

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD AUGUST 1ST, 2018.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT:                   AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR  
  MITCHELL J. HART, PRES.  
  JON D. GOODE  
  ROBERT M. LAU  
  SCOTT K. GAMBLES via telephone

EXCUSED: Alan Skinner, Director

ALSO PRESENT:       Mark Steele   Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk  
                                  Chief Scott Shaw   Clyde Nelson, Attorney  
                                  Austin & Jackie Robinson

The invocation was given by Mitch Hart, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The Mayor noted that Director Skinner was absent but available by phone if needed and Councilmember Gambles was present via the telephone.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and saw nothing that needed modified, he then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes in their current draft form. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Lau. Councilmember Hart asked if the payment to M.R. & E., Inc. was a monthly payment which the Clerk confirmed was the monthly garbage contract payment. Councilmember Goode asked if the City was breaking even between the cost of cutting and baling at the Airport and Industrial Park and the sale of the hay. The Clerk explained that it was usually close to even. Councilmember Goode recommended reviewing the cost and Councilmember Lau suggested offering the hay free to whoever will cut and bale. A vote on the motion to approve the accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

The Council considered a request to support the Little Cards Wrestling program. Councilmember Hart asked if the City has supported the program in the past. The Clerk stated no but explained that one of the wrestling coaches helps out with the City's recreation programs regularly and the Recreation Director would like to support the wrestling program in return. Councilmember Hart moved to approve \$100 in support of the Little Cards Wrestling program from the Power Community Service funds, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

A request to sponsor a local individual raising funds to participate in the HELP International refugee program was also considered. The Council agreed that in the past the City's policy was to support local groups and community events but it was not appropriate to provide funds to individuals. The Mayor and Council agreed to decline the request.

Clerk Vorwaller explained that the next meeting would be held at 6:30pm as set by ordinance and the Budget Hearing was scheduled for 6:45pm. She mentioned the time could then be changed back to 5:00pm by amending the ordinance for future meetings.

The proposed FY2019 budget was discussed and a brief report on the status of the health insurance options reviewed. The proposed budget includes a 20% increase in health insurance. The included capital projects were reviewed.

The Mayor asked about the attendance to some recent community events. The Idaho Air Rescue open house was well attended. Mark Steele mentioned that a special offer was available to sign up for the air ambulance service through Caribou Memorial Hospital. The Salmon Feed was also well attended with a steady attendance and went smoothly. The Mayor mentioned that there have been lots of nice comments about the work done on the Octagon Park pavilion and he commended the parks crew for doing a good job. Councilmember Goode also mentioned that the City was included in the AAA Travel Magazines as a road trip worth taking.

Clerk Vorwaller mentioned that the auditors suggested someone from the Mayor and Council review and sign off on the City's bank reconciliations because there was not enough checks and balances in that area. Councilmember Goode and Gambles offered to split the duty. The Clerk expressed appreciation for the review and suggestions.

Citizen input was offered by Austin E. Robinson of 235 West 4<sup>th</sup> South. He mentioned the new playground seems to be drawing in visitors and he has noticed several out of state cars there. Mr. Robinson also mentioned that his natural gas bill has only increased 20% in the last 20 years compared to the City's utility costs.

Councilmember Goode moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(a) & (b) to consider hiring and for the evaluation of a public employee. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Mitch Hart	Those voting nay:	none
	Jon Goode		
	Robert Lau	Absent:	none
	Scott Gambles		

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Hart moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart based on the recommendation of Chief Shaw moved to approve opening the application process to hire two new police officers and approved the promotion of officer Golightly to sergeant increasing his wage from a PS5-11 to a PS5-13. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk