MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2020.

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

EXCUSED: SCOTT K. GAMBLES (arrived later in meeting)

ALSO PRESENT:	Robert Johnson	Alan Skinner, Engineer
	Celeste Billman	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
	Brooke Allen	Gregg Haney, Attorney
	Officer CeJay Golightly	Chief Scott Shaw II

The invocation was given by Robert Johnson, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'. The Mayor noted Councilmember Gambles was running late but will be here.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes he then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the August 19th, 2020 minutes in their current draft form. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the accounts payable for August 18th through August 31st, 2020 and the payroll for the month of August 2020. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. Councilmember Goode asked about the security system at the Ender's building. Engineer Skinner reported it was up and running and the training would be done next week. Councilmember Goode suggested holding the payment until the training was complete. Councilmember Hart asked if the gates at Formation got installed on time which Engineer Skinner reported they did. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Resident Robert Johnson, 211 East 1st North expressed his concern over kids trying to ride their bikes from the north side of town to the City Park. He presented a proposal with options for additional cross walks, new sidewalk and or a bike lane to help make it safer. The Mayor agreed and has observed the hazards and supported Mr. Johnson's proposal. Councilmember Hart pointed out the City's policy on sidewalks, clarifying that it is the property owner's responsibility to put in or replace damaged sidewalks. Councilmember Lau asked if the City was eligible for another grant. Engineer Skinner explained it may be a couple years before we are eligible again. The Mayor and Council supported painting lines and putting up signs and Chief Shaw agreed it would be nice to address the area and suggested it would be best to put in a bike lane because technically bikes should not be ridden on sidewalks. Councilmember Lau suggested trying to get a UPRR grant to help put in a sidewalk along the west side of road in front of the County shop building. The Chief agreed it would be better to have them on the west side. The Council agreed to add the project to the list for Engineer Skinner to work on over the winter. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Johnson for his great suggestions.

Brooke Allen, Direct Communications Regional Account Executive discussed the proposal to run fiber to the city buildings. He understood the approval to proceed was tabled until the agreements were worked out but was updated that all had agreed to operate under the current agreements until the end of the year. He explained the current situation of grants received by Direct Communications to upgrade rural areas and he recommended the City move forward and get it done now with the crews that will be here doing the grant work. The work will be mostly overhead but underground to the Library. Mr. Allen mentioned that Direct Communications really wants to help businesses in the area and is being very progressive in trying to get the fiber built and would like to work with new businesses coming in. The Council asked about their plans to supply fiber to residential. Mr. Allen explained they are currently working on the conversion of the cable to upgrade it and be able to offer fiber to residential but the system is old and very expensive to upgrade. He stated it will be about \$3000 per home to upgrade. Councilmember Hart stated it would be wise to proceed at this time and moved to approve the proposed pricing as presented to connect fiber to all the City buildings including the Shop, the WWTP, the Library, the City Hall and the Police Department. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Allen will forward the updated contracts to the Clerk for the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Hart asked Attorney Haney about the agreements with Direct Communications and the Council supported updating and getting the new agreements in place before the 1st of the year.

Recreation Director, Celeste Billman reviewed the proposal to proceed with the next sport which is basketball. She explained they will take the same precautions as they are with volleyball but there will be a lot more participants. The program includes 3rd through 6th grade and traveling to surrounding towns. She will expect the other venues to follow our safety guidelines or will be prepared to not play at those locations and shared that the Soda Schools have been great to work with for scheduling practices. Rec. Dir. Billman asked if the Council was okay with the City working with the All-star teams and the 7th & 8th grade traveling teams in order for them to be able to use the schools for practice. The Council discussed how in the past the All-stars had been part of the City programs and all supported continuing that along with supporting the traveling teams. Councilmember Lau moved to approve proceeding with basketball and officially supporting the All-stars and also the travel teams requiring a fee to be paid and expenses paid through the City. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Everyone thanked Rec. Dir. Billman for her efforts.

Chief Shaw and Officer Golightly presented a request to purchase 6 new tasers for the Department. They explained they are a very useful tool and it would have been beneficial to have during a recent incident. The Chief mentioned one of the officers received minor injuries while trying to contain a suspect. Officer Golightly explained they were pursuing getting some for free but the opportunity fell through. The cost of the tasers includes 5 years training, cartridges, programming and warranty. The old ones lasted 10 years but

the department hasn't had any for the last 4 years. The Chief noted there were enough funds in the budget to purchase the tasers. Councilmember Lau moved to authorize the Police Department to purchase 6 new tasers for \$12,618 including trading in the non-functioning old ones. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Chief Shaw thanked Officer Golightly for doing the homework and noted that he will be the Department trainer.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The project lists were briefly reviewed and Engineer Skinner stated nothing new had been completed or started. The wording for the Hooper Spring cover was ready and the crew will continue to work on it as they have time. The Ledger Creek cleaning project is progressing. The north section to Wood Canyon Road is done but there are some big slabs of formation rock that are too big to move and will have to be broken. Engineer Skinner suggested having Vaughn Smith use their jack hammer but it will be expensive. The cleaning work is being done by Babe's Dirt Works who gave the City a discount but who is getting paid. Councilmember Hart noted the cleaning so far has cost \$7,000 of the \$10,000 available funding but there might be enough left for the jack hammer. He suggested seeing if the County can do anything to help, or reach out to the land owners for some additional funds. The State and UPRR needs to be notified they can proceed with cleaning out the culvert.

Engineer Skinner reported on the Formation Spring project. He stated the total isolation from the pond has been completed with the Department of Environmental Quality there to witness it. Engineer Skinner mentioned there is no longer overflow but the water level is at the top of the casing. The landscaping is complete and will be reseeded next week. All that's left is the electrical and siding and a contractor may be available before next meeting. There should be nothing that stops the consent order from being signed off. The Council expressed their happiness about having the project done.

The Council commented on the new Hooper path bridge which looks really nice. Engineer Skinner mentioned the new 220 South road was started on today and the contractor got the sprinkler system isolated. Their plan is to have it completely graded for the concrete and put in the curb the beginning of next week and the asphalt the week after.

The Clerk presented the final numbers for the property tax certification and the resolution for reserving the forgone amount that is due to the City taking advantage of the Governor's Public Safety/Property Tax Relief Grant. Councilmember Goode moved to approve Resolution 2020-4 reserving the current year's forgone amount of \$29,268, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart introduced Ordinance #681 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, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 PAGE 4 OF 4

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 50-1002, IDAHO CODE. A motion was then made by Councilmember Lau 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 ave: Robert Lau Those voting nay: none

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	Mitch Hart			
	Jon Goode			
	Scott Gambles	Absent:	none	

Motion Carried.

Attorney Haney read Ordinance #681 by title. Councilmember Goode then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #681 the annual appropriation ordinance for the 2021 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion for adoption.

A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Robert Lau	Those voting nay: no		none
	Mitch Hart			
	Jon Goode			
	Scott Gambles	Absent:	none	

The Council agreed it was a solid budget.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Jon Goode	Those voting nay	v: none
	Robert Lau		
	Mitch Hart	Absent: no	ne
	Scott Gambles		
Motion Corried			

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk