

Drone Legislation: Jared Festner, 935 E. Front Avenue, stated he would like to discuss U.A.V. (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) also known as drones. The Federal Government has not clarified whether or not citizens can be the target domestically or internationally by drones. His concern stems from the February 14, 2012, FAA Bill signed by President Obama to gather as many drones as possible. Recently a list of drone authorization list was released with include Canyon County and King County. Mr. Festner stated that he does not assume Kootenai County will use them, but there should be checks and balances in place. Drones concerns include the ability to spy, conduct surveillance, fall out of sky, and/or crash into each other. He requested the City Council take a stand by declaring Coeur d'Alene a no drone zone by requesting the City Attorney to do what is legally necessary to ensure it. Mr. Festner provided a draft drone resolution for review and consideration. Councilman Gookin stated that Senate Bill 1134 does ban drones at a state level and encourage Mr. Festner to review the bill, which would trump city legislation. Councilman Gookin stated that if the bill fails he would be willing to consider the request. Councilman Adams asked if any other cities have passed the draft resolution. Mr. Festner stated that Seattle passed legislation, the State of Washington has passed a bill, and that the resolution he presented is from Charlottesville, Virginia.