

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD MARCH 3RD, 2021.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Lau Alan Skinner, Engineer
 Tony & Teresa Salvi Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
 Brock Byram Gregg Haney, Atty via telephone
 Josh & Amity Hansen
 Cindy Erickson Chief Scott Shaw II
 Dorajo Messerly CeJay Golightly

The invocation was given by Dan Lau, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed the minutes as drafted and noted no changes needed. He then moved to approve the February 17th, 2021 minutes in their current draft form and dispense with the reading. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the accounts payable dated February 16th through February 28th, 2021 along with the payroll for the month of February, 2021. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. Councilmember Goode questioned another hydro-jetting expense. Engineer Skinner will check on it and report back. Councilmember Hart noted the overtime was down from 12% to 6%. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Tony Salvi and wife Teresa introduced themselves as the new owners of M R & E Inc., the City's garbage contractor. They expressed their excitement to be in Soda Springs and are enjoying the small town. Mr. Salvi let the Mayor and Council know if they needed anything to be sure to get ahold of him. The Mayor and Council thanked them for coming in and welcomed them to town.

The project list was briefly reviewed. Engineer Skinner presented the engineering for the three priority projects which included the City wide pressure reducing valve (PRV) project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant bridge crane and the utility replacement project on a section of South 2nd East Street. Engineer Skinner requested direction on the next projects to start getting engineering done on for the upcoming budget. Councilmember Lau suggested getting some other projects ready as soon as possible because the Biden

Administration may have funds becoming available for infrastructure. Engineer Skinner will send out a list of projects to consider. Councilmember Hart noted the City Street to highway transitions are falling apart. Engineer Skinner clarified it would be the City's responsibility to repair. The condition of the Nucor Slag used on Main Street is holding up good and looks good noted Councilmember Hart. Engineer Skinner mentioned there is still a problem with locating water lines and it is a little more expensive.

Councilmember Hart mentioned there are some grants available for canal lining and asked who owns the canal used to run the hydro plants. Engineer Skinner was not sure and will check on that. He explained the City does provide weed control in the canal. Councilmember Hart asked if the hydro plants were functioning. Engineer Skinner reported #5 was but they were still working on #4.

Mayor Robinson presented Dan Lau for reappointment to the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee (GSSCDC). He also requested approval of Debbie Dumont as a new appointment mentioning her willingness to take on the treasurer position for the Carriboo Development Foundation (CDF). Councilmember Goode moved to approve the appointment of Debbie Dumont as a new member of the GSSCDC, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried. The Mayor administered the oath of office, reappointing Dan Lau to the GSSCDC. After some technical difficulties with the video conference Ms. Dumont came into City Hall and the Mayor administered her oath of office. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Dumont for her interest in serving on the committee.

Head Librarian, Cindy Erickson let the Mayor and Council know about a grant from Bayer that will allow for the purchase of digitization equipment including a camera, tripods, scanners, a computer, flash drives and photo lights. It will be set up in a designated space in the Historical Society's building and will be available to the community to digitize historic pictures and documents. Mrs. Erickson expressed her excitement for the marvelous idea because they have so many old photos and documents at the Library but not enough space for the equipment. The Historical Society was very interested and will be assisted by Robin Thomas of Grace who has been doing this and has experience.

Dorajo Messerly, Children's Librarian, shared her desire to start a story walk program and requested permission to set it up in the City's parks. The idea is to exercise both the body and the mind by reading a children's book in stages while walking along a short trail or in an outdoor park. The Mayor and Council supported and approved the program.

Regarding the proposed development of the property north of Lewis Subdivision, Josh and Amity Hansen presented a drawing showing the proposed development of a private access road to the property. The Hansen's would like to get a building permit to start construction. The Council and Staff discussed the need for an agreement with all adjoining land owners and land owners who will access their property using the private road. Engineer Skinner stated the approvals to place culverts or move the canal from the Department of Water Resources and the Army Corp will also need to be received. Attorney Haney clarified that the City cannot land lock property and so cannot vacate the platted City Street until another access has been created or an easement agreement with all the effected

land owners is in place and recorded. Engineer Skinner also noted the need for the surveys to be completed at the cost of the developer or land owner. The necessary items to proceed with the vacation of the street were discussed at length. The vacation will require notices to be mailed and a public hearing held. The Hansen's will continue to work on gathering the required documents.

During citizen input Mayor Robinson read a letter from the Bailey Creek Fire District expressing appreciation for the City Fire Department's prompt arrival and professionalism on a recent fire they responded to. The Mayor and Council commended the City Firemen and Chief Squires for doing a good job and pointed out how lucky the City is to have Chief Squires.

The status of the cargo/shipping containers proposed code amendment was briefly updated. Mayor Robinson explained he had put together an informal meeting for Wednesday, March 10th to meet with interested parties to discuss further and clarify the proposed code. He mentioned it will be a little more focused discussion to help clear up some items. Councilmember Hart noted he wanted to keep it on the agenda and make sure people know it is not getting put on the shelf. He suggested briefly sharing additional ideas. Councilmember Goode addressed the concept of grandfathering which would be okay with him to basically ignore the ones already placed and that is what the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended. Councilmember Goode further clarified that containers were illegally placed and the City never enforced the City code on those. He explained the original proposed ordinance required preexisting containers to get a conditional use permit, but he is okay with instead doing an inventory and inspection fee, checking for utilities and require a matching color. But the other question is do we go with the conditional use for all future placement or just put in place a set of rules to meet and require a permit. The draw back to no conditional use is people don't have a chance to voice their concerns. Councilmember Goode is concerned about taking away the conditional use process but clarified the City is not trying to eliminate the use of containers. The Mayor suggested seeing how his work meeting goes. Attorney Haney clarified any changes to the current proposed ordinance will be material and will require republishing and public hearing. Brock Byram asked to be invited to the Mayor's work meeting.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk