

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD DECEMBER 5TH, 2018.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY MITCHELL J. HART, COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

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

EXCUSED: AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director
Lori Anne Lau Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
Louis Berg Clyde Nelson, Attorney via telephone
Terrisa Berg
JoAnna Ashley Chief Scott Shaw II

The invocation was given by Scott Gambles, Council President Hart then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode moved to dispense with the reading and approve the November 7th, 2018 minutes in their current draft form. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll for November, 2018 were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll for November 1st through November 30th, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Lau. Councilmember Goode asked about the \$4,000 sewer nozzle. Director Skinner explained it is a new type of nozzle that is supposed to prevent blow back into houses when main lines are being cleaned. Councilmember Lau asked where the new Hooper Spring frame was being stored. The Director mentioned that it is still at Custom Iron. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

The \$250,000 Child Pedestrian Safety Grant application prepared by Assistant Clerk JoAnna Ashley with the help of Director Skinner and using estimated costs supplied by Forsgren Engineers was reviewed. Clerk Ashley explained the application had been reviewed and input received from the Smart Growth Idaho organization. Based on recommendations the size of sidewalk for the project was increased bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$287,340 including \$25,000 budgeted for design and bid costs. She explained to continue with the application as prepared the City Council will need to approve committing to cover the additional cost of \$12,340 if the grant is awarded. The project provides connecting sidewalks on 4th South Street and South 1st East Street along with two rapid flashing lights for State Highway crossings at City Park and Kelly Park. Councilmember Lau asked how the project got to this point. Clerk Vorwaller explained the grant was initiated

by former Mayor Smith and a similar grant submitted last year was unsuccessful. She pointed out that the grant is being pursued at the direction of the Mayor and City Council and a planning meeting was held with the Mayor, Clerk Ashley and Director Skinner to review the scope of the project. The Council discussed the availability of funds and agreed the project would be worthwhile. Councilmember Lau moved to approve committing to cover the additional cost to increase the sidewalk size to 60 inches at a total cost to the City of \$37,340, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Squires presented cost information for new helmets and a thermal imager that was budgeted to purchase. The need to replace out of date helmets and the warranty on the imager was reviewed. Councilmember Lau moved to approve purchasing the helmets for \$4,560 and the new imager for \$5,900. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Fire Chief also reviewed the training costs for the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) training in Indianapolis. He reminded the Council that this was the new training two firemen attended last year and they felt it was an excellent training and the Chief mentioned that it is geared toward residential firefighting. Chief Squires requested to send three firemen this year which will still cost less than sending two to the Texas A&M training. The cost will be approximately \$3,150 a person. Councilmember Lau moved to approve three firemen to attend the FDIC training up to a total cost of \$11,000, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner presented and reviewed the final payment for the South 1st East Street utility improvement project. The final payment included reductions for quantity in sidewalk, driveway repairs and storm drain pipe that was not needed. The substantial completion certificate was also presented and the work carries a 12 month warranty. The only item that may need addressed in the spring would be sod replacement. Director Skinner mentioned that after this final payment is made the remaining current year's budget will be reviewed and a list of projects presented to decide what projects can be completed this year. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the final pay application and substantial completion for Bear Lake Construction, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The ongoing improvement projects were briefly reviewed. Director Skinner reported that the shelving project at the library is not complete but should be by the end of the month. Lift station #2 should be complete this week.

The Formation Spring water right transfer will be advertised for two weeks and then any protests will have to be addressed before the Department of Water Resources can approve.

Director Skinner detailed some history regarding water right applications for Formation Spring. An application was submitted in 1986 requesting an additional 25cfs for hydro

flow which was rejected and changed to 5cfs for residential use that went through a long process of settling protests. In March of 1997 a letter was received from the Department of Water Resources asking six questions and a reply from the City was sent that really only answered one of the questions and no work has been done on that application since 1997. The Department of Water Resources would like the City to consider withdrawing the application. Director Skinner and Councilmember Hart suggested holding off until the first of the year and see how the current water right transfer goes and then work with the Department of Water Resources on cleaning up and correcting all the City's water rights and the prior application. The Council agreed that was a good plan.

Director Skinner presented a request from a group trying to raise funds to promote and hold an Oregon-California Trails auto tour. The group is requesting funds from several Idaho organizations and cities and is requesting a \$1,000 from Soda Springs. They currently have some commitments but none from Idaho. Councilmember Goode suggested committing to contribute if they reach \$16,000 which would be \$1,000 short of their goal. Councilmember Lau stated he would be okay supporting the event if the State organizations did. Councilmember Hart suggested tabling the item until the next meeting and see if legitimacy of the group can be confirmed. Councilmember Lau will have his Dad, Dan Lau who attends the High Country Travel Council meetings check to see if they have been approached and are going to support the auto tour. Councilmember Lau also feels it would be appropriate to use Greater Soda Springs Community Development funds and the Council agreed.

Councilmember Gambles excused himself from the meeting.

Louis Berg, resident and owner of Oregon Trail Outdoors located on Highway 30 at the west end of town expressed his appreciation to address the City Council. Mr. Berg requested the City's support for trying to get the speed limits reduced on Highway 30 coming into town in front of his business. He mentioned that he represents several other businesses in the impact area that also support the reduced speed limits. He understands the City doesn't have authority over the Highway or the impact area but would like the City to support the proposal to the County so a unified support letter could be sent to the State. Mr. Berg suggested several reasons to reduce the speed limit including safety and compared where the speed changes in conjunction with residential areas and businesses on the east and north entrances to town. The Council and Staff explained that it is a difficult process to get the State to make these types of changes but agreed they could provide a letter of support showing the City is favorable to the idea to send to the County. Councilmember Lau also suggested reaching out to the local legislators and offered to forward an email to them for Mr. Berg. Mr. Berg thanked the Council.

Clerk Vorwaller requested to close City Hall on December 24th with the staff all taking personal time off (PTO). Councilmember Goode moved to approve the closure of City Hall on December 24, 2018 with staff using PTO. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Council asked that notice be given that City Hall will be closed.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart
Robert Lau
Jon Goode

Those voting nay: none

Absent: Austin W. Robinson, Mayor
Scott Gambles

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Lau moved to approve accepting the gift to the City and Citizens of Soda Springs of the Enders Hotel Building from the Soda Springs Idaho Historical Museum, Inc. with the intention to close on the property by December 31, 2018, actively pursue an entity to manage the business and develop over the next 6 months a plan on how to dispose of the property. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk