MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD AUGUST 15TH, 2018.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30PM 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

**EXCUSED:** 

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director

Chief Shaw Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk

Clyde Nelson, Attorney

The invocation was given by Alan Skinner, 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 necessary and he moved to accept as is and dispense with the reading and approve the August  $1^{\rm st}$ , 2018 minutes. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The pre-paid accounts payable for August and payroll for July, 2018 were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for August 1st through August 13th, 2018 and the payroll for the month of July, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner updated the Mayor and Council on the South 1st East utility project and submitted the first pay application from Bear Lake Construction. The pay application is for 8 inch water line and connection to the mainline. After retainage it is \$66,846.17. He reported the project is proceeding through the 3rd South Street intersection and they will begin service line connections which are limited on the south end. The goal is 100 feet a day and they are currently averaging 75 feet but they should be able to complete the project as scheduled by the end of September. He mentioned the contractors had just got out of the 5 to 6 foot deep ground water in the trench at approximately 311 South 1st East. Director Skinner also reported that a large break in the water line at the 4th South intersection was discovered which was full of rock. He also suggested there may be issues with the storm drain system in that area and suggested adding a second drain line from an existing manhole located in the front lawn at 91 East 4th South along with spending the extra money to excavate and investigate the drain line and connection that is supposedly located further east to be sure it is still operating properly. The contractor will provide a change order for the additional work for review but the Director estimated the costs to be

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between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The Council supported anything that would help prevent the storm and ground water from getting into the sewer system. The Mayor asked about the plan for rerouting traffic when school started and suggested putting something on the website. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the pay application for Bear Lake Construction in the amount of \$66,846, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

The ongoing improvement projects were reviewed. Director Skinner reported the Greenfield Trust building donated to the City will be ready for pick-up the week of August 20th and the crew will also be working on the concrete pad for the new recreation storage shed. He also mentioned they are working with an equipment dealer on a possible trade in of the water truck for a plow truck before the end of the fiscal year. Backhoe repairs are scheduled for \$8,000 to \$10,000 and fence slats that were budgeted will be purchased to go around the City Shop area. Two new mixers from Westech for the wastewater treatment plant have been ordered and should be here by the end of the fiscal year and two more will be ordered in the next fiscal year. The mixers will fit in the same hole as the old ones and can be installed by the City Crew. Councilmember Lau moved to authorize the purchase of two mixers for the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$22,096. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Director Skinner requested to use the \$75,000 Street funds budgeted for valley gutter improvements and asphalt repairs to start working on the new 220 South Street behind the Point S Tire property and or work on the Pioneer Drive gutters. The Council supported the request and Director Skinner stated he would present plans and costs at the next meeting. Councilmember Lau commented on parking issues at Kelly Park with the increased use of having the little league soccer games out there and asked if the parking could be reviewed to make it more organized. Director Skinner mentioned they did put up some signs and cones to help make a better flow and it seemed better the second night of soccer.

Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing open at 6:45pm to take public comment on the proposed 2019 fiscal year budget. The Clerk reported that no written comments were received. There were also no comments from those in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 6:50pm. The Mayor asked for comments or discussion by the Council. Councilmember Goode expressed his opinion that reasonable assumptions were used to prepare the 2019 fiscal year budget but he hated to see a 20% health insurance increase. Councilmember Lau asked about the increased Park budget and it was pointed out that several projects were budgeted for the parks. Councilmember Hart introduced Ordinance #673 entitled 'AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL, APPROPRIATING MONEY IN SUCH SUM AND SUMS AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL PROPER EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PUSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 50-1002, IDAHO CODE. A motion was then made by Councilmember Goode and seconded by Councilmember Lau 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:

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Those voting aye: Mitch Hart Those voting nay: none

Jon Goode Scott Gambles

Robert Lau Absent: none

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #673 by title. Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #673 the annual appropriation ordinance for the 2019 fiscal year budget as presented. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart Those voting nay: none

Jon Goode

**Scott Gambles** 

Robert Lau Absent: none

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #673 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Director Skinner reported that the wastewater treatment plant was notified on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 of an E.coli violation that occurred on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The sample on the following day was non-detect. The treatment plant staff believes the violation was caused due to maintenance being performed on the transducer, which is a level indicator inside the light disinfection unit. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency were notified and the online reporting system was used. Procedures have been put in place to check the transducer and lights more regularly to be sure they are working properly. Director Skinner explained the test results are sent directly to DEQ from the lab. Councilmember Goode asked if the lab double checks the samples which Director Skinner stated they always do by splitting the samples when received.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The new rate resolutions were reviewed. Councilmember Hart moved to approve Resolutions 2018-3 raising water rates 3%, 2018-4 raising power rates 3% and 2018-5 raising sewer rates 3%. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the new rate resolutions. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Hart asked that a comparison with other providers be done regarding the base power charge and the vacation rate.

(See attached copy of Resolutions – originals on file)

Councilmember Hart introduced Ordinance #674 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 2.08.020 OF THE SODA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE PRESCRIBING THE ANNUAL MEETING TIMES AND PLACE FOR THE SODA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL A motion was then made by Councilmember Goode and seconded by Councilmember Gambles that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three separate

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occasions be dispensed with and that the ordinance be read once by title only. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart Those voting nay: none

Jon Goode Scott Gambles

Robert Lau Absent: none

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #674 by title. Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #674. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart Those voting nay: none

Jon Goode

**Scott Gambles** 

Robert Lau Absent: none

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #674 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

The Council considered a request from Mike Ridenour of the Grace Lounge for a catering permit to sell beer at the upcoming Mud Races at Kelly Park. The Grace Lounge would be sponsoring the local group Small Town Big Hearts to use the sales as a fundraiser. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the one day, beer only catering permit for the Grace Lounge to be used at the Mud Races at Kelly Park on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. Councilmember Goode questioned if the off premises sale of liquor was covered by the State liquor license holder or if there needed to be additional coverage provided. Attorney Nelson will check on the State requirements. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Hooper Transmission Line project. The original route is being followed with fewer access roads than originally proposed and includes 12 miles down River Road. BPA is enthusiastic, ready to go and plan to complete by the end of 2019. The Mayor and Council agreed the construction project will be good for the community.

Clerk Vorwaller reported on a meeting with CenturyLink Representatives regarding developing the fiber optics infrastructure within the City by using a local improvement district (LID) to fund the construction. CenturyLink proposed it could be a benefit to the City to put in the fiber needed to allow businesses and citizens to utilize with the hope that multiple providers would compete for the business forcing the costs down. The Mayor and Council discussed and Councilmember Goode expressed his opinion that fiber optics will be outdated in a decade and the investment would be wasted.

Councilmember Goode reported on a County Commissioners meeting he attended regarding a multi-county landfill proposal. The proposal would be to create a special taxing district that would include five counties. The Caribou County landfill is very close to its

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maximum capacity. The Caribou County Commissioners agreed to join the group and do a feasibility study for a landfill with a 100 year capacity and consider locations within Caribou County.

Councilmember Lau asked about the ongoing fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park. Mayor Robinson stated the group had requested a meeting with the City to discuss and review their plans to pursue the splash pad.

Councilmember Goode, seconded by Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS  $5^{\text{TH}}$  DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor