

Mayor Darrell Kerby called the regularly scheduled council meeting of July 19, 2005 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Mick Mellett, Council Members Russell Docherty and Leslie Falcon, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, City Attorney Tim Wilson, Police Chief Dave Kramer, and Street Superintendent John Youngwirth. Also present were Dave Gray, David Esrey, and Phil Boyd from Welch Comer & Associates. Elizabeth Ciepiela from the Bonners Ferry Herald joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Dave Kramer gave the police report. There was a bicycle pedestrian accident on Cody Street involving a six-year-old and another response was for a call where a car went through the window at Zip Trip. The crime clearance rate was 66.2 percent for 2004 and for this year it is over 80.4 percent for the Bonners Ferry Police Department.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the consent agenda. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of July 19, 2005 accounts payable; approval of the Treasurer's Report; approval of July 5, 2005 Council minutes; approval for Blaine Grossman to attend Northwest Electric Meter School in Seattle, Washington on September 12-16, 2005.

Mayor Kerby spoke about the area of impact. Mick moved to table the topic until the next meeting. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The garbage collection policy was the next topic. Russ Docherty commented that from the City's garbage ordinances and policies that we cannot waive the garbage fees on anyone. Leslie Falcon said she agreed. Mr. Esrey inquired about the City providing the service. Russ asked if there was a possibility that the garbage truck can go on private property or do the residents need to bring their garbage to the city street. Mayor Kerby commented that there are numerous residents in the community that have inconvenient garbage pickup as he has to bring his garbage to the front of his property, which is about 400 feet. The group also discussed the new homes behind the Esrey's that are not on a public street. Leslie asked what would happen in the winter if the garbage truck were to go up the private road. Mr. Esrey said he would keep his part open. There are also three other neighbors that would be on the private road. Leslie is concerned about treating one resident different than another. Russ Docherty asked for an attorney's opinion on the garbage service in the area. Tim Wilson asked if there was a street maintenance agreement. Mr. Esrey said there was not. Tim also asked if the private road was up to City street standards. John Youngwirth said the road is not up to standard. Stephen Boorman said the Esrey property fronts Kaniksu Street. Mr. Esrey said his private road seems like it is public. Mayor Kerby asked Council's comment on abating the garbage charge. Mick Mellett moved to not abate the garbage charge for Esrey's. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Mayor Kerby asked if Council would compel the Garbage Company to go on private property to pick up garbage. Mick Mellett has no desire to ask the Garbage Company to do this. Russ Docherty said he has a problem charging a customer for service they are not receiving. He would like to have an answer from Attorney Wilson. Mr. Esrey said the private road is on a loop. Mick said he recalls a portion of the loop being quite steep. Mr. Esrey inquired if Council would ask the Garbage Company to come on the private road and if they decline he will understand. Mayor Kerby told Mr. Esrey to let his wife know that the garbage charges will not be abated. Mr. Esrey thanked Council for their concern.

Mick Mellett moved to install gas heaters in the Fire Hall by contracting with Mountain States Mechanical, Inc. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the pay request for the Forest Service Grant for the long-term water project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the payment by the State of Idaho to Welch Comer for the visitor center project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

The supplemental agreement for survey work for the visitor’s center and parking lot was the next item on the agenda. Stephen Boorman said the work is about \$10,500 more than what was budgeted for the project. Phil Boyd said there is an item that is under budget about \$4,100 in the project. Mick Mellett moved to authorize the payment. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

The Avista contract was the next item discussed. Stephen Boorman said the billing and customer service portion of the contract is on a per customer cost and it is similar to the contract we currently have. Stephen said an automated meter reading (AMR) device is being added to all Avista meters as of this fall. Avista will no longer be doing meter reads that are not radio read. The new water meters will have the AMR device but the electric meters and the outside water district meters do not have the AMR devices so Stephen has been contacting companies that may do meter reading for the City. Stephen said it will probably have to be bid and the City will have a contract. The meters would be read like they are being read currently. Mick asked if the contractor would have his own equipment and software to convert the data to Avista for the billing. Leslie asked for clarification of the Avista contract. Stephen said if the City had AMR meters then they Avista would charge 75 cents for the first reading and 25 cents for each additional

read at the residence. Mayor Kerby said he would like to have Stephen explore the meter reading options for the City. He also said if new meters were installed with the AMR capability they may be more efficient than the meters we currently use. Mick said we may take the billing back in house in the future because there may be a better remote sending system that does not match the Avista system that will work with our Black Mountain system. The Avista contract has been referred to the City Attorney.

The power plant governor upgrade bid came in as a disappointment to the City according to Stephen and he asked that it be rejected and rebid. Russ Docherty moved to reject the governor upgrade bid from American Governor Company. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”.

The advertisement of the Water/Sewer Department employee will either be for a foreman or a worker depending on their experience. Russ Docherty moved to advertise for a Water/Sewer Department foreman/worker. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Russ Docherty moved to approve the purchase of a paint sprayer machine at a cost of up to \$5,000. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Riverside Railroad Crossing Project Concept and Certificate of Right of Way with the Idaho Transportation Department. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Russ Docherty moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Corps of Engineers for the water meter project. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. Mick asked if the meters to be purchased will have the reading capability that we need for the future. This is being researched and Stephen said the meters will have automated read capability. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”.

Mayor Kerby informed Council that USDA Rural Development has the funding available for Phase 1 of the water project including the new water tank and piping. He said Mac Cavasser spoke to him about a funding circus to

inform Council and others about the types of funding available from the different entities for development projects. There would be other agencies that would attend such a meeting to inform about the different funding sources available.

Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 at 7:45 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mick Mellett “yes”, Leslie Falcon “yes”, Russ Docherty “yes”. Russ Docherty moved to go out of executive session at 8:13 p.m. Leslie Falcon seconded the motion. The motion passed – all in favor. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk

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