MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD JUNE 17TH, 2019.

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: Brock & Paige Byrum Alan Skinner, Director

Austin E. Robinson Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk

Gregg Haney, Attorney

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

Mayor Robinson noted that Councilmember Gambles was absent and excused.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes he then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the June 5th, 2019 minutes along with the accounts payable for June 1st through June 14th, 2019. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner noted that the withdrawal confirmation was received from the Idaho Department of Water Resources regarding the 1986 water right application that was never finalized and was withdrawn by the City to clean-up the records. He then gave a brief update on the Formation Well project.

Director Skinner reported the well that was drilled at the Formation Spring did not produce the volume expected and they will need to drill a second well and possibly a third. He presented the invoice from Thomas Drilling and explained it had not been reviewed and approved by the engineers yet. The pump test resulted in 430 gallons a minute drawn down to 106 feet and held for 24 hours. The goal was to be able to produce the maximum City water right of 2600 gallons a minute with the need to be able to pump at least a minimum of 1500 gallons which is the past usage amount in the summer months. He also presented and detailed a proposal from Willow Stick to perform additional studies of the area for \$27,000 and asked for approval to proceed with the study and drilling a second well. The Council and staff discussed the issues encountered and different methods of drilling. Councilmember Hart moved to approve paying the Thomas Drilling invoice contingent on the review and approval of the engineers along with authorizing the contract with Willow Stick for the additional studies and proceeding with a second well based on the study. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The

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Director mentioned that the easement with the landowners will need to be expanded for the additional wells.

The Director reported that he and the Clerk reviewed the budget and felt the repairs and improvements to the Lovers Delight Bridge could be covered with the current budget split between Streets, Water and Sewer funds due to those utilities being part of the project. Director Skinner stated he will try to find a contractor and work on getting some informal bids.

Director Skinner reported that a previously proposed rate increase from the Bonneville Power Administration had been canceled. The Council briefly discussed the current cost for purchased power and transmission costs.

Mayor Robinson commended the City Water Department for their excellent planning and the quickness of the planned water outage.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The variance request of Glen Avery was reviewed. The Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission held a public hearing regarding the request for a variance to the twenty five foot (25') front yard, setback requirement. The variance would allow an addition to the front of an existing garage, encroaching up to six feet (6') into the front set-back at 360 Monsanto Blvd. Councilmember Goode reported that no comments were received and the P&Z recommended approval. Councilmember Lau moved to accept the P & Z's recommendation and approve the variance of no more than 6 feet to the front set-back as requested. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller reviewed and discussed proposals for a new phone system for City Hall. She expressed concerns about a voice over internet protocol (VoIP) type service and the costs involved to set up VoIP versus replacing the traditional phones. The Council suggested getting proposals from Silver Star and CenturyLink to provide a fiber optics service to City Hall. Councilmember Hart will help pursue the options.

The Clerk presented three cost estimates for a new copier for City Hall. The three proposals were received from Allied, Yost and Valley Office. She mentioned that Councilmember Lau suggested trying to get a cost savings by bundling the Library, Police Department and City Hall's copier service. Valley Office Systems was able to take over the maintenance on the Library copier along with offering a lower per copy rate for all three departments. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the new lease and consolidation of accounts through Valley Office Systems, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller requested to close City Hall on July 5th and the staff will take a day of personal time in order to have a long weekend in conjunction with the 4th of July Holiday. Councilmember Hart noted this had been done in the past and it wasn't a problem. The

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Council okayed the July 5th closure. The Clerk will post notice and put online.

The FY2020 proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. Councilmember Goode shared some data regarding the cost of the City's recreation and library programs. Recreation currently costs the tax payers approximately \$100,000 and the Library costs \$240,000 annually. He suggested investigating a county wide library district and Councilmember Lau agreed stating Librarian Erickson was in favor of pursuing a district and should be able to research the steps to take. Councilmember Hart noted proposed funds for capital projects and suggested entertaining the idea of doing away with the tennis courts at Kelly Park. They are currently un-playable and extremely costly to improve and maintain and he feels they service a very small part of the population. He feels the taxpayers would be better served by using the funds for basketball court maintenance and parking area maintenance at City Park. The Director reported there was one grant for the tennis courts that was funded contingent on other grants that were not awarded. City crews could take down the fencing and it could be used for parking. Also discussed was the ice skating rink area and the renewed interest of a local group. The Council discussed and suggested putting some material down to hold the water better. Councilmember Hart will check on a source of a byproduct from the local industry that may work well. The tentative budget will be set at the next meeting on July 17th.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 17^{TH} DAY OF JULY, 2019.

	Austin W. Robinson, Mayor
ATTEST:	
 Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk	