



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk