MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD OCTOBER 20TH, 2021.

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 SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Engineer

Tony Salvi Andrea Haderlie, Secretary Steven Smith Gregg Haney, Attorney

Ryan Carpenter

Laura Lind Dan Squires

Brock & Paige Byram Chief Scott Shaw II

The invocation was given by Ryan Carpenter, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes needed. He then moved to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2021 in their current draft form and dispense with the reading. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The final accounts payable for fiscal year 2021 were reviewed along with the first payables for October. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable dated September 30th, 2021 and also those dated October 1st through October 18th, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Goode. Councilmember Hart asked about the annual fee to Revize for the City's website. Councilmember Goode asked about the Library imaging project cost of \$6700. Secretary Haderlie will check on it and report back. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Councilmember Lau presented and explained a revised pay plan including the incentives for certifications previously proposed by Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dan Squires. He, Clerk Vorwaller and Supervisor Squires met and came up with the revision that incorporates the levels corresponding to the number of certifications. The Council reviewed and discussed and supported the format. Supervisor Squires asked that the updated pay plan be retroactive so Larry Smith who had recently passed his Level II Water Certification can receive the incentive next pay period. Councilmember Goode stated he felt that was a reasonable request. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the updated pay plan and the incentive increase for Larry Smith. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Mayor Robinson pointed out the proposed \$5,000 salary increase for Attorney Gregg Haney that was included in the budget and asked the Council to make an official approval of the increase bringing the Attorney's salary from \$60,000 to \$65,000. The Mayor commended Attorney Haney for his abilities and working with the staff through some difficult times. Councilmember Hart also suggested making it retroactive to October 1st, 2021 which was his intention and was surprised it was overlooked. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the \$5,000 increase for the City Attorney retroactive to October 1st, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Skinner shared the original proposal approved for \$4,843 for the camera system for City Park. He spoke to the installer who believes the last of the materials should be here at least by the end of next week. The budget was reviewed. The City will place poles wherever the installer recommends will be best and should be able to get started in two weeks. Laura Lind asked where the cameras will feed into. Engineer Skinner stated it would be whoever has internet access to the system and the Police Department.

A brief update was given on the 46kV transmission line replacement. Rocky Mountain Power is working on scheduling equipment to do the project and an easement agreement will need to be finalized. They think they have the switch needed to complete the project but don't want to do a six-to-eight-hour outage in December so the final switch over will need to be done later.

The South 2nd East utility project was discussed. Engineer Skinner reported he did not have a schedule from the contractor yet who is worried about compaction with colder weather coming. The day they were going to start was the day we got a foot of snow. Engineer Skinner stated a decision will need to be made whether to wait until spring. Councilmember Hart suggested if the project needs to be delayed it could be coupled with other possible projects with the help of stimulus funding that may become available. The Council and Staff discussed other projects and pending approvals from the Department of Environmental Quality. Councilmember Hart also suggested pursuing partnering with the County on the Main Street project.

Engineer Skinner presented the first invoice from Riverside, Inc. out of Parma, Idaho who will be attempting to recondition the #4 Hydro Plant generator. They require a payment of 1/3 the amount of the contract upfront in order to get started. Engineer Skinner explained their observations of the generator and the low risk of it being beyond repair. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the progress payment to Riverside, Inc. for \$26,300, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart reported that he and Engineer Skinner met with the Byram's regarding the Soda Sip egress plan and the proposed delineators. They would like to move the delineators back 25 feet from the intersection gutter and discontinue them on the south end before the Soda Sip entrance. The plan includes placing a RIGHT TURN ONLY and STOP sign as you exit Soda Sip to facilitate a new traffic pattern and have the Police monitor and enforce. The concerns and considerations were discussed at length. Mayor

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Robinson clarified the amended plan had not been approved by the engineers. Attorney Haney strongly expressed his recommendation to follow the engineers plan and stated his concerns about the City's risk of being responsible for an accident due to not following the plan. Councilmember Hart moved to proceed with the amended plan/concept drawing as agreed on with the Byram's and evaluate it in three months. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. Attorney Haney asked what standard will be used to evaluate whether the plan is working? The Council discussed and agreed the Police Department along with the Council's observations would be responsible to monitor and determine if changes need to be made. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

During citizen input Soda Sip owner, Paige Byram, added that in five years there has never been an accident there and she feels there is no more risk at this location than an accident happening anywhere else in town. She appreciates the City trying to making it safer but doesn't feel it is needed. Ryan Carpenter also commented that he feels the plan is a reasonable compromise for Soda Sip but questioned how the City could be liable if an accident occurred there? Attorney Haney pointed out this has never been a typical intersection but by ignoring the engineer's recommendation it is a liability to the City and also added the street should have been closed when vacated as intended. Brock Byram expressed his frustration with the perception that they were informed the intention was to close the road.

Mayor Robinson noted the weather on October 11th was one for the history books and he expressed his thanks to all those who helped direct the numerous calls including City Hall and County Dispatch. He especially thanked the responders; the Fire Department, all volunteers, were called out for six hours to respond to six or more fires along with helping direct traffic, the Water Department was called out for four hours, the Police Department provided traffic control, the Public Works Department put in 25 hours working with Rocky Mountain Power to restore power and removing broken limbs along with snow plowing. He thanked Rocky Mountain Power for 40 hours helping to restore power. He also mentioned a lot of other people who went out to help fix all the issues the storm caused. The Mayor noted the City has crafted a plan similar to spring clean-up to go around and pick up all the tree limbs and branches next week along with the LDS Church getting groups out to help and the County landfill will be taking the branches without charge.

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: Mitch Hart Those voting nay: none

Robert Lau

Jon Goode Absent: none

Scott Gambles

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Hart moved to authorize Attorney Haney to draft a letter to the Caribou County Commissioners based on the Building Inspector contract between the City and the County. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau moved to approve a letter be drafted to the Lancaster's regarding the Enders Building lease giving them 14 days from today to accept or reject the City's terms for renewal. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance items regarding the Enders Building were briefly discussed. Councilmember Lau shared it was suggested to him that the radiator regulators could be removed and descaled and may not need to be replaced which would save a lot of money.

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST:	Austin W. Robinson, Mayor
Tausha Vorwaller. Clerk	