

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of October 4, 2005 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russ Docherty and Leslie Falcon, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Police Chief Dave Kramer, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Water Department Foreman Jim Fritzsche, Water Department Supervisor Chuck Lycans, and City Attorney Tim Wilson. Also present for the meeting were Dave Gray and Phil Boyd and Necia Maiani from Welch Comer and Associates.

Stephen Boorman spoke to Council regarding the water meter installation bids. They are quite high due to Davis Bacon requirements. He said the option of doing the installation in-house comes with risk. There would have to be three to four crews hired with leased equipment and significant overhead costs would be involved. Damages to property would have to be paid by the City rather than be covered by the contractor. Chuck Lycans commented that there would need to be work trucks for the crews to use also. Mick Mellett asked about customer's piping that may be corroded and if it breaks who would be liable. Stephen said the customer is liable for their pipes. Mayor Kerby asked what the City would gain if the job were to be done in-house. Stephen said the savings would be about \$200,000 assuming that the operation would work as a construction crew. Phil Boyd said other communities have done the same in-house work and have hired contractors that performed this type of work to complete the project. Chuck said it may be difficult to find qualified workers to complete the temporary work. Phil said there are estimates in the project for paving, sidewalks, etc. that may not be needed.

Necia Maiani said the bid could be awarded and be within the project budget but the contingency would be used up. Russ Docherty inquired why the Davis Bacon rates were not used on the estimates of the project costs that were included in the bid documents. Phil did not have a good answer. Mayor Kerby asked how long we have to make a decision. Necia said we have about a week to ten days left. The group discussed the costs of the upcoming projects. Mayor Kerby asked what the funding award may be in the new fiscal year from the Corps. Phil said it would be about \$360,000. The group discussed the water meter project, costs, and water rates. Also discussed was judicial validation to borrow funds. Stephen said anything we do in-house with existing crews is a valid match toward our 25 percent. Mayor Kerby said to get the number crunching done and have another meeting. Russ asked what the City Water crews think of the in-house option. Chuck thinks in-house will keep the water crew busy supplying the needs of the outside crews. The group discussed hiring contractors at the City as laborers and leasing their machinery. The issues will be researched and another meeting will be held.

Necia spoke to Council regarding the increased cost of pipe for the District 1 waterline project of \$55,300. Shem Johnson is holding the project award waiting for the City's go ahead on the project. He has not accepted the bid award depending on what the City does on the pipe increase. The group discussed the availability of pipe.

A special meeting for water issues will be set for 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2005.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. He said there have been more methamphetamine arrests. A Walk to School from the City parking lot to Valley View at 7:00 a.m. is scheduled for tomorrow. Don Parlow leaves on October 9, 2005 for his military leave for a month. There was a finger print identified on a burglary and an arrest has been made. Dave credited Rick Alonzo with the finger print identification.

Larry Owsley said fire prevention week is starting. Larry has spoken to Alan Hamilton who is working with the hurricane victims and the situation is not good in New Orleans according to Alan. The schools are going to be air tested by Sewell and Associates according to Larry.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the consent agenda. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of October 4, 2005 accounts payable; approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Mick Mellett moved to approve and adopt the amended area of impact from the County and to prepare an ordinance. Russ Docherty said he wants a legal description of the property. Stephen spoke to Council regarding the amended area of impact and explained what the County had to say. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to table agenda items five and six until October 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed. The items tabled were District 1 Pipeline License with BNSF Railway and the meter installation bid discussion.

Leslie Falcon moved to reject the power plant governor bid. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to table the Tribal contract until the next general meeting. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Hughes Water and Sewer, LTD dba Hughes Supply for water leak detection. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to table agenda item 10 until the special meeting. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. Item 10 was a resolution for short term borrowing from the electric fund for the water meter project.

Mick Mellett moved to table the contract with Benchmark was tabled until the next general meeting. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

The issue of broadband over power lines was discussed. Mick Mellett moved to authorize Stephen Boorman to attend the workshop on this subject in Seattle on November 15, 2005 as well as a council member or two. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

The Diversified Bond Fund was discussed. Mick Mellett moved to invest in the Diversified Bond Fund as recommended. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the dispatch agreement with Boundary County for fiscal year 2006. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

The catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn was discussed. Russ Docherty moved to approve the catering permit for the Kootenai River Inn for October 13, 2005 at Accurate Collision for the Boundary Economic Development Corporation. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Leslie Falcon moved to table the District 1 pipe cost increase until the special meeting. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Paving the parking lot at the end of Main Street was discussed. Mick Mellett moved to approve paving costs up to \$20,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign the associated contract. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mayor Kerby instructed Mick to work with the Rae Family on a memorial for the donation made toward the parking lot at the end of Main Street. Mick will work with Stephen Boorman and John Youngwirth.

Leslie Falcon moved to approve the pay request for Welch Comer on the Forest Service Grant. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Darrell Kerby, Mayor

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Kris Larson, City Clerk

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