



1971. If we can provide an affidavit showing the City was using water from Formation Springs prior to May 1971 when the law changed then the City would have the right to expand that water right to municipal use. This may solve the problem but will need to find that evidence.

Clerk Vorwaller presented the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) Agreement for the \$250,000 Child Pedestrian Safety Grant awarded to the City. The Clerk explained that the funding would be received after the agreement was signed and approved and if the project is not completed the City would be responsible to return the funds. A schedule of the project and reporting deadlines and requirements were reviewed. Director Skinner reported he had begun work on the engineering and bidding process for the project. The Council and Staff reviewed the scope of the project and the possibility of including additional improvements in the project if the bids come in favorable. Attorney Haney stated he reviewed the agreement and found no concerns. Councilmember Goode moved to approve to accept the \$250,000 Child Pedestrian Safety Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute the LHTAC agreement and proceed with the next steps. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Galen Wilson, representing the Caribou Historical Society requested the City waive the building permit fees for the remodeling they are doing of the old Stoor's Grocer building. He mentioned that they had already received a waiver from the County who they understood gets 70% of the fees. Director Skinner discussed with Mr. Wilson whether they will actually need a building permit and agreed it would be best if they plan to make alterations to any stairs or do concrete work. The building permit fee for up to a \$50,000 project would be about \$600. Councilmember Hart moved to waive the building permit fee for the renovation at 100 East Hooper in the likely event a building permit is required. Mr. Wilson thanked the Council and reported they hope to have the building open to the public, so they can see the progress of the renovations and be selling candy, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

The infrastructure improvement project list was reviewed. The Hooper Spring structure is ready and when the weather permits they will pull off the old roof and set the new steel frame. A contractor will then put the wood on. Director Skinner mentioned he is working with Councilmember Lau on ideas for a Kelly Park subdivision on the west side of the park. They will have plans and some estimated costs for next meeting. The project list includes finishing up fencing at Kelly Park to keep kids away from the railroad tracks on the west side of the park and east of the tracks. The materials were already purchased and just need to hire labor to install it. The Public Works Department is looking at options for a service truck and will be presenting ideas of what will work best for the crew. In order to design the correct pumps for the #3 lift station a transducer has been installed to monitor flow, pressure and amperage. There is limited space where #3 is located and might not be able to install above ground pumps.

Director Skinner presented two utility upgrade projects identified as the priorities for use of this year's budget. They are two sewer line replacements both are old orangeburg pipe; 260 feet on 1<sup>st</sup> West from Highway 30 running north to the Caribou County Sun will also

include installation of a manhole. The other line is 290 feet on 3<sup>rd</sup> East Street and runs in the back yards between 321 North and 313 North. The crew already had to replace 70 feet of this line and there may be a shed and garage built over the old line that will have to be addressed. Both lines will be replaced by the City's crew if possible contracting out the asphalt on 1<sup>st</sup> West. Director Skinner requested approval to move ahead with engineering and cost estimates for the two projects which should cost less than \$10,000. Councilmember Lau moved to approve authorizing Director Skinner to move forward with engineering for the two projects, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Austin E. Robinson, representing the Soda Springs Lions Club asked the City to support the annual Distinguished Young Women's scholarship program as they have done in the past. Mr. Robinson explained that all funds received from sponsors goes into the scholarships. They currently have 11 to 12 girls participating this year. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the \$400 sponsorship as in the past, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

During citizen input Austin E. Robinson commended the City crews and said he was happy with the job they did trying to keep up with the snow this winter.

Director Skinner gave a brief update on repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He informed the Mayor and Council that the chain in the north aerator basin had failed again and it will be replaced with the updated type of chain that is supposed to last longer. The plant has had no violations and was designed to run at full capacity on one side if necessary. Director Skinner also mentioned that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) decided he hadn't been filling out the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) correctly and they are going to change the last three years of electronic reports and have him re-sign them for their records.

Councilmember Goode asked about the Department of Environmental (DEQ) surveys for commercial and industrial users and if there was a deadline. Director Skinner stated he had not completed them yet and needed to get them into everyone's hands. He explained there really wasn't a deadline but it needed to be completed before the City's next inspection due in a couple of years.

The 2018 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements were reviewed by the Mayor and Council along with the Auditor's letter. Councilmember Hart moved to accept the 2018 FY Audit and letter as presented. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Gambles requested a list of members and terms for the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission. He mentioned a possible new member for the Parks and Recreation Commission and will have him contact the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Mayor.

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Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk