
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

EXCUSED: SCOTT K. GAMBLES

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director Bill & Denise Horsley Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk Michael Jenkins Clyde Nelson, Attorney via telephone Laura Lind Dave Summers Helen Barker Alana Burns

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

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode moved to dispense with the reading and approve the March 6th, 2018 minutes in their current draft form. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The pre-paid accounts payable for March, 2018 were reviewed. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the accounts payable for March 1st through March 19th, 2018. There were no questions on the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Mayor Robinson reported that an agreement could not be reached with Zachry because of the insurance requirements. The Zachry employees had volunteered to provide snow removal and trash clean-up on the Hooper Pathway. The Mayor requested that the City Council come up with a way to make it easier for groups to volunteer. He expressed his desire to not lose the City's valuable volunteers. He also mentioned that Zachry is willing to do other projects for the City if we can come up with an agreeable arrangement. Attorney Nelson pointed out the difference between individuals and civic groups that volunteer and a company that is letting their employees volunteer while working and directed by the Company. He suggested Zachry should be able to cover their employees with workman's compensation and liability insurance. Mayor Robinson will have Zachry submit a proposal that is agreeable to them for the City's review.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the draft lease for Rocky Mountain Holdings doing business as Air Idaho Rescue. The lease is for Airport lot # 5 for a hangar and the area
where the mobile home used to sit to place a manufactured home for an office and 24/7 staff. Attorney Nelson stated that the appropriate name and address for Rocky Mountain Holdings needed to be clarified for the lease. The lease rate for the hangar is .15 cents a square foot as set by resolution and will run approximately $300 a year. The Council considered an appropriate amount for the office space and reviewed the insurance and fuel storage requirements. Councilmember Goode pointed out the need for secondary containment for the fuel storage which will either be a truck or a tank. The Council agreed the lease should be amended to require some sort of secondary containment provisions. Councilmember Hart proposed $120 a month for the office space lease with concurrence from the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Hart moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the lease incorporating the discussed amendments and having the entity aligned with the appropriate signers. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the survey results and comments submitted regarding options for replacement of the Hooper Spring cover. Director Skinner explained the original design option was intended to look as close as possible to the current design but with more maintenance free materials. Mayor Robinson’s opinion was to keep it looking as close to the original design with modern materials that will hold up better. The Council discussed the options. The Mayor allowed citizen input by Bill & Denise Horsley who expressed their desire for the cover to remain looking as close to the current design as possible. Mr. Horsley also mentioned some other concerns he has regarding the spring being used as a wishing well and urinal. He recommended some additional signage and security cameras. The Council also discussed security lighting and the location of power. Director Skinner stated his goal is to move forward with engineering and repairs this summer. The Mayor and Council agreed to move forward with the current look and pursue materials that will require less maintenance. Councilmember Hart suggested a company that makes a moldable concrete type material to check into. Councilmember Lau moved to approve proceeding with repair of Hooper Springs with the design closest to the original, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

No other comments were presented during citizen input.

Director Skinner presented the land appraisal report for the Formation Well project. Attorney Nelson counseled the Mayor and Council that the appraisal was a confidential document to be used for negotiation between the City and the land owner. The Council may review and it will be scheduled for discussion in executive session at a future meeting.

A brief review of the upcoming infrastructure and improvement projects was held. Director Skinner mentioned the condition of the park maintenance equipment is currently being assessed, the trash rake should be shipping by the end of the week and the 1st East project will be advertised in the paper next week. Mayor Robinson asked if the new mechanic had started a maintenance program to track everything. Director Skinner explained that as much historical data and condition on the equipment is being gathered to build a maintenance schedule and this will be done for all of the equipment.
A letter from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) regarding transmission costs was reviewed. The letter references six power customers in Southeast Idaho that upcoming changes may affect. Director Skinner explained that our current contract states BPA will cover the transmission for the first leg on BPA and Rocky Mountain Power lines. He does not believe the change will affect the City unless the power needs increased significantly but there is a question about the effect on the power generated by the City’s hydro plants. A conference call will be held on Friday to help clarify the changes.

Councilmember Hart mentioned that he is hearing BPA will be building a new substation in the area this year and it will be a busy summer with the Greenfield Trust spending $20 million on clean-up also.

Councilmember Lau mentioned that an emergency planning meeting was held today and questioned why there was no City representative in attendance. Director Skinner mentioned that he is the representative that usually attends but was just busy today and couldn’t make it. Director Skinner presented the large Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan document that was just recently updated and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He has briefly reviewed items that affect the City and he believes Eric Hobson with the Caribou County Emergency Services will be presenting to the Mayor and Council at an upcoming meeting.

Laura Lind and Georgia Brown, representing the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park gave an update on the All-Inclusive Playground Project. They reviewed the funds raised so far and plans for additional fundraisers along with several grants they are still pursuing. Mrs. Lind explained that they currently need to raise $113,000 to meet the project costs with a potential of raising $140,000 through the on-going fundraising and grants. They explained options to decrease project costs if necessary by switching out the wheel chair accessible merry-go-round for a basic one and they could also decrease the surfacing costs by using rubber mulch and pathways instead of the complete surface as designed. The ladies expressed their strong desire to continue with the set schedule for site preparation, lumber ordering and the build day of May 29th through June 2nd asking for the City’s cooperation to meet deadlines and move the old equipment. If they had to postpone it would jeopardize some of the grants and they don’t want to lose momentum. Mrs. Brown requested any Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee or City funds available to go toward the project. Councilmember Hart reviewed the City’s commitment of $5,000, half of which is in-kind stating the City will probably exceed the in-kind amount by helping with site preparation. Mrs. Lind pointed out the need for a significant amount of back fill material and asked if the City’s in-kind could be used toward the fill. Councilmember Lau suggested some options of moving the proposed location of the playground to avoid having to take out all the old equipment. Councilmember Hart did not support considering moving the proposed location. Mayor Robinson expressed his opinion that even though not everyone will be happy other pieces of playground equipment has come and gone over the years and he supports removing what is necessary for placement of the new playground as has been planned. Mrs. Lind mentioned that she was not aware of the age limit of
volunteers in the Memorandum of Understanding when she signed it and would like to have the MOU amended to allow the youth to participate as is outlined in the design company, Leather & Associates plan which includes 10-13 year olds can volunteer with parents and 15-18 years olds can volunteer with a waiver signed by their parent. Attorney Nelson discussed at length concerns about the liability and difficulty supervising the youth. The Council suggested that a draft amendment to the MOU be submitted to Attorney Nelson and the City for review and consideration.

Director Skinner continued to review the playground project discussing the plans in detail and pointing out the requirements set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Friends of the Park group. Director Skinner mentioned that the plans call for 200 holes to be drilled for concrete, a 1% slope for drainage and a 200 amp power service be available for construction. Councilmember Hart stressed that the contractors need to know of the specifications. Based on the MOU the Friends of the Park must show they have all the funding in place to complete the project before the City Council can approve proceeding with construction. The Council and Friends of the Park representatives discussed options and concerns. The Council suggested that Director Skinner could sign a non-disclosure agreement in order for the playground designer, Leather & Associates to release the design specifications to him for review. Also, the Council agreed they were okay with approving a lower cost option and the full project option if the funds are raised.

Director Skinner presented the land survey prepared for the property acquisition from the LDS Church off of 3rd West Street for the street relocation project. The survey was reviewed. Director Skinner will present the survey to the County Commissioners and work on purchase agreements to finalize the land swaps.

Councilmember Hart mentioned that he will need to call in for the next meeting.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk