MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD JUNE 17TH, 2020.

Due to the threat of COVID-19, the physical distancing requirements and the limited space in City Hall the meeting was limited to a maximum of 4 in-person attendance but open to all public by telephone conference.

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 ROBERT M. LAU SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT:	Cindy Erickson	Alan Skinner, Director via telephone
	Ryan Carpenter	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
	Mike Peterson	Gregg Haney, Attorney
	Bob Hugo	Chief Scott Shaw II
	Mary Jensen	Mark Steele via telephone

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

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes required as currently drafted he then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the June 3rd, 2020 minutes. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for June 1st through June 15th, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Goode. Councilmember Lau asked about the payments to the County workers for hauling chips. The Clerk explained they are paid at an overtime rate the same as for helping with chip and sealing. The type of chips and where from was also discussed. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Mike Peterson & Bob Hugo representing Bancorp, a bank owned leasing company, explained the police vehicle lease proposal. They specialize and have been very competitive in government leases. Their program is full service getting the best deal on new vehicles, up-fitting them with the needed equipment and helping value and sell old vehicles and then those funds are used to offset the total cost of the new leased vehicles. Chief Shaw explained the need to have UHF radios to communicate with the schools and the issue with the limited coverage they have with the 700 MHz. The vehicle warranty was

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reviewed and the option to lease a portion of the fleet instead of all. Attorney Haney noted the company was incorporated in Florida. Mr. Hugo offered to change the contract if it was a problem and stated they have been working in Idaho for five years and currently has agreements with the City of Pocatello and Preston, Bear Lake and Caribou County plus several others. Attorney Haney expressed concerns about the City deciding to not renew the lease agreement and the burden it would be to then purchase vehicles to replace the leased ones and also asked what the expected mark-up will be at the end of a five year term. Mr. Hugo explained due to the government fleet incentive the vehicle price stays pretty level with slight increases due to manufacturing changes. He also clarified the agreement with the City is not renegotiated and stays the same and the City will always have a revolving line of leasing credit. Councilmember Goode questioned the lease rate and specifics of the lease and asked Chief Shaw what mileage the current vehicles have. The Chief stated four are just under 100,000, one is around 60,000 and the other is about 30,000. Councilmember Lau asked if the Durango's quoted were the best option. The Chief stated he had reviewed everything available and they were the least expensive and best option for their needs, he also noted there was \$35,000 in the current budget. The Chief and Bancorp representatives will put together an estimated value of the current vehicles for further review.

Head Librarian, Cindy Erickson requested approval to spend the \$10,000 budgeted for continued exterior building improvements. She presented a bid to put up water diversion, rain gutter, soffit, fascia and wrap the windows for a total of \$9,715. She also suggested purchasing some additional rock siding to match the existing before it is unavailable. The Friends of the Library are also working to come up with funds to extend the front beams. Mrs. Erickson then reported on a surprise grant for \$10,000 the Library received that will be used in conjunction with a Monsanto grant to beautify the front of the building. A new stone sign is complete and a moose statue ordered. The display will include some landscaping and interactive metal fish art. Mrs. Erickson also reported they will honor long time Library Board member by naming the new children's room after her and will hold a little ceremony. The Council agreed it was very appropriate. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the recommendations for the capital outlay building exterior work for \$9,715, the purchase of the rock siding and the expenditure of the grant funds. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chris Gonzales, presented the proposed bike park design put together with the help of Nat Lopes of Hilride Progression Development Group LLC. Mr. Lopes who addressed the Mayor and Council by conference call noted his extensive experience and thanked Mr. Gonzales for helping to facilitate the remote site visit. Mr. Gonzales stated he hopes to keep moving forward and reviewed the timeline which is pretty aggressive but he wants to keep the momentum going. He mentioned 500 yards of clay dirt was donated by Wood Group and Itafos but they need another 1500 yards of dirt. He has some verbal commitments for equipment help and has the dirt and rock lined up donated by Bayer but is looking for someone to haul it starting next month. He plans to have a groundbreaking ceremony on July 4th and hopefully get all the trails scratched in this summer starting at the bottom of the map and working up from the beginner's trails to the advanced. Next spring they would do the pump track which will be a lot of work. The total cost would be about \$250,000 but he plans to get donations for all but \$36,000. Councilmember Goode likes the design noting the efficient use of space. Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Lau offered for the City to haul the donated dirt from Bayer. Attorney Haney asked about the ongoing maintenance. Mr. Gonzales explained the City would need to mow and provide trash receptacles but the 501c3 would maintain the jumps and he plans to have tools on-site so users can make repairs and help maintain the trails. Attorney Haney addressed the liability concerns and reported speaking with ICRMP last year who explained the users assume their own liability. Mr. Lopes added the design uses best practices for risk management and will include signage for the progressive trails. Mr. Gonzales was aware the construction of the project would need to be covered by liability insurance for the volunteers and he is working on that. He requested approval to move ahead full steam and is looking for the City's support. Councilmember Lau moved to approve accepting the proposal and moving forward with the project, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Ryan Carpenter of the Main Street Cruisers updated the Council on their 4th of July plans. The Oregon Trail Country Club has approved use of the driving range to shoot off the fireworks and they have the support of the City and County Fire Departments. Mr. Carpenter explained they needed the City to sponsor the Cruise Main event and provide the insurance needed for the State Highway permit. It is his understanding that the City's liability insurance company has stated they would provide coverage. Councilmember Goode shared he still has concerns about people clustering together. Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to approve lending support to the Cruise Main Event on the 4th of July by providing the needed insurance for the Highway permit. Mayor Robinson stated he feels this is a great compromise and thanked Mr. Carpenter and the Main Street Cruisers. Mr. Carpenter also mentioned the Pizza's Run Car Show will be held at City Park this upcoming weekend and they will be requiring social distancing.

There was no citizen input.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the estimated costs and bids for the temporary connection to the Formation Spring for a total of \$14,120. Director Skinner explained the proposal includes a butterfly valve and 24 inch PVC pipe. When the tie-in is complete by October it would be removed and the pipe could be reused somewhere. He explained the consent order prohibits any connection to the pond. Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to approve the Vaughn Smith bid for \$14,120 to provide a temporary connection to the Formation Spring until October if necessary. All in favor, motion carried.

The Council reviewed a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) asking to schedule a hand-off meeting for the City's new Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (IPDES). The Council agreed to hold the meeting on June 25th.

An email received by Director Skinner from the Idaho Fish & Game (IDFG) was also reviewed. The IDFG pointed out the City's limitations on the Kelly Park pond which only

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allows under 13 years of age and three fish a day, are not in align with their rules and are unenforceable. They recommended changing the City code to match the IDFG regulations which would allow any age to catch up to six fish a day. The Council agreed. Councilmember Goode moved to accept the recommendation and align the upper Kelly Park pond rules with the IDFG general fishing regulations. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The FY2021 proposed budget was briefly discussed. The list of capital items and the community service items were reviewed. Councilmember Lau requested a shift in funds from parks projects and set aside \$25,000 to go toward a fire station. He again encouraged the Fire Department to fundraise and explore the options of building a fire station that will house the equipment they need and not have to special order equipment to fit in the existing building. Councilmember Goode asked about funds budgeted for an annual utility project in sewer but not water. The Clerk explained the water fund would be depleted by the Formation project and would not have funds available for a project. Councilmember Hart asked that the community service list be updated to show current programs and what has actually been spent the last couple of years.

Councilmember Goode moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(a)&(b) to consider the hiring of a public officer and/or the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of a public officer. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Councilmember Goode moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk