt that may be needed. Mike recommended approval of the agreement with HMM Engineering for Augusta Street project oversight. Ron Smith moved to authorize Mayor Sims to sign the agreement with HMM Engineering for Augusta Street project oversight. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike said the Cassia Water Tank is 98 percent complete and it is fully functioning. Connie Wells asked what causes the leaks in the concrete tank to stop. Mike explained that it is typical during the curing period for leaks to occur at the base of a tank, because that is where the greatest pressure is and the concrete is saturated. He thinks it is migrating calcite in the concrete that seals the leaks. It is less likely to have expansion and contraction once it is buried. Mike drew a picture of a water stop that is in the bottom of the tank underneath the concrete and explained this to the group. Ron Smith asked how much is left to be paid on the tank project. Connie Wells moved to approve pay request #6 for the Cassia Water Tank project and authorize Mayor Sims to sign the paperwork. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

The special event permit and parade permit for the 4th of July celebration were discussed. Rick Alonzo moved to approve the parade permit and special event permit for the 4th of July celebration. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike said the pump for the flusher truck needs to be rebuilt. He said there are chunks of seal that are coming off causing loss of pressure. The company will be coming to Bonners Ferry to do the repairs. The sewer department will pay for the repairs to the flusher truck. Adam Arthur moved to approve the rebuild of the pump for the flusher truck for \$14,724.34. Connie Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Mike spoke to council regarding a supplemental lifeguard training contract with Kathy Zech. He said Kathy would be available to help train our new guards and enhance safety at the pool. Mike does not see the contract amount with Kathy as a large amount but thinks it would be good for the new guards. He estimates it to cost about \$150 per month. Connie would like to limit it to the months of July and August. Connie moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the supplemental training contract for the lifeguards for the summer season. Adam Arthur seconded the motion.

The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Council briefly discussed hiring a fill-in person for cleaning the visitor center while our janitor is on vacation. Debbie Woods, police secretary, has offered to do the cleaning while the janitor is gone.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk