
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. ROBERT M. LAU SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: Jon D. Goode Clyde Nelson, Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director Michael Jenkins Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk

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

Councilmember Goode and Attorney Nelson were absent and excused.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Hart moved to dispense with the reading and approve the February 21st, 2018 minutes as presented. Director Skinner noted a name correction which Clerk Vorwaller stated she had corrected. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll for February, 2018 were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for February 20th thru February 28th along with the payroll for the entire month of February, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Lau. Councilmember Hart asked how much an hour the referees are paid. Director Skinner explained they are paid $10 a game and less to the score keepers. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner reviewed the Air Methods/Air Idaho Rescue proposal to set up a permanent air medical base at the Soda Springs Allen H. Tigert Airport. The proposal includes placing a 45 foot square hangar on Lot 5 where Rodger Sorenson’s hangar was destroyed by wind. The new hangar is larger than what was there but Director Skinner stated he felt it would fit without a problem. The hangar lease would require $5,000,000 liability insurance coverage proposed by Attorney Nelson for a commercial operation. Air Idaho Rescue whose legal name is Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC explained to Director Skinner that the insurance requirement is the minimum coverage they have for their business and it would not be a problem, they will just need to show the City as additionally insured. The proposal also includes placing a premanufactured/modular unit at the Airport as an office and staff relaxation quarters. They would like to have it in place by March 22nd. The manufactured home would be placed where the previous mobile home was located and security cameras would be installed including an extra one facing the entrance of the Airport to provide security to the City. The Air Rescue operation will need
Jet A fuel which will require a tank or truck to be placed on-site. Director Skinner suggested the fuel be located north of the current fuel tank. Another item to consider is the need for snow removal. Director Skinner mentioned if the Airport became 1st priority it would take away from the business district and is something that may need to be addressed. Mr. Michael Jenkins with Air Methods explained their time restraints with getting all of their equipment moved over here as soon as possible and Director Skinner pointed out a connex type storage building, which is an allowed use, may be needed temporarily during construction of the hangar. Director Skinner also briefly mentioned a proposal from another individual to build a hangar with living quarters in it. The proposal includes the need for utilities and the developer is offering to extend the asphalt to the new hangar. Director Skinner stated he will work with Idaho Air Rescue and Attorney Nelson to draft the necessary leases and send them out for the Council’s review. Mr. Jenkins mentioned that normally they do not operate on such a rushed schedule and he appreciates how great the City has been to work with.

Director Skinner informed the Mayor and Council that the employees of Zachry, the maintenance contractor for Monsanto, have volunteered to remove snow and provide trash pick-up year round on the asphalt path that runs along North 3rd East Street going out to Hooper Park. The proposal would allow residents to use the pathway year round and keep walkers and runners off the road for safety. A hold harmless agreement for Zachry to sign was presented for review. The Mayor and Council supported and were appreciative of the proposal from Zachry. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the proposal and the hold harmless agreement contingent on both parties acceptance. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) follow up letter from the Wastewater Treatment Plant inspection performed on February 15th was presented by Director Skinner. The letter included an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report from their Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) showing multiple Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) non-receipt violations. Director Skinner explained that his email submission proves the reports were submitted on time. They may have been on the last day but sent on time with the problem being that samples have to be taken on the last day of the month and then the DMR is due by the 10th of the month giving limited time to get the testing reports back from the lab. Director Skinner stated he will be asking the permit writer to change the due date for the DMR’s in the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to give the City sufficient time to get the lab reports back.

Director Skinner gave an update on the utility and improvement projects. The Hooper Spring cover replacement options are on the website and will be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Committee and the trash rake will be delivered in the next couple weeks. Director Skinner reported that neither of the two additional grants, one for 7th East Street and the Child Pedestrian Safety Grant was received. Specific information on why the Child Pedestrian Safety grant was not received was shared with the Council. Director Skinner mentioned that he will now proceed with advertising for the utility replacement project planned for South 1st East Street. Mayor Robinson expressed his support for the trash rake and lift station improvements. Councilmember Lau mentioned the parks drawings that
were presented a couple of meetings ago asking for the Council’s comments on the proposed park layouts and specifically the City Park proposal understanding there are limited maintenance funds for the parks. Councilmember Lau suggested doing away with the basketball court and moving the hoops to the old tennis court area to give more room for all the play equipment to be located in the same vicinity and limit the amount of asphalt surface to maintain pointing out that the lighting is better for the basketball hoops in that area. Councilmember Gambles suggested the Parks & Recreation Committee review Councilmember Lau’s suggestions. Councilmember Hart appreciated the suggestions but would like to wait and see what the playground group ends up actually doing as far as budget and scope before making any decisions about changes to City Park. Councilmember Lau mentioned his concern about the community’s response to moving the old playground equipment. Councilmember Hart mentioned that the Council has comments on the parks proposals to share and can be discussed with the upcoming budget process.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Director Skinner presented a request from the Greenfield Trust to place seven additional monitoring wells on City property and also eight on other properties around the area. The proposed locations were reviewed in detail and Director Skinner will work with them to place in acceptable locations. Attorney Nelson has drafted an addendum to the agreement that is already in place to allow for the additional wells. There will be no changes to the agreement except they have changed the drilling contractor they are working with. Councilmember Hart mentioned the proposal shows a new type of well that is looking at deeper levels compared to the original wells that were shallow. Mayor Robinson asked about a point of contact for Greenfield when citizens have questions. Director Skinner stated he has enough information to answer questions.

Councilmember Gambles reported that he had presented to Monsanto, as a token of the City’s appreciation, a shadow box created using some vintage recreation uniforms showing Monsanto’s support of the City’s recreation program for many years. The gift was well received by Monsanto.

Councilmember Gambles also mentioned he would need to be absent for the next meeting on March 21st and Councilmember Hart will need to call in. All agreed the meeting could continue as scheduled.

Councilmember Hart, 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 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:
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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk