

dumpsters were hauled. Director Skinner mentioned that it is about \$150 a dumpster and Clerk Vorwaller explained she had spoken with Mr. Toupin about the bill due to a 30% increase over the previous year. Mr. Toupin did adjust some off and tried to give the City the best deal he could. A vote on the motion to approve the June, 2016 pre-paid accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner reported on the Library expansion. The Contractors have completed the under slab plumbing which required a little more pipe replacement than expected and it has been approved by the plumbing inspector. Forms for the footers will be set and poured this week and will start the walls later in the week. The project is about a week behind due to the plumbing issues. Director Skinner hopes to have the frame of the building up by the 4th of July and trusses and walls after the 4th.

The Rose Avenue project is going well and is about a week ahead of schedule. No rock was encountered during the installation of the water main. The water mainline is being filled and will be flushed all night and then the bacteria tests will be completed. They will start the individual connections to the water main the first of the week. The schedule has the asphalt being completed right after the 4th of July. Director Skinner presented a pay application for A+ Construction in the amount of \$117,325 which covers approximately 1/3 of the project. Councilmember Hart moved to authorize payment #1 to A+ Contractors for \$117,325, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Gambles reported that there has been a little inconvenience but felt the contractors were doing a great job. Director Skinner mentioned that he gets a couple calls a day mostly about replacing personal service lines.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Director Skinner gave a brief update on the current projects. Liddil Paving plans to have the paving at Octagon Park and the Airport done before the 4th of July. Sprinkler system installations are complete at Hooper Park and the Geyser Park Island and the contractor is working on Kelly Park south. Two grants have been submitted for the tennis courts. Fencing replacements continue at Kelly Park and then the contractor will move to the treatment plant and Geyser Park. Director Skinner mentioned that chip and seal is scheduled for Friday, July 15th. The transportation plan field work is complete and Forsgren Engineers will be working on the final report. A power pole was replaced at Terrace Acres that was identified in the Osmose study. Most of the pole repairs are complete and there will be a few each year going forward. Councilmember Lau asked if there was a set date when the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will get back to the City regarding the Formation Spring report submitted. Director Skinner stated it would be at least 30 days but there was no set date. He also explained that there are new DEQ staff that are not familiar with our project and they will have to be brought up to date.

Clerk Vorwaller detailed the proposed budget amendment for the current fiscal year 2016. The amendments include applying a \$30,000 Fire Department reserve toward the truck loan from the Power Fund; it also includes adjustments to Street Fund expenditures for the transportation planning study, Woodland Drive drainage and an increase for the approved new pick-up purchase. The major amendments are in regard to the pay down of the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) loans, final costs and purchases for the WWTP project including a skid steer loader. The last adjustment is to cover the total cost of engineering and construction for the Library expansion project and an adjustment to the expected donations showing a larger portion of the Library's building reserve funds being utilized. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the proposed fiscal year 2016 budget amendments as presented and approval of the notice and public hearing scheduled for July 20th, 2016. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Local resident Laura Lind, representing the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park made a proposal to the City Council for an all-inclusive playground project. Mayor Smith explained that he previously met with the group and offered them a chance to give a 5 minute presentation at City Council meeting. Mrs. Lind explained that the non-profit group is committed to enriching the lives of the Soda Springs and surrounding communities by providing a safe and welcoming play area and splash pad for people of all ages and abilities to learn and play. Their goal is to build community pride through volunteerism and improve beatification and local economies. The group recognized the need for an all-inclusive playground that would accommodate toddlers, disabilities, wheel chair accessibility, stroller access, elderly grandparents and veterans and can be utilized and accessed by families of all ages and abilities. Mrs. Lind explained that United Way has been asked to be their fiscal agent and the group members combined have grant writing, business management and child education skills. The group has visited and researched other similar playgrounds including Brooklyn's playground in Pocatello and they feel it will improve the local economy. The proposed projects estimated cost is \$200,000 for the playground and \$100,000 for the splash pad and their goal is to complete the project in two years. Mrs. Lind mentioned that other similar projects have been complete between 9 and 18 months. Leathers and Associates has been retained providing step by step instructions for all phases of the project including organization, design, fundraising, project management and construction. Mrs. Lind explained their desire to raise the funds for the playground and then gift it to the City and their goal includes long term fund raising for maintenance of the playground. The Friends of the Soda Springs City Park would like the Mayor and Council's endorsement and commitment of land. The proposal is to locate the playground and splash pad in the northeast section of City Park. Mrs. Lind also asked if the City was supportive and had available funds to prepare the ground it would be appreciated. Mayor Smith asked the Council to review and discuss the proposal with members of the group then consider a vote at the next meeting.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the variance request of Linda and Dennis Godfrey to the twenty foot (20') back yard setback requirement. The variance would allow a proposed twelve foot (12') by twenty foot (20') storage shed to be placed ten feet (10') from the back property line at 550 East 1st North. Councilmember Goode reported on the public hearing held by the

Planning and Zoning Commission who recommended approval. Director Skinner mentioned that he had no concerns regarding utilities. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the variance of 10' to the back yard setback for Linda and Dennis Godfrey at 550 East 1st North as recommended by the Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Mayor expressed thanks to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their work.

Director Skinner presented the Council an easement agreement with Monsanto for the Hooper pathway connector. He explained that the pathway connector is a joint project of the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee and the Carriboo Development Foundation that has been in the works for several years. Attorney Nelson mentioned that the agreement is the same as the one signed in 1994 for the original pathway and he has several concerns about the agreement that makes the City responsible for Monsanto negligence. He explained that Monsanto would not change the agreement and the City signed it anyway. Director Skinner reviewed the route and property description. He explained that the City would be responsible for the bridge design and installation and he is working to get the sand donated. Mayor Smith asked if the committee is helping to install or if the City is committed financially pointing out that the City's funds are already dedicated for other projects. Director Skinner suggested that the City would need to pay for the engineer to design the bridge at a minimal cost which could come from the GSSCDC funds but the Committees still needed to discuss the funding. Director Skinner pointed out the original budget was \$60,000 but with donations and volunteers it is probably cut down to \$10,000 or \$11,000. The agreement was further discussed. Director Skinner pointed out that the agreement requires Monsanto to install the fence and then joint maintenance between Monsanto and the City. It also requires Monsanto to tear down the old building. Councilmember Goode requested that ICRMP review the agreement and if they will still cover the City then he would be okay with it. Attorney Nelson pointed out some grammar items in the agreement and the reference to west of the pathway that needs corrected. Galen Wilson, representing the GSSCDC expressed his appreciation for the Council's support stating it is a good project for the community.

Director Skinner informed the Council that a drive chain was lost at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the north basin. The basin has been drained and they crew will be replacing the chain with a spare they had and they are inspecting for any other needed maintenance. There is no warranty on the chain and the expected life is 3 to 5 years. The Mayor recommended getting another spare to have on hand. The cost of another chain will be \$10,000 to 15,000.

Director Skinner shared some photos of the progress being made on clean-up around town and the plan for working on some other areas and mentioned that he feels it is the most progress that has been made in seven years. He explained that he and Attorney Nelson have worked together on a letter to send out but he is trying to approach people first before sending the letter. Mayor Smith commented that he is thrilled with effort the community is making and the biggest challenge is dealing with absentee properties. He

explained that not everyone's property is perfect all the time but the City is not focusing on the little things but the bigger areas of concern.

Clerk Vorwaller presented a breakdown of the health savings account (HSA) proposed contributions for clarification. The proposal which is the same as the current year at \$1500 for single coverage and \$3000 for family coverage with ½ up front the other ½ a dollar for dollar match of the employees contributions. Mayor Smith commented that he wanted to be sure everyone was clear on the contribution amounts included in the budget. Councilmember Goode pointed out that the proposed contributions would be the same as the current year as long as the health insurance increase was under 5%.

The Mayor and Council discussed appropriate fund balances. Councilmember Goode reported that he and Councilmember Gambles and Clerk Vorwaller met and reviewed the fund balances. The general consensus was to have at least three months of operating plus an emergency amount for the General Fund and the Water, Power & Sewer Funds. Mayor Smith suggested that might be high for the General Fund where it could borrow from another fund in the event of an emergency. The reimbursements and other transfers were discussed. Councilmember Hart explained the previous allocations from the Power Fund to the General Fund were based on a percentage which increased with the Power Funds revenue and was depleting the Power Fund so it was set at a fixed amount with the right to review. Mayor Smith stated he wants a conservative prudent fund balance but the ability to continue to find ways to upgrade facilities. The Council discussed the challenge of setting rates to generate enough revenue to keep up with the needed maintenance and improvements. Councilmember Lau expressed his opinion that the City needs to pursue bonding and Federal funding to allow for upgrading of a larger portion of the infrastructure than just doing a \$500,000 project a year. He points out that at the current project schedule it will take 108 years to complete all the improvements and funds will be exhausted in five years. The Mayor and Council expressed concerns about water meters being required and the higher cost of Davis-Bacon wages that are required with Federal funding. Councilmember Lau suggested taking a step back and looking at a long term plan. He stated that the City should pursue the bonding option and see what the scope and costs would be. If the study shows that what we're doing is the best option then okay but we need to at least budget some funds to study the bonding option. Councilmember Lau mentioned that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have offered to help put together a plan. Councilmember Goode offered to meet with Councilmember Lau and discuss the merit of bonding for a larger scale improvement.

Mayor Smith asked the Budget Committee to reconvene and go over the proposed budget to make suggestions on cuts and then bring back to the next meeting. Director Skinner requested direction on what the next project should be in order to start the engineering. The Mayor asked for the top five list of priorities and also asked Director Skinner and Councilmember Hart to meet and review the projects and make a recommendation. Councilmember Goode requested risk factors and cost estimates be included on the list.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.

James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk