

Mayor Smith mentioned the upcoming committee work on the budget, fees and employee benefits and noted that Councilmember Gambles was asked to be involved in both the budgeting and benefits committee work sessions. The Mayor also mentioned that he and Councilmember Hart and Director Skinner have been working closely with DEQ and EPA on water quality issues and there will be upcoming community meetings with the Caribou County Commissioners, School Superintendent and the local health officials along with a second meeting for the general public.

The Council viewed pictures of several streets with winter damage. The Mayor pointed out that the high water table is also causing damage. The crews will be marking soft spots and damaged areas with paint and taking pictures to compile a repair list. The Council was asked to report on damage they see that has not been marked.

The Mayor and Council again reviewed the proposed parking ordinance for Caribou Street. Attorney Nelson pointed out the only change to the ordinance since the last meeting was the length of the vehicle which was changed to 23 feet. Councilmember Goode introduced Ordinance #665 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 10.16.035 OF THE SODA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO DEFINE PARKING ON CARIBOU STREET AND REQUIRING VEHICLES TO BE REMOVED UPON NOTICE OR POSTING OF SAID STREET FOR SNOW CLEARANCE, CLEANING OR REPAIR. Mayor Smith then pointed out that surrounding property owners had been invited to voice comments regarding the proposed parking ordinance. Dr. Gary LeMarr owner of business property at 180 South Main and 30 West 2nd South expressed his concerns regarding the parking on Caribou Street stating it makes it hard for through traffic, causes snow removal issues and he also has concerns about the apartment tenants taking up all the business parking. Mayor Smith explained that the City is trying to improve the parking issue and the purpose of the new ordinance is hopefully to alleviate some of the issues with limited public parking spaces and an area to turn around along with the option to require removal of vehicles for snow plowing. The Mayor thanked Dr. LeMarr for providing his comments and concerns. A motion was then made by Councilmember Hart and seconded by Councilmember Goode that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three separate occasions be dispensed with and that the ordinance be read once by title only. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #665 by title. Councilmember Hart then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #665 seconded by Councilmember Goode. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #665 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Director Skinner presented a cost estimate for the installation of an automatic door and additional improvements to the front of the Library. The project includes a \$5,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for the new 42" single wide handicap accessible door. The grant has a completion deadline of June 15th, 2017. The total cost of the project including \$1,600 for the power upgrade for the door, demolition and the front exterior work is \$29,700. Director Skinner reported that the work to the lower level restrooms is complete and the lighting materials are on order. The total of all projects so far will not exceed the \$38,000 current budget. The Council briefly discussed the single wide door and concerns about moving large items in and out of the Library. Mayor Smith asked for approval to move ahead with the door and front improvements. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve moving forward with the Soda Springs Public Library project replacing the front door and completing improvements to the front wall at a net cost to the City of \$24,700 plus the \$5000 grant funds. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen input was presented by Dr. Jeff Collins owner of Oregon Trail Eye Care at 152 South Main. Dr. Collins purchased the building in 2008 and mentioned that he has had snow and drainage issues at the back of his building since the City did improvements and refinished Caribou Street. He explained that the route of plowing pushes the snow up against his building and the way Caribou Street slopes the drainage runs right toward his building. He has pursued solutions but the estimated cost was \$5,000 and he feels the City has some responsibility for the issue. Dr. Collins thanked the Mayor and Council for the chance to express his concerns. The Mayor asked Director Skinner to investigate the issue.

The upcoming infrastructure projects were reviewed. The engineering package for the 3rd West 225 South water mainline for the new hotel is currently being reviewed by DEQ and the other two original projects have already been approved. Director Skinner explained that they are working on the, 1st South Street and the alley project, public notices for bids and access. Also the Ledge Creek transmission line project of boring under the railroad will be included with the 3rd West project which will require boring under Highway 30.

Director Skinner gave an update on Formation Spring. The preliminary engineering report is complete and will be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the site well survey is also done. Once approval from DEQ is received the next step will be to proceed with design and negotiations for an easement or land purchase. Director Skinner also reported that after talking with the Department of Water Resources the City will be required to apply for a transfer from surface water to ground water which is only allowed if it can be proven that the water is from the same aquifer. There will be public notices and an opportunity to protest. The DEQ approval should be received in May and design plans completed by August after the transfer is complete and an easement or purchase is in place. Most likely the work will take place in 2018. The Mayor and Council discussed the cost estimate of \$1.4 million which is based on other well projects. Director Skinner stated he thinks the estimate is extremely high and pointed out the total cost includes funds we have already spent and the expense can be spread between two fiscal

years. Councilmember Hart suggested that funding options may include passing a bond authorizing a DEQ loan similar to the wastewater treatment plant project and structuring the rates to cover the cost. He recommended highlighting the rate increase in the upcoming budget discussion. Councilmember Goode suggested exploring any grants that may be available and Attorney Nelson suggested checking with Farmers Home Administration for grants also. The Mayor noted that a lot of work is going into this and thanked Director Skinner and Dave Noel with Forsgren for their efforts.

Lighting upgrades and the available rebates through the Bonneville Power Administration for the overpass and fire station were reviewed. The over pass project total cost including labor would be \$9,000 with a rebate of 70% for a net cost to the City of \$2,700. The fire station project includes all lights in both bays and the meeting room and with the rebate would only cost the City \$670. The Mayor pointed out that funds are budgeted for updating facilities to LED lighting. The Council agreed it was a good deal. Councilmember Goode asked about the State's responsibility to maintain the lighting on the State Highways. Director Skinner explained that the State may install and update lighting as part of highway improvement projects but then the lighting becomes the City's responsibility to maintain. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the two LED lighting projects as presented for the overpass and the fire station. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The City Hall parking lot asphalt replacement bid of \$22,000 from Liddil Paving was considered. Director Skinner explained the parking lot could not be repaired. Mayor Smith expressed that he has mixed feelings about the project because there are so many other areas that need fixed but this is the lowest price that's been quoted in the past few years. Director Skinner mentioned that he supports using Liddil Paving who are local and have been available to do patching around town at short notice. Councilmember Goode moved to proceed with the City Hall parking lot project to be completed by Liddil Paving, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

The replacement of the Vactor sewer truck was considered. Last year's repair estimate was \$51,000 and after the repairs the trade-in value would be \$75,000 to \$80,000 but Metroquip would prefer not to take a trade-in and the City may be able to sell the truck to another municipality. The crew has been doing only the minimum repairs needed to keep it running. The quote for a new truck is \$424,000 which was budgeted for a 7 year lease-purchase which is about half the life the truck. The City could piggy-back on Mountain Home's bid with the only difference in the options on our truck being double axles and a larger tank. Councilmember Lau suggested repairing the truck which will cost less than one year's payment and see how long that will last. Councilmember Goode agreed and was willing to pursue the repair option. Mayor Smith pointed out the importance of having high reliability with this truck with 9 out of 10 emergencies relying on the Vactor truck. Councilmember Lau agreed it was essential. The Council also discussed and considered the cost of a new engine and transmission. Director Skinner pointed out the repair estimate was a year old and would need to be reassessed along with the need to rent another truck while it is being repaired. Councilmember Hart also agreed with Councilmember Lau and stated he is inclined to try the rebuild and get by another couple of years while researching

and bidding out other options. Councilmember Gambles expressed his concerns about reliability. Mayor Smith instructed Director Skinner to get the repairs reassessed including everything not just the necessities along with getting a quote on rental costs and the cost to replace the engine and transmission. The Mayor also asked that replacement of the truck be kept in future budgets because of the importance of the equipment.

Director Skinner presented pictures and a bid from D & J Construction for grinding uneven sidewalks on Main Street. The purpose is to smooth the tripping hazards in the business district. The Council briefly discussed that the sidewalk maintenance was the responsibility of the property owner but all agreed it would be a good thing for the City to do. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the sidewalk grinding project up to \$2500, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Smith noted that he had previously talked about increasing the fine for driving through the park and on trails and put the fine amount on the signage to try and deter the unauthorized motor vehicles. A proposed ordinance was presented that would increase the fine from \$300 to \$1000 for review. The ordinance will be scheduled for approval at the next meeting.

Director Skinner mentioned that two large groups have upcoming service projects and requested ideas from the Mayor and Council. The High School will be doing a project on April 24th and the LDS Stake service will take place in June or September with 100 plus people working 4 to 6 hours. Councilmember Lau mentioned the Hooper Park pavilion needed maintenance along with brush and tree trimming. The Mayor also suggested dead wood trimming at Kelly Park but it may require chain saws and he is not comfortable with students and volunteers doing that type of cleanup.

Clerk Vorwaller presented the budget calendar for review bringing attention to the date of August 16th for the scheduled budget hearing. The Mayor and Council accepted the budget calendar and date of the budget hearing. Clerk Vorwaller will notify the County Clerk by April 30th as required.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk