

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD MAY 5TH, 2021.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR  
MITCH HART, PRES. via telephone  
JON D. GOODE via telephone  
ROBERT M. LAU  
SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele via telephone Alan Skinner, Engineer  
Jeremy Jensen Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk  
Sue Goodenough Gregg Haney, Attorney  
Wade Clark  
CeJay Golightly Chief Scott Shaw II

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

The Mayor noted Councilmembers Hart and Goode were in attendance via video conference and all others were physically in attendance.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and didn't note anything that needed changed. He then moved to accept the minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 in their current draft form and dispense with the reading. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable dated April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> and the payroll for April, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Hart. Councilmember Goode was curious if the police ammunition costs had increased the same as for everyone else. The Mayor shared that he knew the delays had been the same but not sure on the cost. Councilmember Hart commented on the payment for tree trimming and asked what trimming was being done internally with the new position created? Engineer Skinner explained all trimming except for power line maintenance was being done inhouse with the new position. 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)

Wade Clark addressed the Mayor and Council requesting an extension of the approval of the preliminary plat for phase 2 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> addition to the Finlayson Subdivision. Mr. Clark explained that he had worked out an agreement with the owner Ken Finlayson to pursue development of the already platted area. He understood the approval had expired but is requesting an extension in order to proceed with getting new approvals from the

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Councilmember Goode stated he is okay with granting an extension as long as the same criteria is required as was discussed two years ago. The Council briefly discussed and agreed. Councilmember Goode then moved to approve a two-year extension of the original 2002 preliminary plat of phase 2 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> addition to the Finlayson Subdivision contingent on approval of the fire hydrant placement, storm water drainage engineering, working with the City on connection/looping of the water mainline and DEQ approval. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Clark mentioned the plan was to build 1500 to 2000 square foot stick-built homes in the price range of \$250,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Goodenough thanked the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Robinson declared a public hearing open at 5:15 pm for the purpose of giving consideration to the application of Jeremy Jensen, 171 N Main Street, Soda Springs, Idaho for a zoning reclassification to change the property owned by him from an (R-1) Single Family Residential Zone to an (C-1) Neighborhood Commercial Zone. The proposed reclassification will allow the 1.17 acres in Block 55 owned by the Jensen's to be used for additional multiple-family dwellings. The Clerk reported written comments were received by the Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z) from Phil & Suzanne Young, Ronald Owens and Forrest & Jennifer Gibson and the City Council had received them for review. Councilmember Lau asked if the traffic was really that bad and questioned the complaints about the traffic. Councilmember Goode agreed and stated he rides his bike on that road and hasn't witnessed a traffic problem. Councilmember Lau stated he understands people don't like change but there is a need for housing. Engineer Skinner pointed out the P & Z's support for property rights and allowing the current use to be able to be rebuilt if destroyed by fire. Councilmember Gambles agreed he hadn't witnessed a traffic issue but acknowledged he doesn't live on the street. Attorney Haney pointed out the possibility of increased traffic has always been there due to the proximity of the commercial zone. Councilmember Goode also reminded everyone the R-1 Zone is not just for housing, and other uses allowed could also increase traffic. Sidewalks and width of the road was briefly discussed. The Mayor asked for comments from those on the phone that may want to comment. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Lau accepted the P & Z's recommendation to approve the reclassification and introduced Ordinance #685 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL; PROVIDING A LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE PROPERTY RECLASSIFIED. A motion was then made by Councilmember Hart and seconded by Councilmember Goode that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three separate occasions be dispensed with and that the ordinance be read once by title only. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart  
Robert Lau  
Jon Goode  
Scott Gambles

Those voting nay: none  
Absent: none

Motion Carried.

Attorney Haney read Ordinance #685 by title. Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #685 seconded by Councilmember Goode. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Mitch Hart	Those voting nay:	none
	Robert Lau		
	Jon Goode	Absent:	none
	Scott Gambles		

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #685 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Councilmember Lau briefly discussed zoning changes needed and suggested reviewing and handling areas that need addressed by creating a map of areas not zoned for the current uses.

During the time for citizen input the Mayor noted that Main Street was looking busier and busier and again stressed the need to support local businesses and keep commerce in town. Councilmember Lau agreed and added there will be a Cruise for a Cause for the Billman's and he encouraged everyone to come out and help with their fight against cancer. He noted he will be raffling off a Traeger with dinner starting at 6pm and the cruise will be from 7 – 9pm. GHD and Soda Sip will also be participating. Councilmember Gambles commended Ryan Carpenter and the Main Street Cruisers for hosting the excellent event.

Councilmember Goode commended the City Crew on the clean-up going on and has received lots of positive comments from the citizens. He hopes the good efforts continue indefinitely. Councilmember Gambles added how very efficient the City Crew was.

The current projects were reviewed. Engineer Skinner pointed out there were no changes to the list but he did have a couple additions to make. He mentioned that Mr. Dustin Holsten, whose son accidentally died at the playground in City Park last winter, would like to use funds donated to his family to put in a half-pipe for skate boarders and will bring a proposal next meeting. Engineer Skinner also mentioned John with Teton RV will be here next meeting. The City Park security system materials are ordered and while waiting the City Crew will set the three poles needed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> East 4<sup>th</sup> South utility project will incorporate replacing an old service line to 460 South 2<sup>nd</sup> East that was incorrectly installed years ago. The project will be mostly water, asphalt, curb & gutter. The Mayor asked about the Hydro Plant repairs. Engineer Skinner stated he needed to call and check in with the engineers who were reviewing information he sent them and the City may have to pay to have them come look at the plant. The surplus equipment and items at the City Shop have been posted on the Prime Time Auction site and all but one item already have bids.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Robert Lau  
Scott Gambles  
Mitch Hart  
Jon Goode

Those voting nay: none

Absent: 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 6:25pm, seconded by Councilmember  
Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY,  
2021.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk