



Water Fund absorb the current costs and not utilize the budgeted loans from the Power and Sewer Funds and re-review the funding in the upcoming year. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Hart noted the final option will be to treat the water which will be a \$6 to \$9 million capital project and will increase operating costs significantly.

Jan Hall, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) introduced herself and presented the City with a Constitution Week proclamation which is September 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She encouraged and invited everyone to celebrate America during Constitution Week and attend the Bells across America ringing ceremony in Pocatello on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Hall and noted that in order to be part of the DAR group you must have a direct blood line to someone who was part of the American Revolution. The Mayor asked the name of Mrs. Hall's relative. She stated his name was John Reynolds. Councilmember Goode moved to authorize the execution of the Constitution Week proclamation as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Robinson signed the proclamation

The ongoing projects were reviewed. The contractor has started the Lovers Delight work. The stream bed is open for the new culvert and the home owner has been hooked to temporary water, sewer and gas. Director Skinner reviewed the plan details and stated the goal is to be done by the end of September. The 1st West Street sewer line is in and all that is left is the asphalt patch. The Director mentioned he has asked for a bid to crack seal and seal coat the City Park basketball court which is in the current year's budget.

The sidewalk grant project is going well. The sidewalk and asphalt patching on 4<sup>th</sup> South Street is done and there are three retaining walls to put in and then the contractor will move to 1<sup>st</sup> East Street. The improvements look good.

The splash pad project continued to be discussed by Staff and the Council. Director Skinner reported that neither the Health Department nor the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulate splash pads but they encourage best practices which include always using a filter system, checking the pH balance and monitoring total chloroform & E.coli. The City has a portable pH meter and that will be easy to monitor and we could buy a meter to track the residual chlorine which is what Pocatello recommended. A water softening unit would cost about \$1000 and would use approximately 25lbs a week of salt. It was discussed how the splash pad would only be treating 1 to 2 gallons a minute to keep the system full. The size of the water line to fill the system was also discussed. Councilmember Hart estimated \$6000 a season to operate and more if major repairs are needed. Councilmember Goode expressed his opinion that the costs were high for such a short usage season. The location was briefly discussed and Councilmember Lau suggested it may be better to locate it next to the existing buildings for storage and access to utilities. Director Skinner also mentioned the labor time and costs for his crews to monitor and make repairs. Councilmember Lau mentioned the City's desire to have an endowment for the playground that has never been set up and suggested the City would definitely need one for the splash pad. The Mayor and Councilmember Hart agreed that a decision needed to be made at the next meeting.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Clerk Vorwaller reported on her further investigation of phone options for City Hall. She discussed with Silver Star the idea of City Hall becoming a fiber optic test site in which they were not favorable to the idea. Also discussed was the past agreement where the City was provided internet at no charge in trade for the City allowing them to install a fiber line across the City Park. Silver Star's legal representative was open to putting something in writing and giving the City the same or a little better credit toward an upgraded internet connection. Clerk Vorwaller requested approval to move forward with the new VoIP phone system from IDeACOM who presented the lowest cost option. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the IDeACOM VoIP option with 3 year term and deletion of the fax line. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller explained that she was approached by the Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL) regarding using space at City Hall two days a week for their new mobile location. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drafted for the Councils review. Councilmember Hart asked if Attorney Haney was comfortable with the MOU which he stated he was. Councilmember Goode expressed concern about the liability insurance amount and suggested the City require \$1 million in liability insurance. The Council and Staff discussed at length the statutory limit for negligence and replacement cost for damage to the City Hall building. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the MOU with the IDOL based on Attorney Haney's recommendation and subject to correction of the language in paragraph 13 and requesting an increase of the liability insurance to \$1 million. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk