

was recently recognized as the 3rd safest city in Idaho. The Mayor stated that he takes a lot of pride in this significant recognition that comes with a lot of effort and service by our police force.

Mayor Smith explained that it was his privilege to establish a program to recognize super heroes in our community and in reviewing those that have been recognized he realized there was a very important group that had not yet been nominated. He pointed out that it was pretty typical for this group to not ask for recognition. The Mayor and City Council were pleased to recognize the Soda Springs Lions Club as "Soda Springs Super Heroes". The International Club empowers volunteers to serve their communities through humanitarian efforts and the City's treasured chapter marks their 68th year of service to the community. The Lions Club is much more than the 4th of July pancake breakfast and use their fundraising to support community improvements and many worthwhile activities including the Distinguished Young Women's program and most notably the free vision screening program. The City of Soda Springs is fortunate to have the active Lions Club and thank them for all that they give to our community.

The Soda Springs Lions Club President, Adam Hansen on behalf of all its members thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and also expressed thanks to the long serving members for their many years of service. President Hansen also took the opportunity to present a \$500 donation to the Senior Citizens Center on behalf of the Lions Club in supporting the international campaign to relieve and fight hunger worldwide during the month of March.

Austin Robinson, representing the Soda Springs Lions Club asked for the City's annual support of the Distinguished Young Women's program. Mayor Smith pointed out that the City's support was included in the current budget. Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to approve the \$400 annual sponsorship. All in favor, motion carried.

The proposed parking ordinance for Caribou Street was again reviewed. Director Skinner pointed out an issue with a bigger service truck parked on Caribou Street that made it almost impossible to pass and the Council may want to consider amending the ordinance to leave space for a turn-around and put angle parking instead of perpendicular. That would still leave 10 parking spaces. Councilmember Lau suggested also amending it to allow for a crew cab length truck which is common at 22-23 feet long. Mayor Smith stated that he plans to go look at the property line to see if some rock can be put in to make additional space. Director Skinner reported that the handicap requirement is one space for every 35 in a business district and he doesn't think there is a need to have one on that street. Councilmember Goode suggested reviewing placement of a handicap spot on the west of Main Street. The Mayor recommended reviewing further the length and room available to make sure the road is still passable and schedule for the next meeting along with informing the surrounding property owners about the proposal.

An update on the Idaho Energy Authority (IDEA) Energy Efficiency (EE) Group costs was given by Director Skinner. What we thought was going to be an increase to the members due to Idaho Falls Power withdrawing from the group actually ended up being a decrease in the City's cost by about \$700 a year. The City's upcoming projects include the Library lighting, overpass and other street lights and the fire station lighting. The Mayor and Council discussed the LED light bulb promotion and how to distribute to those that are in need of cost savings.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Director Skinner reviewed the infrastructure and improvement projects. The layout of the proposed new baseball & soccer fields at Kelly Park is being worked on and cost estimates are being gathered for the covered pavilion at Geysers Park. The American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the lower level restrooms at the Library are done and the lighting upgrade is moving forward with the cost share agreement from the Friends of the Library. Bids on the ADA entrance doors and additional improvements to the front of the building are being sought and it may be a substantial project even with the \$5000 Rocky Mountain Power Foundation grant. The County is hauling and stock piling the chips to get ready for chip and seal, the City Hall parking lot is also budgeted to be repaved and the cost will be reviewed. The Formation Spring work is continuing and the Vector sewer truck vendor will be putting together a proposal for a new lease which was budgeted. The Mayor mentioned that he and Director Skinner will be driving the streets to assess the road damage.

Director Skinner reported that the City was awarded a \$100,000 Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) Grant for asphalt for a 2018 project. The project submitted was for the water and sewer mainline replacement on 1st East Street from the highway to 4th South. The Council discussed the cost of the project and also the signage grant program.

Councilmember Gambles presented a recommendation from the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee (GSSCDC) to pledge \$5000 to the Friends of the City Park. The Mayor and Council briefly discussed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve pledging \$5000 from the GSSCDC funds for the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park all-inclusive playground project contingent on the project being fully funded and final construction. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The prior year 4th of July carnival costs were reviewed. Last year's total cost was \$2,251 and Clerk Vorwaller estimated the current years cost to be \$2,650. The Council discussed the clown and face painting expense. The Clerk explained that the volunteers are able to do the face painting for all children free of charge because the City sponsors it but it could be done differently. The Mayor and Council supported proceeding with reserving the inflatables and soliciting volunteers.

Councilmember Goode, seconded by Councilmember Lau moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk