

City of Kootenai COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 5, 2019 **TIME**: 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Lewis brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Roll Call</u>: Councilman Sundquist – AYE, Councilman Macha - AYE, Councilman Schock – AYE, and Councilwoman Bauer; phone attendance – AYE.

<u>Staff Present</u>: City Clerk, Ronda L. Whittaker, City Engineer, Ryan Luttmann, PE., City Planner, Clare Marley, City Attorney, Stephen Snedden

<u>Others Present</u>: Maggie Mjelde, City Resident, Sandra Furlini, City Resident, and Doris Nuss, City Resident.

<u>Amendments to the Agenda</u> – None were proposed.

Public Comment - None was received.

<u>Announcements</u> – None were given.

1. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Lewis asked Council if they had received and read the items on the consent agenda and asked if there were any corrections needed within the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Sundquist made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd by

Councilman Schock; roll call vote:

Councilman Sundquist – AYE Councilwoman Bauer – AYE Councilman Macha – AYE Councilman Schock – AYE

2. Reports:

- **2.A.** Mayor: Mayor Lewis reported that she had attended the Northside Fire District's Impact Fee Presentation proposing that district cities introduce impact fees for fire prevention services. She stated that the information was helpful. Mayor also stated that she had spoken to Chief Coons about a shared law enforcement contract and was told that the city of Sandpoint was working on a draft contract, but that she had not received anything to date.
- **2.B.** City Engineer: Written Report Summary Attached. Specific topics were discussed:
- 2.B2 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Ryan summarized reasoning and procedures for submitting the TAP application. Councilman Sundquist asked if the application was considered a good project could it be scaled down. Ryan advised that this application is set up as a stand-alone project unless the amount was below \$50,000. He suggested that since the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) was in the process of designing a project on Hwy 200, maybe the Railroad overlay could be included in the design which could lower the costs for what would be needed for the project. Councilman Sundquist inquired if the project match of 7.34 percent would then be split with

ITD and the City. Ryan stated that if the project had a lower cost due to the City not having to include the design of the project then the match would be smaller. Councilman Sundquist confirmed that the City would be able to fund the match. Councilwoman Bauer asked that if the TAP Grant Application was as a draft then would the City have to resubmit a final. Ryan confirmed that yes it would be reviewed by TAP and then a confirmed application would be submitted. Councilwoman Bauer stated that she had not had time to respectfully review the application and just wanted to confirm that Council would be able to review the application again. Councilman Sundquist made a motion to approve submittal of the TAP Application Draft, 2nd by Councilman Schock; roll call vote:

Councilman Sundquist – AYE Councilwoman Bauer– NAY Councilman Macha – AYE Councilman Schock – AYE

2.B3 Urban Area Transportation Plan – Resolution to Participate in a Multi-Agency Urban Area Transportation Plan - Ryan summarized the process. Mayor stated that the City really had to be a part of the Transportation Plan in order to be eligible for some of the Grants that may be available to the City. Councilman Sundquist inquired as to how the City's match rate was formulated. Ryan stated that amount was not confirmed yet, but the max amount of the 7.34 percent divided by 4 and that there would negotiations about the elements that are in the Plan and how it would affect each city. Councilman Sundquist asked if all four cities were paying 7.34 percent. He asked if the City was paying \(\frac{1}{4} \) of the full amount. Ryan stated that it all depended on the final scope. Councilman Sundquist stated that he did not want the larger players to have a greater input than smaller players. He stated that his experience was that when all cities pay the same each have the same say. He did not want to be less than a full partner - when it comes up it is known that we have paid our fair share and have the same say. Mayor Lewis stated that she has been attending the workshops related to this Plan and confirmed that the City has a very good voice and negotiations have been very good. Councilman Sundquist stated that he wanted to ensure that the City is not portrayed as a poor cousin. Councilwoman Bauer stated that she feels like the resolution is premature; not knowing what the amount is. She did not like the wording that the city of Sandpoint "intends" to pay a portion. Councilwoman Bauer did not want to subsidize other cities. Councilman Sundquist stated that he was not worried about subitizing, just that we want to have an equal share in the planning process. Even if the figure goes up, the City could fund it and could be considered as an equal partner. Ryan stated that the max could be \$250,000 and this range would allow the grant to move forward. Councilman Schock made a motion to approve the Resolution to Participate in the Multi-Agency Urban Area Plan, 2nd by Councilman Macha; roll call vote:

> Councilman Sundquist – AYE Councilwoman Bauer – NAY

Councilman Macha – AYE Councilman Schock – AYE

2.C. City Planner: Written Report Summary – Attached – Specific topics were discussed:

2.C2 Area of City Impact (ACI) – Draft Resolution to Renegotiate the ACI Agreement and Map – Clare summarized the proposed resolution and her concerns as written within her report. There was a concern that election was this day and it would be good for new Council to be included in this type of decision. Stephen explained that there is a specific set of laws in the Idaho Code in regard to ACIs and the renegotiation of ACIs and that the Code is a little confusing as it says in order to open up negotiations both the counties and the cities shall agree, but then it states later in the Code that one party has the ability to

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begin review and renegotiations. He looked to see if supreme court addressed this confusion. He found no case law/statute regarding this. He looked at an Attorney General opinion and found no guidance. He stated that the only other resource was that when there is a law adoption, comments made by legislature may give the intent of the law and he could do some research. He stated that it appears to him that both parties need to agree to open up negotiations and asked if the City was willing to open up renegotiations. He advised that the resolution blends two concepts; in the statues counties and cities have to agree to open up renegotiations and that ACIs need to be reviewed every ten years. Clare stated that the resolution states that the City never has reviewed their ACIs and that we have. Mayor Lewis expressed her concern that the County is trying to decrease the City's ACI and feels very hesitant about signing the resolution as she felt that the resolution gives the indication that the City is in agreement to the County's decision. Councilwoman Bauer added that the resolution included the cities of Sandpoint, Ponderay, Dover, and Kootenai and that the cities should not all be impacted into one agreement; the agreement should be between each city and the County. Councilwoman Bauer agreed that the City needed to wait until the results of election are confirmed. She understood that the County may not want to meet with each City to go over their vision, but that the agreement should be with each city. Councilman Sundquist expressed his concern that the opening paragraph where Idaho Code is stated that the City has determined it is time to review its ACI and the other was that there were other cities within Bonner County that are not being considered being: Clark Fork, Priest River, Hope, and others cities within the County. Clare agreed and stated that there are actually 9 cities within Bonner County and one in Kootenai County that should be involved. She also confirmed that the city of Kootenai has begun the process of reviewing its Comprehensive Plan, Councilman Sundquist inquired if this was a legal issue; lawyer to lawyer, or a staff/administrative issue. He felt it should be an administrative issue unless the County forces the issue. Clare confirmed that Mayor had scheduled the City's Comprehensive Plan review in 2020. Councilwoman Bauer was concerned that the County was eventually going to regionalize the cities surrounding the Sandpoint area. Councilwoman Bauer made a motion to table the ACI draft Renegotiation Agreement until further notice, 2nd by Councilman Schock; roll call:

> Councilman Sundquist – AYE Councilwoman Bauer – AYE

Councilman Macha – AYE Councilman Schock – AYE

Clare inquired if Council want a formal response to go to the County or to just let it be.

Councilman Sundquist suggested a formal letter to state that a we appreciate the

County's concern but that the City is up to date with their Comprehensive Plan and that
if they want to discuss the issue further with the city of Kootenai we are here. Council

Agreed.

2.C3 ACI Request for Comment: AM007-19 – Clare stated that the County had given the City an opportunity to comment on AM007-19 regarding RV Campgrounds. She summarized the topic within her attached report. Council expressed concern with the amendment. Councilwoman Bauer expressed her concern that there are not water and sewer hook-up within the City's ACI and that the Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District was almost to its compacity. She also expressed concern that RV living is not conducive to Idaho winter conditions. It was discussed that properties could not have access to water without annexing into the City. Councilman Sundquist suggested that the City comment on some of Council's concerns. Clare asked for points that should be discussed. Councilwoman Bauer stated that she was not opposed to RV parks, but that this amendment would allow RVs all over the

place and would impact our City. Mayor brought up tiny homes. Councilman Sundquist stated the considerations: egress, emergency access, sewer and water, multiple RVs in places where there is limited access, density that will impact the City's ACI, and addressing issues. Councilman Schock was concerned that the County was not really considering emergency access, and debris issues. Councilwoman Bauer motioned to authorize Mayor to sign a comment to the County regarding the AM007-19, 2nd by Councilman Sundquist; roll call vote:

Councilman Sundquist – AYE
Councilwoman Bauer – AYE
Councilman Schock – AYE
Councilman Schock – AYE

- **D. Selkirks-Pend d'Oreille Transit (SPOT)** Mayor reported SPOT had lost one driver but were looking for a replacement. She also reported that SPOT was not requiring drivers where uniformed shirts.
 - **E.** Clerk: Written Report Summary Attached No further discussion.
 - 3. Discussion/Action Items -
- 3.1 Letter of Support for Bonner County Fairgrounds Grant Application for Campground Safety Authorization for Mayor to sign Mayor expressed her approval of the campground and found it would be necessary to make the road safer. Councilman Sundquist moved to allow Mayor to sign the Support Letter in regard to the Bonner County Fairgrounds Grant Application for Campground Safety, 2nd by Councilman Macha; roll call vote:

Councilman Sundquist - AYE
Councilwoman Bauer- NAY
Councilman Schock - AYE
Councilman Schock - AYE

4. Adjournment: Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Ronda L. Whittaker City Clerk

CITY OF KOOTENAI SIGN-IN SHEET

DATE: November 5, 2019

TIME: 6:30 pm

Council Meeting

Council Meeting			
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Mtn West Business Checking	\$ 187,162.17	
Mtn West Money Market Acct	\$ 74,144.11	261,306.28 Bank Total
LGIP - Current thru 9/30/2018	\$ 281,444.47	Pool Total
Total Cash Assets	\$ 542,750.75	

GENERAL FUND REVENUE			
Account	Amount	Sub-Totals	
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Avista Corporation	3,530.99		
Northland Cable Television	678.74		
Waste Management	882.54		
		5,092.27	
Mtn West Savings/.16%	10.07		
Mtn West Checking/.04%	5.82		
Interest, LGIP/August/22.3080%	559.74		
		575.63	
Business License	9 2 9		
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Building Permits	8,721.01		
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Arrears Property Tax	41.81		
Penalty & Interest	5.74		
Property Tax Current	,,		
	1.	47.55	
City Hall Rental	250.00		
Post Office Rent	280.00		
		530.00	
State Liquor Fund	6,627.00		
State Revenue Sharing	13,244.82		
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	Avista Corporation Northland Cable Television Waste Management Mtn West Savings/.16% Mtn West Checking/.04% Interest, LGIP/August/22.3080% Business License Building Permits Arrears Property Tax Penalty & Interest Property Tax Current City Hall Rental Post Office Rent State Liquor Fund	Avista Corporation 3,530.99 Northland Cable Television 678.74 Waste Management 882.54 Mtn West Savings/.16% 10.07 Mtn West Checking/.04% 5.82 Interest, LGIP/August/22.3080% 559.74 Business License Building Permits 8,721.01 Arrears Property Tax 41.81 Penalty & Interest 5.74 Property Tax Current City Hall Rental 250.00 Post Office Rent 280.00 State Liquor Fund 6,627.00	

STREET FUND REVENUE				
Name	Account	Amount	Sub-Totals	
02 · SF REV				
Idaho Transportation Dept				
	State Highway Users Fund	8,394.25		
	HB312	2,776.93		
Total Idaho Transportion Dept		119	11,171.18	
Road & Bridge				
	Road & Bridge Arrears	34.6		
	Road & Bridge Current	0.00		
	Road & Bridgei P & I	4.71		
Total Road & Bridge		Al-	39.31	
Stormwater/Encroachment	Culvert Encroachment Permit	N=1		
Total Stormwater/Encroachment Streets			9 4 €0	
Utility Encroachment Permit		400.00		
Sprague Walkway Project			400.00	
Interest		24.76		
Total Sprague Walkway Project			24.76	
McGhee Rd Cmt Treated Project				
Interest		157.88		
Total McGhee Rd Cmt Treated Pro	pject		157.88	
Total Streets			582.64	
	Total 02 · SF REV	11,793.13	11,793.13	
	Total Income	46,631.41	46,631.41	

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES			
Name	Account	Amount	Sub-Totals
10 · GF EXP			
Accounting & Audit		67.50	
Total Accounting & Audit			67.50
Building Maintenance			
	Janitorial Service	85.00	
Total Building Maintenance		,	85.00
Law Enforcement		: <u>=</u>	
	Attorney	595	
Total Legal			
Dues & Membership			
	Association of Idaho Cities		
	ICCTFOA District Membership	10.00	
Total Dues & Membership			10.00
Insurance			
	ICRMP	3,50	
Total Insurance			
Office Expenses			
	Computer Maint/Repair	122.09	
	Gift Expense	-	
	Internet Service	135.18	
	Office Supplies		
	Postage	-	
Total Office Expenses			257.27
Park			
	Maintenance	385.00	
	Arbor Day		
Total Park, Arbor Day & Earth Day Planning & Zoning		G	385.00
	Building Permit	389.00	
	Code Enforcement	; = ;	
	Ordinance Revisions/Comp Pln		
	Planner	314.00	
	Subdivision Fees/Site Review	97.50	
	Engineer	167.31	
	Subdivision Fees		
Total Planning & Zoning Training Workshops		N	967.81
Mileage		22.30	
Meals			
Training Expenses		5 . **	
Total Training Workshops			22.30

	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES Con	it.	
Name	Account	Amount	Sub-Totals
10 · GF EXP Cont.	Electric & Gas	104.27	
	Garbage	0	
	Water	10.95	
	Telephone	98.11	
Total Utilities			213.33
Wages & Benefits			
	Clerk/Treasurer	3,876.00	
	Council	500.00	
	Mayor	500.00	
	Payroll Taxes	373.04	
	Retirement Fund - PERSI	582.21	
	Workers Compensation	877	
	Health Insurance	702.42	
	Wages & Benefits - Other	(140.49)	
	Intuit Payroll Services	10.00	
Total Wages & Benefits		71	6,403.18
	Total 10 · GF EXP	8,411.39	8,411.39

STREET FUND EXPENSES			
Name	Account	Amount	Sub-Totals
20 · SF EXP			
Ditches			
Ditch Maintenance		270.00	
Total Ditches			270.00
Stormwater			
	Culvert Inspection	:=	
Total Stormwater			2 0
Streets			
	Signs	: 	
	Street Engineer	920.19	
	Utility Encroachment Permit	83.65	
McGhee Rd Cmt Base Project	Close out	157.87	
Sprague Walkway Project	Close out	24.76	
Bike & Pedestrian Paths	Walk/Bike Conference	290.70	
Total Streets		Q 	1,477.17
Transportation			
	Hwy 200 Corridor Study		
	SPOT	1,300.00	
Total Transportation		0. — — — — —	1,300.00
Utilities, Streets			
	Signal Lights	48.14	
	Street Lights	865.42	
Total Utilities, Streets			913.56
	Total 20 · SF EXP	3,960.73	3,960.73
	Total Expense	12,372.12	12,372.12
	Total Income	4	46,631.41
Net Income			34,259.29
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MEMO

To: Mayor Lewis and Council Members

From: Ryan Luttmann, P.E., Contract City Engineer

Date: October 31, 2019

Re: November 2019 Council Report

Highway 200 Safety Project

On October 17, I met with the ITD design team to get an update on the status of the Highway 200 project. The construction timeline has been moved back to 2024. The current plan is to widen Highway 200 toward the R/R tracks through Kootenai to provide 6' wide shoulders on each side, a 12' wide lane in each direction with a 9.5' wide center turn-lane. ITD had placed cameras at each of the intersections in September to capture the number of vehicles, motorcycle, buses, trucks, bicycle and pedestrians that are using the intersections in a 24-hour period. This information will likely be used by the design team when developing improvements or intersection alternatives while looking at safety within the corridor. We discussed the current TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant Application opportunity and reviewed the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The design team seemed supportive of the City pursuing a TAP grant to widen Highway 200 between Seven Sisters and Main Street with a protective barrier to provide a place for bicycles and pedestrians to travel between the Highway 200 RRFB and Railroad Avenue, in accordance with the City's plan.

TAP Grant Opportunity

I followed up on the TAP Grant Application, following support from Council to explore funding opportunities. I met with Ryan McDaniel with ITD and Amanda LaMott while I was in Boise earlier this month. I reviewed the Highway 200 widening project identified in the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and received support with this type of application moving forward. The "draft" grant applications are due November 8 and will be reviewed by 5 experienced staff members. The draft applications are returned to agencies by December 13 with suggestions on how to strengthen the applications before the "final" grant application submittal on February 2, 2020. Therefore, a resolution, letters of support, final cost estimates, etc are not required at the time of the draft submittal, but a draft submittal must be received by ITD in order to be considered for the funding.

On October 30, I met with Greg Brands, Marvin Fenn and Bill Roberson to review the Highway 200 trail extension and resurfacing of Railroad as a potential TAP project. ITD is willing to support the project. The feedback I received from ITD was that it appeared to be a good candidate for the TAP program and should score well. There is no guarantee of being awarded since the likelihood of receiving a grant hinges on the level of competition by other applicants and the attractiveness/merits of their projects.

The grant opportunity is federal dollars and a 7.34% match is required. I am proposing that Highway 200 widening project, along with a resurfacing of Railroad for a smoother and safer surface for pedestrians and bicycles be included in a "draft" grant application for the TAP program with Council support for the Mayor to sign. It seems to be the best fit for a federal design project, appears to have the needed right-of-way and could be incorporated with the State's safety project scheduled for 2024. The final grant application would be presented to Council in January with a resolution supporting the 7.34% match for the reimbursement program.



Urban Area Transportation Plan

Laila Kral with the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council will be meeting with the Urban Area Cabinet on December 11, prior to submitting the formal application for the Urban Area Transportation Plan Update. She will be able to provide guidance with the process and answer any final questions. Each of the jurisdictions providing financial match (Kootenai, Dover, Ponderay and the Independent Highway District) will need to have resolutions in place to support a 7.34% match for the project funding before the application is submitted. A resolution for consideration by the City will be presented at the November Council Meeting.

ENU 014-019

A utility encroachment permit for a sewer lateral replacement was reviewed and approved for construction at 311 Kootenai Street.

ENU 015-019

A utility encroachment permit for a water lateral replacement was reviewed and approved for construction at 301 Spokane Street for the City of Sandpoint.



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MEMO

To:

Kootenai City Council, Mayor and Clerk

From:

Clare Marley, AICP, City Contract Planner

Date:

October 31, 2019

Re:

Planning summary for November 5, 2019 City Council meeting

Building permit activity: The City received two new building permits in October for a single-family home on Rebecca's Way and a residential shop building on Kuskanook Road. The total number of building permits received for the year to date is 23.

Land use application activity: No new applications have been filed.

Area of City Impact - Draft Resolution to Renegotiate: Bonner County has submitted a draft resolution to Kootenai, Dover, Sandpoint, and Ponderay, calling for the county and cities to begin renegotiations for the Area of City Impact boundaries. The draft received September 30th is attached. The resolution states the ACI agreements and maps have never been reviewed. However, all Bonner County ACIs except Dover and Spirit Lake's were established in in 1978 and renegotiated in the early 1990s. (Kootenai's ACI was renegotiated and expanded in 1994.) The county message suggests the goal is to update the boundaries of the ACIs, then determine what regulations will apply within the ACI boundaries. The county resolution states the ACI renegotiations will first be submitted to planning commissions, with responses due by February 3, 2020. After that, the resolution calls for the mayors and Commissioners to finalize a recommendation in preparation for hearing. Idaho Code 67-6526 (d) states: "Areas of city impact, plan, and ordinance requirements shall remain fixed until both governing boards agree to renegotiate. In the event the city and county cannot agree, the judicial review process of subsection (b) of this section shall apply. Renegotiations shall begin within thirty (30) days after written request by the city or county and shall follow the procedures for original negotiation provided in this section."

Consideration should be given to:

- The role Kootenai City Council will have in the pre-decision making at the planning commission levels, since the City has no P&Z commission.
- The effect of renegotiated boundaries upon the neighboring cities. Considering the challenging process Dover and Sandpoint experienced in renegotiations in the 1990s that led them into court, the four cities should examine their shared interests as part of, or perhaps before, renegotiations to ensure no overlaps or gaps occur.
- The elections. At least one city is deferring discussion until after the elections. That means the February 2020 target date for receiving recommendations cannot reasonably be met.
- The suggestion that boundaries be adjusted first, followed by discussions regarding whether city or county regulations will apply.

ACI Request for Comment: AM007-19. Bonner County has invited the cities to comment on a proposed zoning code amendment regarding Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and campgrounds. AM0071-9 proposes to amend Title 12 (Zoning Regulations) to:

- Eliminate the regulation that limits RV occupancy to 120 days;
- Add an allowance for up to two RVs to be permanently occupied on a lot or parcel, with electrical, sewer and water hook-ups;
- Require at least 1 acre for the second RV;
- Conditionally permit RV parks and campgrounds in all zoning districts except the Forest and Industrial zones;
- Set parking, setback, and landscaping standards for campgrounds and RV parks;
- Allow through the conditional use permit up to 5 campsites or RVs per acre.

The amendment would open all land adjoining the city to the possibility of RV parks or campgrounds through the conditional use permit process. Under current code, only the lands within the Recreation District in the Whiskey Jack area that are within a resort could have the camp and RV opportunities. Please advise whether the Council wishes to comment on the proposed amendment.

Aerial Imagery: The four cities of Ponderay, Kootenai, Sandpoint, and Dover, along with other partners were able to secure sufficient funds for the fall fly-over of the "Quad Cities" and nearby areas to capture updated aerial imagery. Although the group had hoped to fund the highest resolution imagery (3-inch) with this project, contributions fell short of the goal. However, a next-best 6-inch resolution will be produced. The manager of the company conducting the fly-over (EagleView) said they are working with Bonner County to obtain a 3-inch resolution for 2020 for all cities, with additional contributions to meet that goal. For comparison, A three-inch resolution image is 3 inches per pixel (1"= 50' scale) and is useful for identifying small features such as manhole covers or utility poles. Six-inch resolution imagery (1"=100' scale) is a common resolution for urban areas, while one-foot resolution imagery (1"=200' scale) is typically acquired in less developed and rural areas. Contributions received this year were: Kootenai, \$500; Sandpoint, \$3,016.55; Ponderay, \$3,000; Dover, \$1,806; Kalispel Tribe, \$3,825; Pend Oreille County PUD, \$4,000; Pend Oreille County, \$29,441.58, and Seattle City Light, \$27,087.90. The project flight was partially funded by entities with interest north and west of the cities.

To:

Kootenai City Council and Mayor

From: Ronda L. Whittaker, City Clerk

Date: RE:

October 2019 Clerk's Report



Website Activity - Continued update of the site.

New Computer and Phone System - I have been working with Sandpoint Computer. The City has a new computer and monitor. Phones have been set up of use a VIOP system. Learning how to work with new applications.

Public Records Requests - There has been several records requests this month asking for records dating back to 1995. I have been able to retrieve most of them. Still looking into finding a few more.

City Records - Working on filing and scanning old records. I will be looking at pricing for additional Fire King filing cabinets.

Walk/Bike Alliance Conference – I was able to attend the conference. It was very interesting, and I was able to network with several knowledgeable attendees about future biking and walking trails and funding for the City.

2019 Audit - Working on the upcoming audit. Mr. Hoover will be doing a three-day audit. He has requested several records to be available upon his arrival.



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November 5, 2019

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation State and Federal Grant Program 5657 Warm Springs Ave Boise, ID 83716-8700

To Whom It May Concern,

The city of Kootenai, Bonner County, Kootenai Idaho would like to express support of the Bonner County Fairgrounds Grant Application for the Campground safety improvements and expansion at the Bonner County Fairgrounds, Sandpoint, Idaho. These improvements and expansion will ensure the community of Bonner County and travelers nationwide will have this treasure to enjoy for generations to come.

The city of Kootenai is within Bonner County's Greater Sandpoint Area. The Bonner County Fairgrounds offers many events through out the year that benefit all of the County.

We feel that it is highly important for user's safety to improve the existing road to the campground and to expand the current Campground allowing for ongoing use and support for our local economy. The campground provides a wonderful lodging opportunity for travelers attending events in Bonner County. Bonner County is home to some wonderful entertainment and sporting events for our community, including, the Festival at Sandpoint, Lost in the 50's, Thistle Nationals Sailboat Race, the County Fair and expansion of the Bonner County Fairgrounds Campground is a wonderful endeavor and will, in the end, be beneficial to the entire community.

The city of Kootenai, Bonner County, Kootenai Idaho respectfully requests that you look favorably on Bonner County Fairground's request for these vital funds, and we thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Lewis		
Mayor		

Respectfully,