
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 SCOTT K. GAMBLIES

EXCUSED: Clyde Nelson, Attorney

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director Galen Wilson Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk Austin & Jackie Robinson

Scott Shaw Taralee & Eric Christensen Jo Turner Chief Bunderson Rebecca Fryar Cejay GoLightly

Mark Humble Nick Conley Selena Foley Taylor Peck Gina Guthmiller Spencer Hughes

The invocation was given by Taralee Christensen, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

The Mayor noted Attorney Nelson was absent and excused.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Clerk Vorwaller detailed some minor corrections Director Skinner pointed out. Councilmember Goode moved to accept the minutes of June 6th, 2018 subject to the changes as described by the Clerk and dispense with the reading there of. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The pre-paid accounts payable for June, 2018 were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for June 1st through June 15th, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

The Greenfield Trust building donation agreement was revisited. Director Skinner reviewed changes to the agreement clarifying who was responsible for dismantling; lengthening the time the City has to remove the building and making Greenfield liable for their own negligence during the on-site removal. The changes were made by Greenfield’s attorney as requested by Attorney Nelson. The Mayor and Council viewed pictures of the interior of the building and Director Skinner explained that the structural steel and frame is in really good shape but the sheeting would be too hard to salvage. He recommended
accepting the building donation and approving the agreement. The Mayor and Council discussed at length uses for the building and estimated costs to re-construct which could be about $50,000. The Council asked Director Skinner to put together a cost estimate for future reference. He mentioned the cost could be cut with the City Crew doing the assembly. Councilmember Lau mentioned he recently did a larger building and the sheeting cost $8,000. Councilmember Lau moved to approve accepting the donation agreement from the Greenfield Trust for the 40’ by 120’ building. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart reminded the Mayor and Council of the Greenfield site tour scheduled for tomorrow and reviewed who planned to attend. He also mentioned that he attended Monsanto’s open house for their new lab facility. He stated the Monsanto representatives were appreciative of the City’s attendance.

Mayor Robinson declared a public hearing open at 5:15pm for the purpose of giving consideration to the application of Louise Hotchkiss of 301 South 3rd East, Soda Springs, Idaho for a zoning reclassification to change the property owned by her at 301 South 3rd East, Soda Springs, Idaho from an (R-1) Single-Family Residential Zone to an (R-2) Combined Residential Zone. The proposed reclassification would allow a prospective buyer of the property to apply for a conditional use for a day care center. Clerk Vorwaller read the public hearing notice. The Mayor then asked if written comments had been received. The Clerk explained that a letter was submitted by Mrs. Selena Foley who was in attendance to present her comments. Mrs. Foley of 311 South 3rd East expressed her opposition to the zoning reclassification and the day care center. Her concerns included the unsafe condition of the home and the possibility of the home being left uncared for if it was too costly for the new owners to complete the improvements needed. She also expressed concerns about the speeding cars and increasing the amount of traffic on 3rd East Street that is already a very busy street. She feels the day care will be a traffic hazard and it is not in the best interest of the elderly that live in the neighborhood. Mrs. Taralee Christensen, prospective buyer of the property and owner of the Learning Tree Day Care explained her plans for improvement and cleaning in order to meet the State day care requirements. She also mentioned the property will allow for off street parking which should alleviate any traffic hazard concerns. There were no other comments from those in attendance and the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Hart asked if the property abutted an existing R-2 zone and the staff explained that the west side of 3rd East Street was zoned R-2. Councilmember Goode asked the City’s police officers in attendance if they agreed there was a speed issue on 3rd East Street near the property in question. The officers agreed they had not noticed an issue in the location near this property but it was a problem further south as drivers headed out to Bailey Creek. Councilmember Goode also addressed Mrs. Foley regarding her concern of the property being left unused. He explained the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation included a condition that if the property was not used as a day care for over a year that the conditional use would be void. He also pointed out the uses of the R-1 zone which already allows for many similar things like the day care including a school or a church and by conditional use a community club, hospital or playground. Councilmember Hart clarified that the Council
had received and reviewed prior to this meeting all of the comments submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Goode stated taking all of the issues into consideration and in view of the dialogue that took place at the Planning and Zoning meeting moved to approve the P & Z Commissions recommendation to rezone this particular lot at 301 South 3rd East from an (R-1) Single-Family Residential Zone to an (R-2) Combined Residential Zone. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau introduced Ordinance #672 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 R-2 COMBINED RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING A LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE PROPERTY RECLASSIFIED; PROVIDING THAT THE CLERK SHALL CAUSE AN AMENDED ZONING MAP OF THE CITY TO BE PREPARED TO REFLECT SAID RECLASSIFICATION. 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: Robert Lau
Mitch Hart
Jon Goode
Scott Gambles

Those voting nay: none

Absent: none

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #672 by title. Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #672. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Those voting nay: none

Absent: none

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #672 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Mark Humble, local resident, Monsanto employee and Teen Center volunteer gave a brief history of the Teen Center started by Sue Rice and Sue Clark Goodenough and their daughters. He explained that at some point over the last few years he took over management with volunteers. He is aware of the Historical Society’s request to use the building and has discussed with Sue Rice and Galen Wilson trying to get the Teen Center back up and running and also relinquish Mrs. Rice from management making him the primary contact. All parties were agreeable to the proposal. Mr. Humble suggested a three to six month trial period to try and revive the Teen Center and if not successful then the building would be turned over to the Historical Society. Mr. Wilson suggested the Historical Society would like the option to start using the basement to store historical items. Chief Bunderson mentioned the Police Department still has old evidence and
records stored in 2/3 of the basement but there is an area that could be used and Mr. Humble explained the basement is not used by the Teen Center. Councilmember Goode asked what Mr. Humble would consider a successful attendance at the Teen Center. Mr. Humble felt like 10 to 15 kids a night as a minimum would be successful. He briefly reviewed some improvements needed and explained they have some funds available as well as small grant opportunities through Monsanto. Councilmember Hart moved to approve establishing a probationary period to reenergize the teen center over the next 6 months and a report back from Mr. Humble. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The six months will run from July through December, 2018. Mr. Humble thanked the Council for their time and appreciated Mr. Wilson for working with him and allowing this chance to reestablish the Teen Center.

Rebecca Fryar of 260 South Main Street addressed the Mayor and Council during the time for citizen input. Mrs. Fryar expressed her frustration with having her water turned off without notice. She detailed instances where if the water was disconnected during a child’s bath, etc., where it could be very problematic. She did find out that it was due to the City working on a water issue but she would like to receive a call, or text, or a notice on Facebook regarding future outages.

Director Skinner showed a video of the South 1st East sewer line as requested last meeting in order to determine if it would be beneficial to slip line the sewer line instead of replacing. He reviewed in detail showing the condition of the line and minimal areas of concern showing it would be eligible for slip lining. A letter from Forsgren Engineers verified the condition of the sewer line and reported the line appears to have 20 years life in its current condition and the slip lining would extend that to 50. The estimated cost of slip lining is $59,800. The bid schedules submitted by Bear Lake Construction were revisited and discussed by the Mayor and Council. Director Skinner clarified that slip lining was an approved process. Director Skinner recommended accepting schedule 1 to complete the full project but removing the sewer line replacement components as suggested by Forsgren Associates and consider slip lining the sewer line at a later date. The time schedule and budgeted funds for the project were reviewed. The Council agreed they would like to wait and see if the ground water issue on 4th South can be addressed before proceeding with the slip line. Councilmember Lau moved to approve accepting the schedule 1 bid from Bear Lake Construction removing the sewer component for a total project cost of $662,275 beginning with the 4th South Street to 3rd South Street section followed by 3rd South to 2nd South and then the sewer slip lining to follow at a later date. The project will be split between budget years including the $100,000 street grant to cover the total cost, seconded by Councilmember Hart. Clerk Vorwaller pointed out the total current budgeted amount available for water improvements was $200,000 cautioning against the use of the budgeted sewer funds for other than sewer improvements. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Hart commended Director Skinner for making this decision easier with the additional information provided.

Sketches of the proposed Hooper Spring repairs and improvements prepared by Forsgren Engineers were viewed by the Mayor and Council. Director Skinner explained the design
detail which includes a solid steel frame cover with wood exterior and painted redwood logs on the roof. A cost estimate for the improvements will be put together for the next meeting. The preliminary list of roads for chip and seal were reviewed and the estimated costs for County workers, materials and delivery. The chip and seal schedule is based on the transportation plan taking into account recently completed and upcoming utility projects. Director Skinner asked for the Council’s input on streets they feel should be on the priority list. Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to approve proceeding with the annual chip and sealing. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Goode reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s public hearing held regarding the conditional use permit application for a day care center at 301 South 3rd East. After numerous public comments and a lengthy discussion the Commission recommended to the City Council the approval of the conditional use permit with the following conditions: 1) a 6’ (six foot) privacy fence be installed starting from the southeast corner of the house running to the south property line and then from that point, which is in alignment with the back edge of the house, running east to the back property line, creating an “L” shape; 2) that the outside play/engagement of the children does not occur earlier than 8 am and no later than 8 pm; 3) in the event that the property is not used as a daycare for a period of 12 consecutive months the conditional use permit will become null and void and 4) the daycare will operate under the requirements as governed by the State of Idaho for daycares. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the conditional use for a day care center at 301 South 3rd East per the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission including the conditions as recommended and detailed. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Robinson commented that the City is very fortunate to have members of our community who are willing to put on a uniform and badge and deal with the worst and the best of humanity every single day. The Mayor stated it was with great pleasure that he announce his recommendation for the appointment of Sgt. Scott Shaw as the City’s new Chief of Police. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the recommendation to appoint Sgt. Scott Shaw as the new Police Chief, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Hart noted that the attendance of all the officers was a reflection of their support for the new Chief, it was impressive for everyone to show up and he was grateful. The Mayor noted it certainly was a testament to a good working team. Sgt. Shaw mentioned that it was an honor to work with this group of individuals and he knows he has some big shoes to fill in Chief Bunderson and he is looking forward to the challenges and hopes to continue to serve the City and do the best they can. The Council also thanked Chief Bunderson.

The Council considered a request from the Caribou County Search & Rescue to help support the upcoming salmon feed event. Councilmember Lau mentioned that it is the first year for Search and Rescue to take over running the event and he appreciated their efforts along with the great service they provide. He then moved to approve supporting the Caribou County Search & Rescue with $250, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.
The 4th of July activities were reviewed. The Council agreed they would again like to be in the parade in the horse drawn carriage as in the past.

The proposed 2019 fiscal year budget was reviewed in detail. The proposed budget includes a 3% cost of living wage allowance, a 3% property tax increase and a 3% increase to the water, power and sewer rates. Clerk Vorwaller also mentioned adjustments to the Parks salaries were made to include a higher wage for returning seasonal workers as requested by the Parks Supervisor to encourage more return workers which are so valuable and also an adjustment to allow a higher range of wages for more experienced seasonal workers. Director Skinner mentioned that a cost estimate needed to be completed for the construction of the new 220 South Street and an appropriate amount included in the budget to complete the road within the two year agreed upon timeframe. The Council discussed whether sidewalk, curb and gutter would be installed as part of the project and also the use of the City Crew. Director Skinner pointed out the sidewalk on 3rd West would be required. Councilmember Hart suggested pursuing a new technology being used by San Juan County, Utah that may save considerable funds for a limited use road. Clerk Vorwaller detailed changes to the budget regarding Power Fund transfers and expense reimbursements and property tax allocations to keep the budgets within the set levy limits. The Formation Well project timeline and estimated budget was also reviewed and Director Skinner went over the details of the projects estimated costs. The deadline to complete the well project is January 2019 but we will be able to get an extension if needed.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 5TH DAY OF JULY, 2018.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk