

candidate with police data experience in mind and the cost of the position will be approximately \$15,000 a year. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the part-time clerical position based on the recommendation of Chief Bunderson. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor pointed out that he and Councilmember Goode have a conflict for the next council meeting. The Council discussed changing the meeting to September 13th. Councilmember Hart would be absent but it would work for everyone else. The Mayor asked Clerk Vorwaller to follow up with everyone via email and confirm the date.

Mayor Smith declared the public hearing open at 6:45pm to take public comment on the proposed 2018 fiscal year budget. The Mayor mentioned that the budget includes a major utility project to keep with the schedule of doing a major project each year. The 2018 project includes \$100,000 grant for the asphalt work. Clerk Vorwaller read the public hearing notice and 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 commented on the increased cost of health insurance which is a concern. The 14.1% increase this year could have been worse. Councilmember Hart introduced Ordinance #670 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, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 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:

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

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #670 by title. Councilmember Hart then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #670 the annual appropriation ordinance for the 2018 fiscal year budget. 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.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for the efforts put into preparing and staying within the budget. Councilmember Hart commented that the process is good and Councilmember Goode suggested it is good to start early and get input from the Departments.

Director Skinner presented two options for the #1 lift station upgrade. An above ground pump system from Smith & Loveless would be \$55,000 and take 10 to 12 weeks to get it. The other option would be to replace the rails and submersibles with a larger pump at a cost of \$26,700 and available in 5 to 7 days. Mayor Smith commented that the priority was to install an above ground system but the other option may be acceptable. Director Skinner commented that it makes more sense to go with the submersibles due to the time frame and for another \$5600 can put a spare on the shelf with the two active pumps being rotated regularly. Councilmember Hart asked if the pumps are unique to lift station #1. Director Skinner explained that currently they can switch between #1 and #3 but not #2. The Director recommended going with the submersibles and replacing the rails and asked the Council to consider an appropriate cost share amount with the new hotel. Councilmember Hart moved to approve accepting the Director's recommendation for upgrading lift station #1 as presented including purchasing the spare pump. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Mayor requested pipe guards are put in place. Councilmember Goode discussed the cost share to the hotel and asked Director Skinner to estimate the percentage of increase on the pump by the motel.

The Council reviewed the 1st pay application presented from A+ Contractors on the current projects. The pay application shows 15% completion but Director Skinner explained that was two weeks ago and they are actually further along and close to being ready to move to the 1st South Street project. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve A+ Contractors pay application in the amount of \$77,105.61, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner detailed the continued project schedule. The boring will start at Kelly Park on the 28th and will be a weeklong project and then they will start on the highway boring project right after Labor Day. Councilmember Lau asked why they are not starting on the highway project first to accommodate the hotel completion schedule. Director Skinner stated that the contractor preferred to start on Kelly Park to work out any issues before doing the one on the highway with more traffic to manage and he also mentioned that the project has a contractual completion date of September 30th. The Director also mentioned that the parcel survey for the requested easement for the waterline to the hotel was presented to the church on Sunday. A fencing proposal will be ready next meeting and the crews will be starting on the Industrial Park roads and they started street painting today. Proposals for LED lighting at the WWTP were reviewed. Total estimated cost after rebates is \$22,430 which includes the pumping room on north side and the main portion of the plant. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the lighting upgrade for the WWTP as proposed, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried. The Director mentioned he will be looking at lighting upgrades at the Police Station and City Hall next. The Mayor thanked Director Skinner and the crews for all the effort. He commended the employees who are really working hard and mentioned that we will start losing the Parks

crew and might have to get creative with contracting some of the work out due to the Parks Director taking maternity leave.

Clerk Vorwaller presented a request from Mike Ridenour of the Grace Lounge for a one day beer only catering permit for the Mud Races to be held at Kelly Park on August 19th. The Grace Lounge will be sponsoring the Small Town Big Hearts group who will sell the beer as a fundraiser. Councilmember Goode moved to approve granting the beer catering permit for one day on August 19th, 2017 only, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor briefly detailed the City candidate filing information. The filing period is August 28th through September 8th, 2017. The City has three positions open including the mayor and two council seats. Notices will be advertised in the newspaper. Mayor Smith announced that he will be running for reelection.

The Council reviewed the proposed hearing notice for the new Formation Well rate and the Mayor stressed the importance of the new rate in order to continue to provide services to the citizens. Clerk Vorwaller also pointed out the inclusion of the water and power connection/disconnection fees. Councilmember Hart mentioned the City's cost of water is still more reasonable compared to other areas mentioning his parent's water bill is \$145 a month. He also commented that the improvements to the Formation water source were a mandated requirement.

The Mayor and Council discussed a letter received from Wells & Benson, CPA firm about the separation of their partnership. Councilmember Goode supports sending out a request for proposals (RFP) for the City's annual audit expressing his frustration with the timeliness of the last few audits. Councilmember Goode stated he expects a 90 day completion period after the fiscal year end. Councilmember Hart agreed the dissolution of the partnership was concerning. The Mayor and Council all agreed to pursue RFP's for the City's audit.

Mayor Smith mentioned that the City received congratulations on our 16th year of being a Tree City from Senator Mike Crapo.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Councilmember Goode mentioned that the Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z) will be losing three members by the end of the year. He also reported that the City did not receive the grant to help with the Comprehensive Plan and mentioned that there was \$7500 budgeted and P & Z Secretary Ashley will be exploring other options including a graduate student through Idaho State University to take on the project. Councilmember Goode suggested advertising for individuals interested in joining the P & Z Commission. Councilmember Lau asked if there was an avenue for commercial property owners to be on the P & Z commission. Attorney Nelson stated that he was pretty sure they had to live in the city limits or impact area but he would double check the state code.

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk