MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD MARCH 4TH, 2020.

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:	

ALSO PRESENT:	Mark Steele	Alan Skinner, Director
	Austin & Jackie Robinson	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
		Gregg Haney, Attorney

The invocation was given by Alan Skinner, 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 additional changes then the highlighted section presented that made a minor change to the paragraph regarding the Conda mining operations. He then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the February 19th, 2020 minutes in the current form presented. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for February 18th – February 29th, 2020 and the payroll for the month of February. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. The high cost of grease for the sewer department was questioned which Director Skinner stated he would check on but explained some applications require a food grade. The \$292,000 Thomas Drilling bill was also discussed and the Director explained it was the final for the well drilling but they will be installing a bladder in the transmission line connection which is part of their contract. A vote on the motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

The Mayor and Council reviewed the 2019 fiscal year audit as completed by Deaton & Company, CPA's. Councilmember Goode noted he had reviewed the financials and would move to ratify the audited financial statement as presented from Deaton & Company. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Goode also noted his review of the letter from Deaton & Company and their recommendation that the City prepare a written internal control policy. He moved to authorize Clerk Vorwaller to investigate options and report back in the next month. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Goode added, in respect to internal controls, he has become aware of exposure to cyber

risks affecting all entities. He asked the Clerk to check on if ICRMP covers cyber loss and what that includes, what cyber protections our computer technician is providing, along with checking into training for staff and the City Council. Councilmember Hart mentioned that Matt Galloway at the County has done presentations for the community and may be a good resource.

JoAnna Ashley, Caribou County Planning & Zoning Administrator addressed the Mayor and Council in an official capacity with a formal recommendation from the County Commissioners to start the re-negotiations regarding the Area of Impact (AOI) agreement. She mentioned she will also be going through this process with Grace and Bancroft. She explained how the current agreement includes the City's Code from October 2016 and any changes the City has made to the Code since then have not been incorporated into the AOI agreement and are not being considered when AOI applications are processed by the County. She reviewed in detail the County's new code, which has been significantly improved, and the similarities between it and the City's Code and also pointed out items in the County code that would benefit the City in regards to managing the AOI. She also discussed the septic system issues that can be avoided with the protections that have been incorporated into the County's code. Mrs. Ashley presented a draft amendment to the current agreement that would adopt the County's new code to govern the AOI. Her hope is to start the negotiation process and come up with a more simplified approach that is easier to maintain. Councilmember Goode briefly reviewed the history of establishing the current agreement. Councilmember Hart asked about the time line. Mrs. Ashley stated there is no real deadline but would like to get it done by the end of the year. Mayor Robinson asked Mrs. Ashley to let the elected County Officials know that he would appreciate some of them attending City Council meeting in case the City has questions for them. Mrs. Ashley pointed out the prior process started with joint meetings of the City and County's Planning & Zoning Commissions. Councilmember Hart asked the Mayor how he would like to proceed. He suggested having the City Attorney and Director Skinner review. Councilmember Goode noted if the majority of the two codes are similar then he suggested focusing on the small portion that is different and consider what potential problems it can solve or cause. All agreed to have the City Attorney and the Director start the review process over the next month. Councilmember Goode suggested the Planning & Zoning would then review the major components as identified by the Attorney and Director and offer their recommendations. Mrs. Ashley offered a handbook/tool guide that was used during the last negotiations which she feels is still a very good resource. The Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Ashley for her time.

During citizen input Austin E. Robinson commented on the presentation made by Mrs. Ashley regarding the City's area of impact agreement with the County. He mentioned that initially he had concerns when he read the County Commissioner's meeting minutes that they had decided to take over the area of impact but he may have misunderstood.

Director Skinner gave an update on the progress and costs of the Formation Spring Well project. The final portion of the Thomas Drilling contract includes \$7,750 to install the bladder after the line is brought to elevation by Vaughn Smith. Vaughn Smith has increased their contract by \$90,000 which they feel addresses items that were missing from the

original bid including a peaked roof and log siding the Panting's requested. Director Skinner suggested holding them to their original contract and any increases be justified on a change order basis. Also a big portion of the Vaughn Smith contract is for excavation which he recommends removing from the contract and instead contract with Lancaster Trenching who specialize in rock excavation. Lancaster will mobilize for only \$2500 and they are able to trench up to 150 feet a day with their specialized rock saw. Two bids for piping and flow meters were reviewed. The flow meters have to be on the approved list from the Department of Environmental Quality. Other outstanding items include the well house stairs, handrail, heating, ventilation, cooling, electrical and crane rental. The Director mentioned he is getting a cost estimate to run power from the pole by the Panting's. Councilmember Lau suggested getting additional bids on the higher dollar piping items. The Director noted it is 700 feet from the well to the tie-in point and a worst case scenario for the rock excavation could be \$49,000 and then some work to flatten the crushed rock and bed the piping.

The Ender's building security system proposals were again reviewed. Director Skinner stated the Lancaster's proposal is a cloud based system with 8 cameras for \$3,000. The other proposals include on-site secure storage systems and range from \$9,000 to \$18,000. The pros and cons of the different systems were discussed. Director Skinner recommended the EZ Access, entry level system for \$9,534.68. The system would be housed in the locked tool room that was not part of the lease and is controlled by the City. Councilmember Goode suggested making sure the system was protected from water damage. The Mayor and Council asked Director Skinner to talk to the Lancaster's about their share of the cost and report back.

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 nay:

Those voting aye:	Ν
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Absent: none

none

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Lau moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor. motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 1TH DAY OF MARCH. 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk