

Council's salary amount will not change. Councilmember Hart introduced Ordinance #688 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 668; ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION TO BE PAID AND BENEFITS ELIGIBLE TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILPERSONS. A motion was then made by Councilmember Goode and seconded by Councilmember Gambles 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	Those voting nay:	none
	Mitch Hart		
	Jon Goode	Absent:	none
	Scott Gambles		

Motion Carried.

Attorney Haney read Ordinance #688 by title. Councilmember Gambles then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #688. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

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

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #688 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Attorney Haney reported Rocky Mountain Boiler was preparing to install the water heater for the restaurant. They are also ordering parts to update the regulators on the radiators which they will start after October 1st in the next budget year. They will be doing an initial descaling of the boilers prior to the chemical testing maintenance contract beginning. Attorney Haney received a letter of input from the current lessee regarding renewal of the lease which he suggested be discussed in executive session. Councilmember Hart mentioned that Attorney Haney was going to put together a counter outline for the lease and asked if it was ready and could be forwarded to the Council to be reviewed and adjusted prior to meeting with the tenants.

Regarding the Fire Station building issues and insurance coverage, Attorney Haney mentioned he was waiting on a decision from the City's liability insurance carrier, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP). Clerk Vorwaller reported what she had previously forwarded to the Mayor, Council and Attorney by email that the ICRMP adjuster had visited the Fire Station and met with Fire Chief Squires. The ICRMP adjuster took pictures of the building and informed the Chief they would be sending a structural engineer to view the issue and make a recommendation. Councilmember Hart shared that the Chief bored into the floor of the station but it didn't provide additional information. The Council discussed the foundation versus the floor movement.

The 3rd West Street egress from Soda Sip/Point S was discussed further. Attorney Haney spoke with Engineer Skinner regarding Forsgren's proposal for a concrete median forcing

customers to exit to the right for safety. Engineer Skinner was going to review the plan but had not got back with comments. Attorney Haney reiterated the plan which Forsgren was instructed to provide was a rough draft. Mr. Brock Byram, owner of Soda Sip/Point S questioned why the State's recommendation of reflective poles was not sufficient and why the City was asking Forsgren for a recommendation and again expressed frustration with no communication from the City. Mr. and Mrs. Byram pointed out issues with the drawing showing the proposed concrete barrier interfering with access to Soda Sip. Mrs. Byram asked why her business was different than any other business in town that egresses onto City Street to access the State Highway and mentioned there have been no accidents that she knows of. Attorney Haney noted there is no other business with an exit that has the same angle. Councilmember Goode stated he himself have had near misses. Mrs. Byram also stated when she put in Soda Sip, she came to the City and her business was positioned the way the city instructed her to set up the drive thru the way it is now. Councilmember Hart suggested doing what was originally agreed to and meet with the Byrams to view the issue onsite and strongly give weight to what the State has recommended and try to come to an equitable resolution.

Councilmember Goode again mentioned the four City properties to consider selling which make the most sense to him. The Enders Building, approximately the North third portion of the Hooper Park property, the Industrial Park, or a portion of the Kelly Park property. The idea would be to sell or trade. He again pointed out the Industrial Park lots are not being used as intended and the Council viewed the map of the proposed Kelly Park lots. Councilmember Goode asked for thoughts by the Council on which property they might want to focus on. Mayor Robinson expressed his opinion about the Enders Building being newly gifted and he is not ready to abandon that yet, he also mentioned some development and donation ideas are in the works possibly for the Hooper Park property. He suggested looking at the Industrial Park and Kelly Park West first. Councilmember Hart agreed and suggested keeping it on the agenda and continue to not lose sight of it. Councilmember Goode also mentioned the current increase in property values in the area of the Industrial Park and stressed the importance of reviewing the values and the Industrial Park lease amounts.

There were no written comments submitted for citizen input and the Mayor again expressed how grateful he is for the volunteers in our communities. He pointed out the work of the County Fair Board and the tough obstacles they faced but were able to provide for the community. He is grateful to all those that take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer and our communities would be nothing without them. He encouraged anyone looking for life fulfillment to seek out opportunities and groups to volunteer for.

Clerk Vorwaller reviewed the proposed building permit fee changes prior to publishing the public hearing to update the fee schedule. She explained the difficulty in using the valuation on permit applications because they vary so much. Councilmember Hart and Lau agreed the new fees should use the square feet instead. Councilmember Lau will review the details with the clerk before publishing.

The proposed 2022 fiscal year budget was briefly discussed. Councilmember Hart noted he was good with the budget as it has been prepared and published. He mentioned the benefit/insurance renewals needed further review before making a decision at the next meeting. Councilmember Goode agreed he was also good with the proposed budget. He commented regarding the insurance renewals that the City was trying to maintain the medical insurance benefit for the employees with a reasonable cost increase and are evaluating the possibility of a different carrier. They all have plusses and minuses but the high deductible/HSA plan is a better scenario than current with all charges being covered 100% after deductible. Which he feels is a beneficial change. Mayor Robinson noted regarding the proposed budget that he hopes the citizens appreciate the City Officials and staff for being good stewards of their money.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk