

Mayor Anderson called the budget workshop to order at 6:10 p.m. Present for the workshop were Mayor Anderson, Council President Mike Klaus, Council Members Connie Wells, Rick Alonzo, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator David Sims, Police Chief Steve Benkula, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Water/Sewer Department Supervisor Jim Fritzsche. Also present were Ruth Sutton and Dale Simpson.

The group briefly discussed what the city council would like for Bonners Ferry to look like in the future. Stephen gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for the general fund and stated that the expenditures are greater than the anticipated revenues for 2013. He said traditionally we have carried \$300,000 to \$400,000 in contingency funds. We are seeing quite a few regulatory costs to our budget such as an ADA lift for the pool, the fire turnouts, and police uniforms. The ADA lift is still being looked at for future but is not in 2013 budget figures. The group discussed the swimming pool and fees. David said the swimming pool does create a burden on the water department. Jim said the pool has been a nightmare this year but now it is under control. Stephen said we have looked at putting a cover on the pool to save heating costs but the deck on our pool is about an inch lower than the pool and this may have to be redone before we can purchase a cover. He said the return on the covers would be two to three years in utility savings. Rick asked what the life would be. We thought it was about five years or so. The group discussed the golf course revenues and expenditures. Also discussed were swim lesson fees and business license fees. Mike Klaus asked if the golf course will be something that will be let go in the future. Mayor Anderson said the golf course gives many people in the community jobs and is an asset for people coming into the community. David Sims said our pool costs us about \$50,000 per year and we should consider this when looking at the golf course. He also said since this is in the general fund that the capital expenditures are expensed rather than being depreciated. Mayor Anderson said golf rounds are down in the country and in Bonners Ferry we have had two cold springs. Tom Mayo said early spring play encourages season pass sales. David suggested using the course for a cross country skiing. The budget workshop ended at 6:55 p.m. Council took a short break.

The regularly scheduled council meeting of July 17, 2012 was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Anderson. Joining the meeting were Scooter and Olivia Drake, Tim English, and John Youngwirth, Mike Sloan, Attorney Tim Wilson, Marcia Cossette, Tremain Albright, Adam Arthur, Jessica Tingley, Bruce Drewes, Rich Beck, and Carol Stickney.

Mayor Anderson said we are fortunate to have the Libby Dam because yesterday the Kootenai River reached 1775 feet.

Carol Stickney from the Methodist Church and representative of the Ministerial Association spoke to council about having an ice cream cart at the swimming pool this summer to raise money for a conference on human trafficking. Mayor Anderson said we will agendize the ice cream sales at the swimming pool on the special budget meeting agenda.

Bruce Drewes from Idaho T2 Center spoke of the programs funded by the state and federal governments. He said the T2 Center provides needed training to local governments. There are two levels of training including the Road Scholar and Road Master Programs. Each program has nine courses. He said the street department and fire department have taken advantage of the training offered. Mr. Drewes presented a plaque, hat and Leatherman knife to Tim English and Scooter Drake for their completion of the Road Scholar Program. Bruce thanked council for their time.

Police Chief Steve Benkula said the Swift Justice system is installed but is not working yet. Interviews will be held tomorrow for the police officer opening. There have been 25 reports taken since the last meeting, one child taken into shelter due to abuse allegations and parents being absent, two domestics, one driving without privileges, one delivery of a controlled substance, one possession of controlled substance, five driving without privileges, and one DUI.

Fire Chief Pat Warkentin said the fire department took part in the fireworks celebration and provided traffic control. There was a false alarm at Valley View, a smoke call but no damage. Chief Kroeger's 90th birthday party will be next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the fire hall. It is a potluck and the fire department will provide hamburgers. Pat invited all to attend. There is a new member, Beau Armstrong, joining the fire department.

Stephen Boorman gave the city administrator report. He said there is a copy of the current golf contract as well as one from Pocatello in the council mail boxes. He said the contract is up this year so it is time to start thinking about it. An article from LHTAC was in the mail boxes and there is an interesting article about road right of ways. Stephen thanked Gary Leonard for the 4th of July activities and said they went well. The rock slide prevention project is being done near the power plant and the fencing is being installed. The FERC Part 12 inspection was done and it went well. It is recommended that there be an inspection of the steep part of the penstock and we will need to find an instrument to determine the thickness of the metal.

Mike Sloan said Blackfoot Communications has looked at the bonding paperwork and now it will be sent to Jim Deffenbaugh at PAC and then it will come to the cities to be reviewed and a conference call will be held with all the cities participating.

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 accounts payable and payroll; and approval of July 3, 2012 council meeting minutes.

David Sims gave a power point presentation on the city's sewer collection process. He said a year or so ago the city received a DEQ Wastewater Planning grant for a sewer study and that is scheduled to be complete in the fall. David said we continue to have problems with algae. We had a 38 milligram per liter total suspended solids (TSS) average and the limit is 45 milligrams per liter TSS for June. The collection system has been worked on. The key trunk lines have

been identified, the lid elevations were surveyed, and Jim and Alan dipped the inverts to show how far from the lids to the lines. This data is being tabulated. There are three lines on the northside that go to lift station 1 and then to the lagoons. Another line is from Oak Street through town and across the river to the lagoons. There is also a line on the south hill that goes to lift station 2. Another line flowing through lift station 5 is also being modeled. The City of Bonners Ferry has eight lift stations. Originally we had four stations and when we merged with South Hill Water and Sewer District we got four more lift stations. Lift station 1 handles all effluent on the northside. Lift Station 2 is off Riverside Street; lift station 3 is off Cody Street and pumps effluent to lift station 2. Lift Station 4 gets pumped to the same line as lift station 2. Lift station 5 is in railroad right of way with poor access located behind Super 1, lift station 6 is on Pine Island Road, lift station 7 is on Wendel Road, and lift station 8 is on Funkhouser Road. The sewer bridge serves both lift station 5 and lift station 2. The current equivalent dwelling units were tabulated by manhole and estimated potential equivalent dwelling units (edus) were tabulated. A total of 1660 edus go into the lagoon. According to projections there is potential for another 1011 edus. Rick asked if our lagoon can handle this. David said it cannot. Stephen said this projection for potential edus is important for development impacts to the city. Mike Klaus asked if JUB projected a growth rate. David said they are using the same growth rate that Welch Comer did on our water study and there are two figures used. David said we may have to limit extending our sewer system due to the treatment capabilities more than collection. David said the sewer line from the Library over to Riverside is very flat and it is deep. There may be a possibility to gravity feed some area near lift station 4 to lift station 2 rather than lift station 5. Lift station 5 in the future may be short on capacity but access is not good to this lift station. We may want to move this. Rick asked how many edus Super 1 is. David said we estimated 10 edus. David said this study has taken quite a bit of time from the water crew.

Stephen recommended the Deep Creek crossing waterline replacement project bid be awarded to S&L Underground contingent with appropriate required consultation with Fish and Wildlife. Fish and Wildlife had a date to have this done due to bull trout issues but this may change because of the high river levels. The group discussed the engineering estimate and engineering fees. Mike Klaus moved to award the waterline crossing replacement bid to S&L Underground, Inc. pending review by Rural Development and consultation with Fish and Wildlife. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Amendment #12 to the Welch Comer owner engineer agreement for the water master plan was discussed. The four inch steel line will be replaced from Chic N Chop to LaBrosse Hill Road, or as far as we can go based on funding available, with eight inch line. Connie asked why we have to pay engineering if we are just upsizing the pipe. Mike Klaus said DEQ requires this and Stephen said we need an onsite engineer. He said there is a lot of old pipe that needs to be replaced and we need to keep chipping away at it. Mike Klaus moved to authorize the Mayor to sign amendment #12 to the Welch Comer agreement for the water master plan. Connie Wells

seconded the motion passed and it passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the special event permit for Bonners Ferry FFA Alumni Agricultural Festival at the fairgrounds on July 28, 2012. Mike Klaus seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Tom Mayo moved to approve Fair parade permit for the Boundary County Fair Board on August 18, 2012. Connie Wells seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the catering permit for Kootenai River Brewing Company for the FFA Ag Festival on July 28, 2012 at the fairgrounds. Rick seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved at 8:00 p.m. to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a) (f). Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”. Executive session ended at 8:26 p.m. No action was taken.

Connie Wells moved to hire Cody Reichert as a new lineman. Tom Mayo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Mike Klaus “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk