
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR MITCHELL J. HART, PRES. JON D. GOODE ROBERT M. LAU SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director Austin & Jackie Robinson Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk Wendi Young Gregg Haney, Attorney Jason Eborn Chief Scott Shaw II Lorraine Myers

The invocation was given by Austin E. Robinson, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes necessary he then moved to accept the January 6th, 2020 minutes in their current form and dispense with the reading. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable were reviewed. Councilmember Gamble moved to accept the accounts payable for January 1st through January 13th, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner updated the Mayor and Council on the final pump test completed on the Formation Well. It was successfully pumped at 2500 gallons per minute for 24 hours with a drawdown of 39 feet. There has been no decrease noticed in the pond level. It will be quiet for a couple months and then they will start installing the well house toward the end of March.

Wendi Young, Committee Chair for the local Boy Scouts program, which is reorganizing since the loss of its major sponsor the LDS Church, requested permission to use the Teen Center for weekly den meetings and activities. She explained that pack meetings would be held at the school. Jason Eborn, representing the Boy Scout Council expressed his full support for the efforts of Wendi Young. Their goal is to maintain a scouting presence in every community especially because of the great heritage it has in the area and make sure anyone that wants to still be involved in scouting has the opportunity including young ladies. Mr. Eborn noted the City’s Teen Center building was impressive and would be a
great place for the scouts to be able to meet. Mrs. Young mentioned they currently have 12 boys signed up between the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts and have plans to attend scout camp at Island Park. Sid Davis of Stoneridge Construction has agreed to sponsor the troop. Councilmember Goode requested to have ICRMP review the liability insurance and let us know if there are any concerns. Councilmember Hart suggested they touch base with former troops who may have funds and supplies they are willing to gift along with getting the advancement records transferred. Councilmember Lau mentioned some that would like to finish their Eagle Scout. Mr. Eborn stressed that all previous scouts are welcome to continue. The current use of the Teen Center was discussed. Mrs. Young reported the reopening proposed by Mark Humble about a year ago was not successful. Councilmember Goode wondered if the Historical Society still had a need to use it and if the Police Department still had storage in the basement. Chief Shaw noted there are still items secured in the basement. Mrs. Young noted they will not be using the basement at all. Councilmember Hart suggested we clarify who has precedence and who owns the equipment still in the building. All agreed it would be a good use of the building and supported the Boy Scouts. Councilmember Lau moved to approve, under the direction of Wendi Young as Committee Chair, for the Boy Scouts to use the Teen Center contingent on ICRMP’s review and clarifying there is no conflict with other users. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Council thanked Mrs. Young for her efforts.

Austin E. Robinson, 39 year veteran of the Soda Springs Lions Club, requested the City’s annual sponsor for the upcoming Distinguished Young Women’s Program. He mentioned they have eleven girls signed up this year and seven are from Soda Springs and four from Grace. He also explained that all the sponsor funds go to the scholarships and he suggested a slight increase in the City’s sponsor amount. Councilmember Hart moved to authorize the sponsorship amount of $425 for the Distinguished Young Women’s Program. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. On behalf of the Soda Springs Lions Club, Mr. Robinson thanked the City.

The amended Consent Order for the Formation Spring project was revisited for final review and approval. Director Skinner went over a few minor corrections and pointed out the City should not have to submit anything else but the as-built drawings. Councilmember Goode moved to authorize the Mayor to approve the amended consent order with the minor changes as made by the City Director and reviewed by the City Attorney. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

A System Pressure Evaluation completed by Forsgren Engineers was presented for review. The Evaluation is intended to provide recommendations on the efficiency of the existing pressure reducing valves (PRV) and placement of new PRV’s to improve the regulation of the city wide water system pressure. The Evaluation includes a list of long and short term recommendations, identifies the problem areas of low and high pressure, and has a list of things to continue to study. The Council briefly discussed known areas of concern. The Director explained that he, the Water Department Staff and the Engineers were reviewing in-depth the Evaluation report to be sure everyone understands the information and
determine if more field work needs to be done. Councilmember Hart asked if the City could be split into zones and a series of meters installed to see where the high usage areas are. The Director stated yes that may be part of the continued evaluation he also pointed out how the Ledge Creek line was mentioned as being unreliable and reminded the Council that half of the new transmission line had already been installed. Some of the work may require approvals and most would be contracted work. After review the Director will come back with some action items and a review of the available budget.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Councilmember Hart moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart
                     Robert Lau
                     Scott Gambles
                     Jon Goode

Those voting nay: none

Absent: none

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Hart moved to authorize the Mayor and Council to finalize the engagement letters to Bayer and the Greenfield Environmental Trust regarding environmental concerns. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The second meeting in February was discussed and several people will be out of town. Whether to reschedule will be decided at the February 5th meeting.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk