The meeting was called to order by Mayor Widmyer.  

INVOCAITION:  Pastor Ron Hunter, Church of the Nazarene

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Adams.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:  There were no amendments to the Agenda.

PRESENTATION:  FOUR CORNERS PROJECT UPDATE
Phil Boyd and Dell Hatch, of Welch Comer Engineers, presented an update of the Four Corners Project.  Mr. Boyd reviewed the members of the review committee and the tasks and schedule.  The project began in August and they anticipate completion of the master planning process in February, or possibly a little later due to challenges in scheduling meetings.  Meetings scheduled include committee meetings, workshops, and public information meetings.  Mr. Boyd provided a summary of meetings to date and noted that one of the things they focused on was reaching out to as many groups as they could. The intent of the small group meetings was to talk to them and understand what their vision might be. The meetings have been extremely productive.

Councilmember Adams asked if there are any environmental concerns with the property and Mr. Boyd responded not that he is aware of.  He explained that the purpose of the Department of Environmental Quality’s involvement is that they are interested in participating in stormwater demonstration projects if there are opportunities, and they are also interested erosion along the Spokane River embankment and believe that there are some partnerships that can be formed in that regard.

Councilmember McEvers asked about the skate park being involved in the small group
meetings. Mr. Boyd said they are meeting with the skate park next Wednesday and they have been talking with them since the inception of the project.

Upcoming meetings include meetings with city departments and various committees, and two community workshops to be held in October and November which are intended to be very interactive. There will also be six review committee meetings, and three other public meetings with the Lake City Development Corporation, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and the City Council.

Mr. Hatch reviewed the planning area of the corridor, zones A, B and C. The planning areas were developed into study zones to be able to look at each area in detail. Zone A includes the traditional four corners area that houses Memorial Field, City Park, Independence Point, the waterfront along city park, Mullan Avenue, the county campus, and a portion of the the BLM corridor. Zone B includes the harbor center and sewage treatment plant and a portion of the BLM corridor. Zone C is bordered by the Union Pacific right of way. Mr. Hatch noted that throughout BLM corridor, there is a lot of adjacent private land, and that is why they are talking to some of the small groups because they have a direct interest in some of the things that could be developed. As they move towards Riverstone, they will be exploring links for trails, development, etc.

Councilmember Gookin asked when the project changed from a BLM master plan into a BLM/Four Corners project. Mr. Hatch said that it is his understanding that the Request for Proposals for the project specified that it was a BLM/Four Corners project, and that the Four Corners area has always included the area of City Park. In the RFP, it was described as looking to improvements to City Park, Independence Point, and the walk through.

Councilmember Gookin said that a newspaper article mentioned a meeting that took place and asked Mr. Hatch to explain what took place at the meeting. Mr. Hatch said that at the meeting maps were handed out to the steering committee, who went on a walking tour to familiarize themselves with the area. There were also a couple city staff members who attended. The purpose of the meeting was to walk the corridor and orient the steering committee in regard to the different zones. Councilmember Gookin asked about the questions that were asked during that meeting. Mr. Hatch said some questions were regarding what comments have been received from the public so far. Councilmember Gookin asked if there was any mention during the meeting of multimillion dollar projects. Mr. Hatch said that he didn’t recall any multimillion dollar projects being discussed, but they did discuss what it might take to fully renovate Memorial Field’s existing grandstand. There are some structural issues with the grandstand and they talked in general that it could be a very expensive fix.

Councilmember Gookin said that he read the minutes that were distributed today and he has received private concerns from the Human Rights Education Institute and the Museum. Mr. Hatch said that he attended a meeting with them yesterday and thinks it was very productive. The museum would like to see a new facility and their fundraising efforts have stalled or been put on hold somewhat. They expressed hope that they would
be located in Zone A or in the Four Corners area. The Human Rights Education Institute shared that they have done some studies in the past on potential expansion of the building they are in. That building also has structural issues. Mr. Hatch said they also met with the carousel people at that time and they expressed a potential, along with the museum representatives, for them to be housed in a joint facility or in a location where they are very close, if not attached.

Councilmember Miller asked how many public meetings have been scheduled. Mr. Hatch said they will have two public workshop meetings and three public presentation meetings. Councilmember Miller asked if they are planning on making the minutes available to the public? Mr. Hatch said they will be giving the minutes to Steve Anthony for distribution.

Councilmember Edinger asked when the next meeting is scheduled. Mr. Hatch said that most of their small group meetings may have been concluded today, with the exception of the meeting with the skateboard representatives on Wednesday of next week. They have yet to schedule a meeting with Brad Cederblom regarding the Idaho Workers Memorial.

Mayor Widmyer asked about the community workshop and how the word was going to get out regarding people getting involved. Mr. Boyd said they have been working with Keith Erickson of the city in developing ways to reach out to the public. As part of the community workshop, one of the things they want to do is reach out and engage people to work with them. He believes that working with the smaller groups, who will in turn engage people to work with them, will enable them to reach a broader portion of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Jim Player, Coeur d’Alene, said he is a very new resident of the community, a Vietnam veteran, and currently living in transitional housing. He received a parking ticket while trying to change his driver’s license and registration, because it took 2 ½ to 3 hours for him to be helped. He filed an appeal with the Parking Commission and it was ignored. He thinks that decency should prevail and that it was because of extenuating circumstances that he received the ticket. He can’t afford $10.00 for a ticket and hopes that someone will contact him. His address is 1516 E. Sherman Avenue, Apt. 9.

Roy Wargi, 2022 E. Coeur d’Alene Avenue said that he thinks that bicycles should be licensed the same as other vehicles in the city. Mr. Tymesen said that the city has not had bicycle registration for probably the last 15 years, but he would suggest moving the request to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee for further study. Councilmember Adams said that he is on that committee and bicycle licensing has actually already been studied and they have come to the conclusion that the licensing of bicycles restricts the use of bicycles when their objective is to promote more use of bicycles in the city. Mr. Wargi commented that he has a bicycle that is equipped with turn signals and a brake light, but a lot of bicycles are running around going all directions into late in the evening and it is not right. Without a license, there is no way to identify
who is riding the bicycles. Councilmember Adams said that he thinks there is an ordinance or a state statute that requires lighting for bicycles after dark. Individuals who ride their bicycles without lights after dark are stopped, but are generally not cited.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin to approve the Consent Calendar.

2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Setting of General Services and Public Works Committees meetings for September 22, 2014 at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. respectively.
4. Approval of Cemetery lot transfer from William Monaghan Sr. to William Monaghan, Jr., Lynda Dunham, and Michael Monaghan, Sr.; for Lot CRE 021, Block F, Section Riv, Forest Cemetery Annex.
5. Approval of Cemetery lot re-purchase from Staci Halterman; for Niche 070, 069, Block NGD, Section Riv, Forest Cemetery Annex.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked for a correction of the minutes in regard to comments that she made. She would like the minutes to reflect that she was being inclusive of all who attended the assembly, including “those watching as well as those marching.”

MOTION TO AMEND: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to amend his motion to approve the Consent Calendar and correct the council minutes of September 2nd as requested by Councilmember Miller.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Edinger said that page 7 of the minutes regarding the amendments to Municipal Code 9052, illegal possession says at the bottom that a Motion was made by Edinger, seconded by Edinger. The motion was actually seconded by Councilmember Evans.
MOTION TO AMEND: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to approve the Consent Calendar and correct the council minutes of September 2nd as requested by Councilmember Miller and Councilmember Edinger.

ROLL CALL ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: Evans, Aye; Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye.

Motion carried.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Councilmember Miller provided an update on the library annex. She met with the library foundation board, School District 271 administration, and the city’s librarian and they all unanimously agreed to move forward with an exploratory committee regarding a joint use facility providing a public library in one of the school locations. Councilmember Miller also presented opening remarks for the Suicide Prevention Action Network’s Memory Walk last weekend. Since Coeur d’Alene had a five year history in 2012 of the highest suicide rates in Idaho, it is important to get the message out. The Suicide Prevention Action Network is appreciative that the city is behind their effort to “save the one” and stop preventable tragedy from happening.

Councilmember Evans said that there is a new event coming to downtown Coeur d’Alene in conjunction with the Coeur d’Fondo bike weekend and Oktoberfest. The Coeur d’Alene CritFest will be held on Friday, September 26th. For more information, visit the Coeur d’Fondo website.

Councilmember Gookin encourage the council to relook at the parade ordinance because he thinks one of the side effects of council’s action was to throw down a gauntlet to certain people who will raise a level of anxiety among constituents to test the ordinance. By testing the ordinance, they are going to encourage people to walk around in an aggressive manner during the parades. Councilmember Gookin said that he believes in the Second Amendment, but also believes that all rights have limits. He thinks it would be okay if the city allowed concealed weapons, but by banning all weapons, he believes it would encourage other people to be aggressive in their defense, and may result in lawsuits and court actions. He also noted that there are people attending the meeting tonight who are carrying side arms and he doesn’t think that was council’s intention when they considered public safety.

Councilmember Gookin also commented on the “Rainbow Arch” in McEuen Park. He said that he voted against it, but it went through the process and was approved. A lot of people worked on the committee and the art piece is doing what art does – causing people to talk. In that respect he likes the arch and thinks that it should be left alone.

Councilmember McEvers commented that, even though he missed a lot, his recent vacation was good for his spirit and he feels rejuvenated.
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Widmyer asked for the appointment of Melanie Collett to the CDA TV Committee, and the reappointment of Ann Smart to the Library Board.

MOTION: Motion by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to appoint Melanie Collett to the CDATV Committee and reappoint Ann Smart to the Library Board.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:
Mr. Tymesen noted that this is council’s last meeting of the fiscal year.

Alliance Data, a credit card customer service provider, officially opened the doors of its Coeur d’Alene center on Monday with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Widmyer. The Coeur d’Alene center, formerly the home of Coldwater Creek, currently employees 100 people, and anticipates a staff of 200 by the end of the year. The company plans to employ up to 400 people by the end of 2015. Also at the ribbon cutting, it was announced that the company is donating $50,000 to the United Way of Kootenai County to support a “Ready for Kindergarten” program that will serve three communities in the county. Alliance Data Retail Services is based in Columbus, Ohio, and has seven customer care centers nationwide, and manages 135 private label and co-brand credit card programs. Mr. Tymesen thanked Alliance Data and Jobs Plus for helping to bring them here. Personnel, on average, will earn $45,000 a year.

The Police Department hosted a luncheon today to thank our volunteers who give countless hours to the City and their community while supporting the Police Department. The Police Volunteer Unit was started in 2004 and averages approximately 3,500 hours a year in volunteer time. The national average value of volunteer time is $22.55 per hour. This equals a savings this year of $78,925 to the taxpayers of Coeur d’Alene. Since the inception of the program volunteers have logged 46,098 hours at a savings to taxpayers of $1,039,509. We are grateful for all that they do in our community.

Coeur d’Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer and Council President Woody McEvers recently sat down with new Police Chief Lee White to learn about the chief and his plans for running the police department. The half-hour Coffee with the Mayor segment will run through the month on Channel 19 CDATV (Time Warner Cable).

The police department will participate in a Town Hall meeting tomorrow, September 17th, at 6:00 p.m., at the PD Headquarters, 3818 E. Schreiber Way. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The 19th Annual Mayor’s Awards in the Arts will be held on Wednesday, October 8th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hagadone Event Center. Honored this year are Jeni Riplinger for
Education in the Arts, Stephen Shortridge for Excellence in the Arts, and Ruth Pratt for Support of the Arts. The event is presented by the City of Coeur d’Alene Arts Commission and is free and open to the public.

There is a new question on CityPoll: “Have you hiked Tubbs Hill in the past year?” Each month, a CityPoll question is posed on the city’s website so the city can learn how the community feels about a particular issue. Responses will be reviewed by city staff and changes will be used in leadership strategic planning as guidance to assure we are offering the best possible services to our citizens.

In 1999, Coeur d’Alene wastewater utility superintendent Sid Fredrickson set out to write a brief 3 to 4 page history/profile on the sewage plant. The project evolved into significantly more than a summary. Nearly 15 years later, Fredrickson recently completed a Comprehensive History of the Wastewater Department for the City of Coeur d’Alene. Fredrickson spent countless hours over the years researching old newspaper articles, wastewater department archives, City Council minutes, and old photos and illustrations to compile an 89-page history of the 75-year-old treatment plant. The treatment plant history can be accessed online at cdaid.org/wastewater. There are also hard copies at City hall, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Coeur d’Alene Public Library, and the Molstead Library on the North Idaho College campus.

Two weeks ago, the council met with the Spokane River Advisory Ad Hoc Committee. Staff is working with the committee representatives and they have come up with an action plan that they are bringing forward with a recommendation to the Parks & Recreation Commission. They will also be scheduling a workshop with the Council in October.

September means it is time to go back to school and at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library it’s time for “Back to Cool.” Fall reading programs for all ages started September 9th in the Seagraves Children’s Library and will continue through November 21st. A library card is the most important back-to-school supply a child can have. That’s why September is Library Card sign up month. Also, in September, the libraries will replace any lost children’s library card for free – the replacement cost is normally $1.00. The Library is also offering a North Idaho Reads program, this year featuring regional author, Jess Walter. For more information, call the Library at 769-2315.

Thanks to a $30,000 donation from the Coeur d’Alene Association of Realtors, Person Field off 15th Street is getting brand new playground equipment. The collaborative effort involved the Coeur d’Alene School District, Junior Tackle Football Club and city crews who installed the equipment. Persons Field neighbors were also supportive of the project. The Grand Opening and ribbon cutting of the CDA Realtors Association Playground at Person Field will be on September 20th at 11 a.m. Thanks to all that have been involved.

Major renovations are in store for Coeur d’Alene’s beachfront Jewett House on East Lakeshore Drive. The 7,000 square foot senior recreation center will be closed September 15 – 30 as $35,000 in upgrades are performed. Renovations include removing
the old carpet on the first floor, stairways and second story entryway and restoring the
original wood flooring. Other improvements include repainting the first floor interior and
widening the circular driveway to accommodate handicap parking and emergency
services vehicles. An anonymous $50,000 donation will pay for the upgrades. The
remaining $15,000 will be used for future upkeep, including exterior painting. This is all
a part of the city’s ongoing commitment to the Potlatch Corporation and the Jewett family
to maintain the facility.

Following through on a commitment to be readily accessible to all citizens, Coeur
d’Alene Mayor Steve Widmyer has established a direct telephone line for callers to leave
a comment, idea or concern. To leave a message 24/7 with the mayor, call 769-2220,
extension 503, or visit the city’s website and click on icon shown on the screen.

The city is recruiting for City Administrator, Parks Maintenance Worker, and Water
Utility Worker I. Please visit the city website and click on the “Job Posting” icon on the
main page for a list of current openings at the City of Coeur d’Alene.

RESOLUTION 14-040

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY,
IDAHO AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TW TELECOM HOLDINGS, INC TO
PROVIDE TELEPHONE AND LONG DISTANCE SERVICE FOR THE CITY’S
LANDLINE BASED SYSTEM.

STAFF REPORT: Kirk Johnson, I.T. Network Administrator, presented a request for
approval of the Service Order with TW Telecom Holdings, Inc., providing for telephone
and long distance service for the city’s landline-based phone system. Mr. Johnson
explained that the City of Coeur d’Alene has been using XO Communications for
telephone and long distance service for the last several years. Through competitive
quoting, they found that TW Telecom can provide the same service at a lower price.
Estimated savings on a 3 year contract with TW Telecom is projected to be $21,879.00.

Mr. Johnson noted that the city will be saving $607.00 per month, and that this contract is
for the internal phones that the city has in all of its buildings.

Councilmember Gookin thanked Mr. Johnson for taking the contract out to bid and noted
that it has been one of his sore points for a lot of the things that they do.

MOTION: Motion by McEvers, seconded by Adams to approve Resolution No. 14-040,
approving an agreement with TW Telecom Holding, Inc. for telephone and long distance
services.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Adams commented that as a small business owner, he
realizes that land lines still have their place.
ROLL CALL: Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Evans, Aye.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Amendment to Annual Appropriation for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

Mayor Widmyer gave the rules of order for this Legislative public hearing.

STAFF REPORT: Vonnie Jensen, Deputy Finance Director said that the budget amendment shows increases in expenditures due to carryovers of projects, a retirement accumulated leave payout, additional overtime in Police and Fire, state and federal grants received, and a vehicle purchased with funds received from the school district. Additional revenue of $377,747 is projected to be received in the General Fund to cover the increased expenses for the fiscal year and $1,667,475 is projected to come from the fund balance for project carryovers and a transfer to the Insurance Fund.

Ms. Jensen reviewed a ten year history of the General Fund balance, budgeted expenditures, and the fund balance shortage/overage for each fiscal year. She noted that McEuen Park, Persons Field and finishing up of a large settlement were completed without dipping into the fund balance.

Ms. Jensen reviewed foregone taxes and tax increases over the last ten years, along with the city’s valuation and levy rates.

Councilmember McEvers asked about the levy rate. Ms. Jensen said that as property values go up, the levy rate will go down, as long as everything else stays the same.

Ms. Jensen reviewed the annual appropriation ordinance for 2013-14 and noted that the total citywide amendment is $5.3 million, but of that amount more than half was for projects that were budgeted in 2013 and completed in 2104. Carryovers from the previous year included McEuen Park and the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project.

Councilmember Gookin asked about the Sanitation Fund. Ms. Jensen said that the expenditures were higher this year than what was budgeted. Councilmember Gookin said he thought that was addressed with the rate increase last year. Mr. Tymesen commented that the city is catching up on that fund and there were more expenses than were anticipated.

Councilmember Gookin said that he receives a lot of feedback from the public regarding the appropriation ordinance and people wondering why the city is over budget. His understanding is that the city is paying off things that were budgeted in prior years that
were carried forward into the current year, and the way they account for that is to amend the budget to include those expenses. Ms. Jensen said that when they do their budget in June, they don’t know how far along budgeted projects will be and so they wait until the end of the year to see how much more of the project wasn’t completed the first year and then amend for it. She confirmed that state law allows them to do this and noted that the only thing that the state code doesn’t allow is the use of more property taxes. Anything amended from the budget has to be from other new revenues or the Fund Balance left over from previous years.

Councilmember Adams said that he voted against the last two budgets and asked what would happen if the council voted against the amendment. Ms. Jensen responded that they would have to put a note in their audit report that they were out of compliance. Mr. Tymesen said that it would look like a red flag on the city’s credit file and it wouldn’t look good because they have loans with the Department of Environmental Quality so that probably would prohibit them from going forward since they are out of compliance. It would be frowned upon by anyone who wanted to deal with the city on a financial basis.

The mayor called for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

### ORDINANCE NO. 3493
COUNCIL BILL NO. 14-1018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3469, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $77,853,494 $83,192,716, WHICH SUM INCLUDES ADDITIONAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE IN THE SUM OF $5,339,222; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho:

Section 1

That Section 1 of Ordinance 3469, Ordinance of the City of Coeur d’Alene, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the sum of $77,853,494 $83,192,716, be and the same is hereby appropriated to
defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2013.

Section 2

That Section 2 of Ordinance 3469; Ordinances of the City of Coeur d’Alene be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

That the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made are as follows:

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Section 3

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one (1) issue of the Coeur d’Alene Press, a newspaper of general circulation published within the City of Coeur d’Alene and the official newspaper thereof.

MOTION by McEvers, seconded by Gookin, to pass the first reading of Council Bill No. 14-1018.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Evans, Aye; Adams, Nay.

Motion carried with Councilmember Adams voting No.

MOTION by Gookin, seconded by Edinger, to suspend the rules and to adopt Council Bill 14-1018 by its having had one reading by title only.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Evans, Aye; Adams, Aye.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution No. 14-041; Fee Increases for Municipal Services Department; Parks Department; and Water Department

Mayor Widmyer read the rules of order for this Legislative public hearing.

STAFF REPORT: Troy Tymesen, Interim City Administrator, presented a request for approval of fee increases as proposed by the Municipal Services Department, Parks Department, and Water Utility Department. He noted that the city is required to hold a public hearing for proposed fee increases that exceed 5%.

Mr. Greenwood, Interim Parks Director, clarified the Parks Department fee increases and noted that the charges for “opening and closing” in the cemetery were changed in 2010 and will remain the same. They are providing a niche vase as a new service. Additionally, they are seeing more and more people buying flat headstones online and shipping them to the Parks Department directly. The Cemetery division can do the
“collar” for the headstone in house and set the stone as a new service. Mr. Greenwood also said that the alcohol security permit is being increased by $4.00 because they subcontract it out and the fees are going up through the subcontractor. There are also new fees associated with the McEuen pavilion. He confirmed that the fees for resident and non-resident have been in place for four or five years.

Councilmember Gookin asked if the Parks Department has figured out how to separate the McEuen pavilion into sides. Mr. Greenwood said they have yet to have a conflict where there are two events going on at the same time, but they have some stanchions so that if someone wanted to rent half of the pavilion, the public would still have access to the other half.

Mr. Tymesen said that the Municipal Services Department will be bring forward a new permit process for door-to-door solicitation at a future date, but because it has to be noticed in a public hearing, they are proposing a fee of $50.00. If council does not adopt the door-to-door solicitation process, the fee would not be applicable. Mr. Tymesen also confirmed that the fee is in line with what other entities charge.

The Water Department is lowering their one-time bulk water base rate minimum charge. There are also progressive penalties proposed for commercial entities that use bulk water and don’t provide log sheets. Mr. Tymesen confirmed that the log sheet can be scanned, emailed, or faxed and the entities do not need to personally deliver them.

Mr. Tymesen explained that a proposed fee for improper operation of water facilities and noted that in the interest of public safety, the Water Department provides water meter shut off services. If someone is discovered to be turning off water service they will be warned one time, and if there is a second offense, the fee will increase. The goal is to obtain compliance.

Mr. Tymesen said that all of the fees are set up to cover the cost of service or provide a penalty for noncompliance.

Councilmember McEvers said that he has a problem with not being able to turn off his own water if he has having a problem and asked about night, weekend and Saturday situations. Mr. Tymesen said that the Water Department can accommodate weekend activity as there are people on call. He further explained that it is becoming a problem for the Water Department in that they are finding water meter sets that are filled with rock and have broken valves, etc. The meters are city property, protecting the city’s water system. They don’t expect to collect much revenue with the fee, but want to be able to penalize those people who abuse the system. Mr. Tymesen noted that the exposure the city has with contaminated water is very large and that is why backflow tests are so important. It is one of the biggest risks for the health of the community and the city takes it very seriously.

The mayor called for public comment.
PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-041

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN CITY FEES.

MOTION by Gookin, seconded by Edinger, to approve Resolution No. 14-041 authorizing Fee increases and one fee decrease for the Municipal Services Department, Parks Department, and Water Department.

ROLL CALL: Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Evans, Aye; Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye.

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING: Sale of city-owned real property by sealed bid, a 50 foot square parcel located at the intersection of 9th Street and Locust Avenue and further described by the County Alternate Identification Number (AIN) 199985.

Mayor Widmyer read the rules of order for this Legislative public hearing.

STAFF REPORT: Troy Tymesen, Interim City Administrator, presented a request that City property at 9th and Locust be declared surplus, that a minimum value of $1,000 for the parcel be set, and that a public hearing be held of the City’s intent to sell the property by sealed bid auction, as allowed by State Code. Mr. Tymesen explained that the Water Fund owns a 50 foot square parcel that originally was the site of a booster station. System improvements rendered the station unnecessary and it was removed more than 40 years ago. The property has sat vacant since that time. The lot is too small to allow much in the way of development. The property brings no revenue into the fund and is a liability. Its value to the City is minimal. Staff proposes setting the starting bid to meet the costs of the sale, estimated to be $1,000.

Mr. Tymesen noted that the most probable use of the property would be by an adjoining property owner. The city will contact both property owners and the entire process should take about eight weeks.

Councilmember Gookin asked what would happen if the property didn’t sell. Mr. Tymesen said they might partner with a group that would like to have a garden who could oversee it. He also confirmed that the money received from the sale would go into the Water Fund.
The mayor called for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

MOTION by McEvers, seconded by Evans to authorize the sale of city-own real property by sealed bid, a 50 foot square parcel located at the intersection of 9th Street and Locust Avenue and further described by the County Alternate Identification Number (AIN) 199985. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION by Gookin, seconded by McEvers, to enter into Executive Session as provided by Idaho Code 67-2345 § (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student and § (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

ROLL CALL: Gookin, Aye; Miller, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Evans, Aye; Adams, Aye; McEvers, Aye.

Motion carried

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, Interim City Administrator, and City Attorney. Council returned to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to authorize staff to bring forward Consultation Agreements with Patrick Sullivan, Richard Fields, and Gregory Willette via Resolution under the Consent Calendar at a future council meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION by Edinger, seconded by McEvers, to approve the amendment to the Separation Incentive Agreement with Steve Anthony to extend the separation date. Motion carried.

MOTION by Edinger, seconded by Evans, to approve the amendment to the Separation Incentive Agreement with Sid Fredrickson to extend the separation date. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Gookin, seconded by Evans that there being no other business this meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Steve Widmyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Ferguson, Deputy City Clerk