

Mayor David Sims called the regularly scheduled council meeting of June 6, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sims, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Ken Toline, and Adam Arthur, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Mike Klaus, City Attorney Andrakay Pluid, Police Chief Vic Watson, and Fire Chief Dave Winey. Also present were Toni Hackwith and William Porter from Anderson Bros. CPAs, Marty Martinez, Marcia Cossette, Jerry Higgs, Dave Gray, Gary Leonard, Eric Brubaker, and Jessica Tingley.

Gary Leonard said this is the sixth year for the fireworks celebration. He has applied for the necessary permits and has ordered the fireworks. He will have to pick the fireworks up in the Tri-Cities this year. Gary will have the list of volunteers in the next couple days for us. Mayor Sims asked who is organizing the parade. Gary will be doing this. The parade is at 5:30 p.m. There may be a fire hose competition. Gary said Pizza Factory may sell pizza by the slice at the fairgrounds, and he has asked that the prices be very reasonable. Ken Toline said the American Legion is planning a barbeque on the 4th of July at the fairgrounds. Ken also asked about the Veterans being in the parade and asked that Gary call him. Mayor Sims said the City of Creston is also interested in being in the 4th of July parade. Mayor Sims thanked Gary for his efforts.

Jake Leuty joined the meeting.

Toni Hackwith presented the audit for fiscal year 2016. The City of Bonners Ferry received a clean opinion on the financial statements and also on internal control over financial reporting. Toni gave a power point presentation on highlights of the financial statements.

Dave Gray said a transformer went out this morning near his home. He congratulated the City Electric Crew as they got the electricity flowing again within a half hour.

Toni Hackwith and William Porter left the meeting.

Jerry Higgs said he is hearing positive comments about the development and new construction in Bonners Ferry and congratulated Dennis Weed for his efforts. Jerry also commented on the untrimmed or unmowed lots in the City. He said this makes the town look bad and it is difficult to keep neighbors wanting to keep their property in good condition if the neighbors do not. Jerry also said fireworks are a danger. Mayor Sims said he has spoken with the Sheriff and any calls regarding fireworks in the city limits will be passed on to the City Police.

Police Chief Vic Watson said since the last council meeting there have been two misdemeanor warrant arrests, one felony probation violation, two missing children, one reckless driving, two theft cases, two vehicle accidents, one resist and obstruct an officer, one medical call, one civil dispute, one marijuana paraphernalia, one vehicle burglary, one failure to purchase a driver's license, a welfare check, one DUI, three driving without privileges, one stolen vehicle, one mental subject, two malicious injury to property cases, one aggravated assault case, one overserving charge, one minor in possession, one civil standby, one trespassing, and one unattended death. He said Officer Raul Lopez passed all his POST tests so he is certified in Idaho.

Fire Chief Dave Winey said it has been quiet since the last meeting. There were two calls - one medical assist and one gas odor call. It will be a while before the controlled burn on Bonner Street near Riverside Auto.

City Administrator Mike Klaus pointed out the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the water department that is included in the council packet. The CCR has been required since 1998. He went over the posting requirements for the CCR and gave an overview of the report. John Delaney and Doug Ladely prepared the report. Rick Alonzo commented on what a good job they did. Mike said he and Mayor Sims have been keeping tabs on the river level and speaking to Bob Graham quite frequently about the forecast. Flood stage is 1764 feet. We are currently at about 1760.5 feet. The Corps of Engineers have been working to keep us from flooding. Mike spoke about the signage for the diesel generator building. The inside of the diesel generator building has been cleaned and new lighting will be installed. The brick on the outside of the generator building will be cleaned before the signs are installed. Mike briefly went over painting that will be done near City Hall. There is a rain runoff issue at the back of City Hall and Bruce Dally will be doing some repairs to this area. Mike will have a cost estimate for the next council meeting and thinks it will be \$3,000 to \$5,000. Mike introduced Jake Leuty to the group. He said Jake has been working on mapping since he arrived and Mike is impressed with his skills and is glad he is here. Mike said the well site property purchase transaction has been finalized. We have to apply for ground water rights before we can drill a well so we may not be able to drill a well until next year. Mayor Sims and Council welcomed Jake.

Dennis Weed spoke regarding the Boise State University (BSU) Capstone Project on the Visitor Center. Some of the highlights are getting income coming in to promote tourism. BSU thought we needed to get the Chamber of Commerce involved and have a portion of the Chamber dues support the Visitor Center. Dennis said the Visitor Center has been revamped to include what can be done in Bonners Ferry and Boundary County and within 50 miles of our community. We will be promoting the businesses in town. There will be a donation box and some donations for souvenirs. Dennis does not want to implement a 501 c 3. We plan to keep our volunteer group rather than having an employee. Meetings are being held for the volunteers every four to six weeks for training. He is looking into a Facebook account for the Visitor Center. A website is also being looked at. A flat screen television is being installed to show some of the places in our community to show visitors what we have to offer.

Ron Smith asked about auto parts stores. Dennis said an Auto Zone business is coming to town. He will speak to the owners of the Napa store to see what their status is.

Rick Alonzo suggested having a notation on the utility bills for a donation to the Visitor Center. Mayor Sims said he and Dennis are going to a meeting in Moscow tomorrow. One of the topics is about what to do with vacant buildings and lots in your town. Dennis said there is a client interested in a business near Super 1 and there is also some movement on the Pape building.

Rick Alonzo moved to add two late agenda items – one for authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Boundary County School District for the School Resource Officer and the other is to approve the beverage license transfer from Kathleen

Associates, LLC doing business as Bonners Ferry Conoco to Eagles Landing doing business as Bonners Ferry Conoco. Adam Arthur seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Adam Arthur moved to approve the consent agenda. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of May 16, 2017 council meeting minutes; and approval of May 30, 2017 special council meeting minutes.

Adam Arthur moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Certified Statement of Intended Use for fireworks purchase. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Ron Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2017-06-01 Providing Guidelines and Standards for Providing Effective Communications in Compliance with the American’s with Disabilities Act. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Ken Toline moved to approve the catering permit for Mugsy’s for the Bull Bash on June 9, 2017 at the Fairgrounds. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Rick Alonzo moved to approve the revised beverage license for Yoni Solis doing business as Mi Pueblo. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”. (Clerk’s note: Mi Pueblo is now serving draught beer).

The Catholic Church special use permit was reviewed. Rick Alonzo commented that parking is the only issue he can see to be a problem but said it has worked in the past. Ken Toline said the Church is basically in the same place it was previously. Council reviewed the parking diagram. Off street parking is the issue according to the Mayor. The group reviewed the parking plan submitted in the packet. Mayor Sims said Planning and Zoning is recommending that the Church increase the number of off street parking spaces. Rick Alonzo moved to approve File SUP08-17, for a Church in the Residential A zone, finding that it is in accordance with the City of Bonners Ferry zoning codes, as enumerated in the findings and standards table. He further moved to adopt all reasoned statements and conditions of approval as written or amended. The actions to be taken to obtain the special use permit is to complete the conditions of approval as adopted. Ken Toline seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

Discussion on recreational vehicles took place. Mayor Sims said this has been an issue for the City of Bonners Ferry for some time and Attorney Andrakay Pluid found an ordinance regarding this issue in the City of Richland that may fit our needs. Mayor Sims asked if council wants to go forward with this discussion and move forward with an ordinance. Andrakay said we don’t currently have adequate City Code to address this issue. She said the Richland ordinance is a

good starting point, and she would be happy to take suggestions. Andrakay will draw up a draft motion for this subject.

Eric Brubaker left meeting.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Boundary County School District for the School Resource Officer is the same as it was last year according to Attorney Andrakay Pluid. The School District wanted the City to take action on it today so they can approve it tomorrow at their meeting. Rick Alonzo moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Boundary County School District for the School Resource Officer. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”...

Ken Toline moved to approve the beverage license transfer from Kathleen Associates LLC doing business as Bonners Ferry Conoco to Eagles Landing doing business as Bonners Ferry Conoco. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Ken Toline “yes”, Adam Arthur “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

David Sims, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk