MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD JULY 1ST, 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 MITCHELL J. HART, PRES. JON D. GOODE ROBERT M. LAU SCOTT K. GAMBLES via telephone

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT:	Celeste Billman	Alan Skinner, Director
	Mark Steele via telephone	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
		Gregg Haney, Attorney

The invocation was given by Celeste Billman, 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 nothing needed changed or modified then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes from the special meeting of June 10th and the minutes of the June 17th, 2020 meeting in the current draft form. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for June 16th through June 30th, 2020 and the payroll for June, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Hart. The payment to Everlog Systems was reviewed. The Director explained it was the balance due on the siding for the Formation well house. A \$2500 repair to a cooler at the Ender's building and the cost share agreement with the lessee was discussed. Attorney Haney will review the lease agreement. Councilmember Lau asked about a reimbursement to an employee for new boots. He noted this benefit was not included in the City personnel policy and suggested it should be added. A vote on the motion to approve the payroll and accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

The Mayor and Council considered a plan prepared by Recreation Director Celeste Billman to restart recreation programs. She explained the next upcoming sport would be soccer which has a large number of participants. Her plan includes having the different age groups play on separate days to limit people and provide more space to spread out. Councilmember Lau asked if it made sense to limit spectators. Councilmember Hart gave an update on the most recent Governor's conference call. The Governor is moving toward a regional approach and pushing the decisions onto the public health districts because the increases in cases are not state wide. More guidelines will be coming but for the 4th of July the Governor encouraged social distancing, wearing of masks and stay home if you are sick. He explained that even with the increased cases there are only 40 to 50 patients in the hospitals statewide and not more than five on ventilators. He pleaded with everyone to follow the guidelines in order to keep businesses open and he really wants kids to be able to go back to school. The State has a surplus in revenue over expenses and sales tax revenue is up. Most of the new cases have been driven by bars and large gatherings. The State can handle the bars and the large gatherings will be handled by the health departments. Councilmember Hart mentioned the LDS Church will start their go back to church plan in two weeks. Councilmember Hart recommended moving ahead with recreation and strongly encouraging everyone to follow the guidelines and communicate clearly with all coaches, parents and participants. The Council discussed and agreed it would be good to limit spectators. Councilmember Goode recommended the guidelines be included with the registration forms. All agreed. Councilmember Lau thanked Mrs. Billman for putting together the plan. The Council agreed to review the next sports as they come and evaluate whether they can be held safely.

Director Skinner noted the new Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant is in effect as of today, July 1st, 2020. He commented on a list of past violations that were due to a new electronic reporting system that no training was given on and he was using the wrong explanation. These have been reviewed by the regulating agency and will be cleared up. Councilmember Hart asked if any new equipment was required to be installed right now. The Director explained the City has three years and some of the new guidelines require a study be conducted before the equipment would be installed. The only change currently is for more sample testing.

There was no citizen input. Councilmember Hart noted the hands free only cell use in vehicles law went into effect today. Chief Shaw mentioned there will be a 6 month warning period.

Director Skinner gave an update on the Formation Well. The tie-in is complete and running strictly on well water. The volume is easily meeting the demand and is putting out 1500 to 1600 gallons a minute at two feet above the tie-in point. Director Skinner stated he thinks it could put out 1800 gallons a minute without any trouble. The back-up pump system has not been designed yet but he will be working on that in order to budget for the purchase. They are moving forward with final grading, reseeding, and install of gate & fencing. Director Skinner recommended closing out the Vaughn Smith work and getting an electrician and other individual contractors to finish up, which will provide a cost savings. Attorney Haney forwarded a request from the property owner regarding the specific type of gate requested. Director Skinner stated he is aware and the gate is already being built. The Director asked when the Council wanted to remove the temporary tie-in due to it holding up the final grading and seeding. The Council agreed they wanted to wait at least a month or a little longer. Attorney Haney suggested a one-time easement for another access

that would not disturb the grading. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the pay application for Vaughn Smith in the amount of \$209,117, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried. Director Skinner stated he will provide a review of the other commitments to the property owners, the Panting's at the next meeting.

Some items on the project list were reviewed. The placement of sidewalk, curb and gutter along the new road behind Point S Tire (220 South) was reviewed. The Council agreed sidewalk was not necessary and Director Skinner pointed out the appropriate places for curb. The storm water drainage was also discussed and will be evaluated and addressed. The Director stated it is ready to go out for bid. He estimated the costs to be \$16,000 for the curb & gutter, \$45,000 for asphalt and \$10,000 for the finish work. The Council agreed to move ahead as recommended by the Director.

The annual chip and sealing will start on July 31st. Streets Supervisor, Justin Hansen is compiling the list of streets. The Council discussed the type of chips and the issue with the darker chips being magnetic and abrasive. The Hooper Spring cover will be sand blasted and painted next week and then the crew will start putting the wood on it. The Director stated he will then line up someone to remove the old cover, evaluate the supports and place the new one. He also mentioned he will be putting the bridge crane and pressure reducing valve projects out for bid and hopes to get part of it done in this year's budget.

Attorney Haney reviewed with the Council the Kelly Park Youth Fish Pond code and the proposed amendment to put it in line with the Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) regulations. He recommended getting a commitment from IDFG for the extra stocking of fish they offered. He also reviewed items in the code that would be good to maintain. The Council agreed to request a commitment or letter of intent from IDFG and keep some of the code that protects the city. Attorney Haney will draft the code amendment for review at the next meeting.

Director Skinner presented and reviewed the Idaho Transportation Department Airport Grant agreement. The grant will provide \$20,000 to go toward crack seal and slurry coating the main runway. The grant match of \$20,000 can be a combination of cash and inkind work. The Director suggested the City could use the County's crack seal machine and do some of the work ourselves. The grant does not expire until June 2024. Councilmember Goode moved to approve Resolution 2020-3 accepting the grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

(See attached copy of Resolution 2020-3 – original on file)

Budget items were reviewed and discussed. The Clerk presented a proposed amendment to the current year budget and explained she incorporated a loan to the water fund from power and sewer. The Council requested to make the loan from Power funds only. She asked if the Council wanted to hold the budget amendment hearing at the first meeting in August or at the same time as the future year budget hearing at the second meeting in August. The Council agreed to hold both hearings at the same time. The Police vehicle CITY COUNCIL JULY 1, 2020 PAGE **4** OF **4**

lease program was revisited. The current fleet value and the Bancorp spread sheet were discussed. Councilmember Lau pointed out that there will still be costs for routine maintenance on the cars and wanted clarified what is covered under the lease program. Councilmember Goode stated he is inclined to do a gradual phase in of the vehicles. The Council thanked the Chief for putting together the information. Councilmember Lau asked if the budget for a dump truck was for a replacement or an additional truck. The Director stated it would be a replacement. The Council suggested options for locating a used service truck. Other items in the proposed budget discussed included the Formation water transmission line, the power transmission line upgrade and projects carried forward in case they do not get completed this year.

Councilmember Lau 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 Goode seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Lau moved to authorize the annual salary of \$60,000 plus benefits for the newly created City Attorney/Administrator role. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Goode moved to authorize the Mayor to provide Attorney Doug Wood the required 60 days' notice of termination as the City's criminal prosecuting attorney. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS $15^{\rm TH}$ DAY OF JULY, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk