



Director Skinner reported on the Library addition bids. Three packages were given out to contractors but only one bid was submitted from Summit Welding & Construction, LLC for \$155,835.06. The bid was reviewed by Forsgren Engineers who determined it was submitted in accordance with the requirements and is considered eligible for consideration to award the project. Director Skinner explained that Summit is a partnership between Shane Davis and Layne McNee and he also mentioned that there was another local contractor interested but they didn't think they could meet the deadline and avoid the liquidated damages. Mayor Smith mentioned that he and Councilmember Hart had a conversation about change orders that may be evident. The Mayor stated there may be one which would consist of shingling the entire roof to update and tie into the new section estimated at \$1500 for materials. A second change order may be to go ahead with updating the lower level restrooms. Director Skinner also mentioned that there might be a risk of additional costs for rock removal.

Councilmember Lau pointed out that the estimated engineering costs of \$23,500 puts the project over the budgeted amount of \$165,000 plus to shingle the entire existing building he estimates it will cost \$5,000 to \$6,000. Councilmember Lau also expressed his concern about the electrical situation and the need install new outlets in the existing part of the building. The Mayor explained that the City's reserve for the Library building is \$156,000 and the Friends of the Library just submitted to the City a check for \$60,000 and so there is enough contingency there that he feels comfortable proceeding with awarding the project.

Councilmember Goode based on Forsgren Engineers recommendation moved to approve awarding the Library expansion project to Summit Welding & Construction for \$155,835.06. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. Councilmember Hart asked if Councilmember Lau's questions were adequately answered regarding how we are covering the design aspect. Councilmember Lau expressed his opinion that this is not the best plan on a cost per square foot basis. He suggested if we are going to update the lower level restrooms anyway then the new restroom could be eliminated using the money to go toward a lift and give the library another 100 square feet upstairs. He also mentioned that design aspects were sacrificed like the vaulted ceilings and the 8 foot ceiling in the addition is going to feel very short. A lot of details could have been done better early on and he is disappointed, he brought this project to the table and is excited for any kind of development in Soda Springs but feels it should have been worked better as a team and would have had a better end result. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, except Councilmember Lau who voted nay. Motion Carried.

During the public comment time Head Librarian Erickson shared information with the Mayor and Council regarding past repairs done on the Library roof. She mentioned that there may be three layers of shingles on the south side of the building.

Director Skinner gave an update on the Rose Street project. He explained that the material and supply specifications are being submitted by the contractor to verify standards and get approval by the engineers. Councilmember Lau questioned if this was the process with the Court Street project. Director Skinner explained the difference was that most of the materials were purchased by the City prior to the Court Street project. The contractor will be mobilizing by May 16<sup>th</sup>, bringing in equipment, videoing the sewer line and preparing to start excavation from the south end of the street later in the week.

The Mayor was honored to recognize Dewey and Linda Anderson as Soda Springs Super Heroes who are community members that are very active in the community and inspire their families to also be active. The Andersons were nominated by their children: Ryan, Terry, Jeff, Lori, Camille, Diana and Heidi. The Andersons have spent a lifetime together giving of their time, resources, talents and support to a wide variety of community and state organizations and projects. Dewey and Linda Anderson and their families are truly community treasures.

The Mayor, Council and Staff had a detailed discussion on the current years proposed projects and equipment purchases. Director Skinner mentioned that if the projects are approved the work can start in the next two weeks. Director Skinner also mentioned that a letter of interest was sent for a tennis court grant. The grant requires a 25% cash match in hand and then could cover up to 50% of the project. Mayor Smith explained that the City could provide some in-kind work but the cash match would have to be raised by the interested party. Several parks projects, fencing and asphalt projects were reviewed. The Council discussed two new trucks that are budgeted one in Streets and one for the Water/Wastewater Department. State bid amounts for new trucks were reviewed and Director Skinner explained that the new trucks would replace 20+ year old trucks that would be sold because the dealers won't take trades on the State bid trucks. Councilmember Lau pointed out that a lot of new vehicles have been purchased in the last couple of years and suggested waiting on these. Director Skinner stressed the need and recommended purchasing two this year and none next year. The Council discussed the regular cab versus a double cab model and also discussed the age of the sweeper and the Vactor sewer truck. Other projects reviewed included fence at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the chip and crack seal schedule and costs. Mayor Smith asked for input and approvals on the priority projects. Councilmember Hart expressed his support for Director Skinner's plan and just cautioned that he doesn't try to do more than can be completed. The Council then proceeded to approve projects by fund.

Councilmember Goode moved to approve the Parks projects that include a \$5000 bid for asphalt at Octagon Park, sprinklers system upgrades at Hooper for \$8250, Geyser for \$450 and Kelly for \$15,250. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve the bid from Rocky Mountain Fencing for Kelly Park in the amount of \$9700, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the State truck bid to purchase a regular cab truck for the Streets Department for \$21,518 and \$75,000 for the crack seal and chip seal plan as presented. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Airport asphalt project and bids were reviewed. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the asphalt project including all of Area 1 as presented and as much of Area 2 as the budget will allow which includes a \$20,000 State Grant. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve the Water Department items including a double cab ½ ton truck at the State bid price of \$24,125 split between the Water and Sewer Funds, \$6670

for water building roof repairs and the Ledge Creek pump rebuild up to \$15,000. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Gambles moved to approve and proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant fencing by Rocky Mountain Fence for \$9,692.50, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner reported that the engineers are working on a report to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding Formation Springs and ideally it would be good if the test well was in before it is submitted to DEQ but he is still currently trying to come to an agreement with the property owners, the Panting's. Director Skinner suggested a document be drafted to allow a temporary easement to install the test well that protects the property owners.

Mayor Smith noted that review of the Department budget requests for next fiscal year will be held on Monday and Tuesday next week. Clerk Vorwaller presented historical data on the property tax levy, rate increases and employee cost of living allowance (COLA) wage increases. The Council requested to review estimated revenue from a 2 or 3% utility rate increase. Councilmember Hart suggested including a 3% COLA and then adjust accordingly during the budget process. Mayor Smith requested that the HR Committee meet to discuss and recommend an employee COLA along with the health savings account benefit.

Mayor Smith mentioned that he has not started enforcing the new clean-up rules until after clean-up week. He has seen a lot of effort and wants to give people time to get caught up after winter. He stated that at the conclusion of clean-up week letters will start to go out. Councilmember Gambles asked how the decision is made on who will get letters. The Mayor explained that the City Crew will report problem areas along with complaints received and then Director Skinner will review.

Councilmember Goode mentioned that he will be out of town for the next meeting but will be able to call in.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2016.

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James R. Smith, Mayor

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk