

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of July 5, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith and Ken Toline, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, Fire Chief Dave Winey, Economic Development Coordinator Dennis Weed, and City Mechanic Jimmy Dorhofer. Also present was Jerry Higgs. Councilman Adam Arthur was gone on personal business.

Police Chief Vic Watson gave the police report. Calls for service from June 21, 2017 through July 5, 2017 were five malicious injury to property cases, three investigate suspicious cases, one dog bite, one insufficient funds case, one fraud case, four fireworks cases, one vehicle burglary, one prowler, one fugitive to Idaho, one driving without privileges, two misdemeanor warrant arrests, one DUI, two felony possession of controlled substance cases, two domestic battery cases, one aggravated assault. Vic said Bonners Ferry Police Department ranks number five in the State of Idaho for arrests and clearance rates. This is out of 64 departments. He said in 2016 we had 43 arrests for drugs offences, 34 arrests for DUIs, and 17 arrests for larceny. Vic said there were other arrest categories but those were the top three. He is proud of the job his department is doing.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said there was one call since the last meeting. It was a gas call due to a cat jumping up on a kitchen range and turning the gas knob on. The practice burn on Bonner Street is scheduled for August.

Mike Klaus, City Administrator, said the crews wanted to thank the City Council for the extra day off for the 4th of July.

Ron Smith said the Spot Committee met today and Bonners Ferry had 999 riders and Moyie Springs had 13 riders for the period of January through May, 2017. There is a proposal that will go to the Spot Board for the Restorium and Sunset Home to use the bus on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for rides to Sandpoint, and Wednesday and Friday will be regular demand routes. Dennis Weed said the Moyie Route will now go to a demand route and people will have to call in for a ride the day before. The cost of the Moyie fixed route was too high for the amount of usage to continue. Ron said there was a Gold Route from Sandpoint to the Kootenai River Inn in Bonners Ferry. This was funded by the Inn. He is hopeful that there may be a route at some point for people to ride to get to Schweitzer. Dennis said there is the need of \$17,000 for match money for a new bus and a new bus will be needed in the future. Ron said the City will not be required to put in more than the \$10,000 annually that they now provide. Dennis Weed said we have had over 200 riders each month this summer and the goal is to get ridership up to 300.

Dennis Weed said the Urban Renewal Agency meeting is next week. He is working with the buyer of the Pape property and there are still some details to be worked out before the sale will go through. Dennis had a great meeting with the Chamber of Commerce for the Visitor Center. He said they will pay \$2,500 to the City for the visitor center. The overall goal of the City is to get income coming in to the Visitor Center in the amount of \$5,000. This is recommended by the Capstone project. Mayor Sims asked when the Chamber funding would come to the City. Dennis said it will be an additional amount collected from the Chamber members when they pay

their dues, probably in the spring. Dennis has the information to submit the \$1700 bill to Idaho Department of Tourism for the BSU Capstone project and NIC efforts.

Rick Alonzo moved to discuss the Cops Grant application as a late agenda item. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

Ron Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of June 15, 2017 and June 21, 2017 special council meeting minutes and approval of June 19, 2017 regular council meeting minutes.

The Cassia Water Tank block grant closeout paperwork was discussed. Mike Klaus said Lisa Ailport did quite a bit to get the final documents completed to be in compliance with the block grant requirements. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cassia Water Tank grant paperwork to close out the grant. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

Mike Klaus said at the last traffic safety committee meeting handicapped parking spaces were discussed. The Committee moved to go forward with the recommendation to council for one space in front of Mi Pueblo, one near the Hair Connection on Main Street and two spaces near the Pearl Theater. Mike and Vic do not think there is enough space at the Pearl for two handicapped parking spaces. Ron Smith moved to designate three handicapped parking spaces – one in front of Mi Pueblo, one in front of Hair Connection, and one in front of the Pearl Theater. Rick Alonzo second the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

There was no hire for janitor so we are getting quotes for contractors for cleaning city hall.

Mike spoke regarding the inundation study that goes along with the Part 12 inspection required by FERC. Mike recommended using Tetra Tech do the inundation study. Ken Toline moved to approve using Tetra Tech to do the inundation study and to move forward with the scope of work. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to have the first reading by title only of the ordinance adopting Chapter Five of Title Four of Bonners Ferry City Code pertaining to recreational vehicle parking, accessory storage, and occupancy within the City of Bonners Ferry. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Pluid read the title of the ordinance.

Mike spoke about the surplus auction and added a door and louver system from the power plant to the surplus auction list submitted to council tonight. Mayor Sims asked what the feelings are of allowing City employees to bid. Andrakay said if we can sell it we should sell it. Mayor Sims asked if the list could be advertised on Craig’s List to let people know we are having an auction. Rick suggested Bonners Ferry Yard Sale. Mayor Sims said to list the larger pieces of equipment

and the vehicles. Jimmy said there are hundreds of pieces of clay pipe and concrete pipe. Jimmy said there is also a foldable spray bar that is not on the list. Ken Toline moved to declare the items listed as surplus as well as the door and foldable sprayer bar and set the date of the auction to be July 27, 2017. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”. The items will be displayed in the City Yard for viewing for four days prior to the auction.

Mike showed a power point slide of the land use map for the City of Bonners Ferry. He showed the parcel being requested to be annexed by Dos Ramos’. Ken Toline moved to adopt Resolution 2017-07-01 Amending the Comp Plan Future Land Use Map as modified. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

Vacation of the public right of way near St. Ann’s Catholic Church and Sue Larson was discussed. Mike Klaus said the conditions have been met. Rick Alonzo moved to suspend the rules and read by title only the ordinance vacating a 16 foot wide public alleyway located within Block 2, Nixon’s Hillcrest Addition Book of Plats 1B, page 50 (VC001-16) by the St. Ann’s Catholic Church and Sue Larson, adjacent property owners. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”. Attorney Andrakay Pluid read the title of the ordinance.

Ron Smith moved to adopt Ordinance 566 Vacating 16 Foot Wide Public Alleyway Located within Block 2, Nixon’s Hillcrest Addition Book of Plats 1B, Page 50 (VC001-16), by the St. Ann’s Catholic Church and Sue Larson, Adjacent Property Owners. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

Council set the budget workshop for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 11, 2017.

Mayor Sims said the COPS grant would fund an additional officer. There would be the requirement of the City paying 25 percent of the officer’s wages for the first three years and then the City would be required to pay the wages at 100 percent. Vic said this would be for the vacated seventh position. Vic has not included the seventh position in his 2018 budget. He said the funding will come in at 75 percent for this position. Ron Smith thinks we should apply for the grant. Rick said we have had COPS grants in the past and they have worked out well for the City. Rick Alonzo moved to proceed with the application process for the COPS grant. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk