
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.  
ROBERT M. LAU  
SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED:  JON D. GOODE

ALSO PRESENT:  
Mark Steele  
Joy Ridge  
Alan Skinner, Director  
Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk  
Clyde Nelson, Attorney

The invocation was given by Pastor Joy Ridge, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Hart moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes as presented of August 15th, 2018 and the special meeting of August 16th, 2018. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll for August were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable dated August 14th through August 31st, 2018 and also the payroll for the month of August, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL Registers FOR DETAIL)

Mayor Robinson read at length the Constitution Week proclamation presented to the City by the Daughters of the American Revolution and proclaimed September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week in the City of Soda Springs. The proclamation recognized the 231st anniversary of the framing of the Constitution and encouraged citizens to vigilantly protect the freedoms guaranteed by this guardian of liberties and remember that lost rights may never be regained.

Director Skinner presented pay application #2 from Bear Lake Construction for the South 1st East project. He reviewed the percentage of completion which included mainline connections and fire hydrants. Councilmember Lau asked about the fire hydrants. Director Skinner reported that two are new hydrants and one is an upgrade to a 6 inch hydrant. The Director also presented change order #1 to cover the additional video of the sewer mainline to be kept as a permanent record of the condition of the line and location of the connections. The change order will be invoiced with the next pay application and is not included in pay application #2. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the pay application #2 in the amount of $49,532 and the $4800 change order for additional videoing of the
sewer mainline. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. The Mayor asked how the contractor’s interaction was with the public. Director Skinner stated there had been no complaints except about the access to driveways and the trailer court and he believes those were resolved. The Director also explained that the water line was placed too close to the sewer line which required the sewer mainline to be upgraded to water quality piping at the contractor’s expense. A vote on the motion to approve the pay application and change order was called. All in favor, motion carried.

The storm drain system on 4th South was reviewed and discussed. Director Skinner presented a proposal to install a perforated manhole over the top of the existing 12 inch concrete drain line and run an 18 inch corrugated pipe 325 feet to the creek, considerably increasing the capacity of the drain line. Bear Lake Construction estimates the cost at $45,000 the engineers estimate is $35,000. The budget was reviewed. The Clerk pointed out that the South 1st East project was mostly a water project with the slip lining of the sewer main scheduled for the next fiscal year and it was her understanding that the storm water drainage project would appropriately be a sewer fund expense. The Council discussed and supported the storm drain projects ability to positively affect the ground water in that area. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the recommended storm drain project at the Clerk and Directors discretion of most logical budget to use and vigorously negotiating the best price with the contractor. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The ongoing improvement projects were reviewed. Director Skinner presented drawings for the new road off of 3rd West (220 South) and requested approval to use available Street Funds to put in the curb cut outs and possibly the sidewalk connecting to the existing sidewalk along the church property. The approximate cost for 50 feet of curb is $1500. This would allow the City crew to start tearing out top soil and putting in pit-run gravel. The available funds include $25,000 for asphalt repairs and $50,000 for valley gutter improvements. The Director suggested that there might also be time to start tearing out and replacing the gutters on Pioneer Drive. Councilmember Hart suggested prioritizing the projects beginning with the new road tie in, the sidewalk along 3rd West and then the valley gutters and requested a budget for each be presented at the next meeting. The Council agreed a special meeting could be called if needed to get the projects going sooner.

Director Skinner requested approval to use the $10,000 Airport Budget to continue the asphalt upgrades in front of the lounge and north hangars along with using the additional $25,000 asphalt repair funds from the Street Fund. Councilmember Hart asked if there were repairs around town that the funds should be used on instead. The Director stated there were no really bad spots he could think of. Councilmember Hart suggested checking into the cost to fog coat Main Street to beautify it along with repainting the parking lines. The Council discussed the options. The Mayor and Council supported using the Street Funds for the Airport especially with Air Methods now based there.
Director Skinner mentioned that there is a good chance the approval from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Formation well project will be received by the end of the week. He suggested pre-purchasing the precast building and pipe utilizing this fiscal year's budget. The materials would be stored until spring when the project is bid out. The drawing of the proposed Formation well building was reviewed. The Council supported pre-purchasing the materials if the DEQ approval is received.

A letter received from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was reviewed. Director Skinner explained that this follow up letter is DEQ's attempt to acknowledge the report of violation and will be kept as part of a permanent file. All agreed that the DEQ primacy is already an improvement with better communication.

The resolution increasing garbage rates 5% was reviewed. Councilmember Hart moved to approve Resolution 2018-6 increasing garbage rates 5%, effective October 1st, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

(See attached copy of Resolution 2018-6 - Original on file.)

Councilmember Hart 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 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk