MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD OCTOBER 21ST, 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
	SCOTT K. GAMBLES
EXCUSED:	

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele via telephone Alan Skinner, Engineer Mike Nally via telephone Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk Chief Scott Shaw II Gregg Haney, Attorney

The invocation was given by Gregg Haney, 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 one minor change to page 3 adding the words "per hour" to the wage increase approved. The Clerk noted the addition. Councilmember Goode then moved to dispense with the reading and approve the October 7th, 2020 minutes with the addition as noted. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The final accounts payable for Fiscal Year 2020 and the pre-paid October accounts payable were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for the Fiscal Year End dated September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the payables dated October 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 19th, 2020. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. Councilmember Hart asked what engineering had been done for the Fire Department. Engineer Skinner explained a beginning print was created based on the Fire Chiefs recommendations and adding onto the existing building utilizing the donated frame. The building ownership was discussed. Councilmember Hart suggested not getting too crazy on engineering in this preliminary stage. He also asked about the continued engineering costs for the Formation Well project in the amount of \$9200. The current payment includes a true-up, final inspections, documentation, final reports and as built drawings for Formation and the new 220 South road. There shouldn't be any more charges unless we have the engineers here during the Department of Environmental Quality inspections. Councilmember Lau asked if the paving costs were in line with what we were expecting. Engineer Skinner reported there was one change order of approximately \$4000 to dig out some vegetation and add some gravel, other than that it matched the bid. The old street is ready to abandon, the notices are ready and the hearing is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Goode verified the new laptops purchased were reimbursable through the COVID funding. A vote on the motion to approve the accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

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Mayor Robinson administered the oath of office to Mike Nally as a new member of the Soda Springs Public Library Board. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Nally for his willingness to serve.

The Council revisited the request from Billy Rasmussen to help pay to install flooring in the Hooper School building to use for little league basketball practices. Engineer Skinner reported Mr. Rasmussen spoke to him since last meeting and he and the other donors had changed their mind about putting that much money into the building and have decided to just clean and paint the floor and asked the City's help to install a hoop. They hope instead to put funds toward a community center. Councilmember Goode felt this was a good idea because he was struggling with putting the funds into a temporary solution. The Mayor and Council supported having the City crew install the hoop.

Councilmember Goode gave an update on the Planning & Zoning Commission's (P & Z) discussion regarding storage containers. He forwarded the Council's recommendation to them about proceeding with a code amendment to allow the containers by conditional use in commercial zones. He reviewed the specifics of the P & Z's discussion and guidelines they plan to focus on to implement the amendment. Engineer Skinner & Attorney Haney are tasked with drafting the amendment. The Staff also mentioned there is an upcoming State building code change that will make these types of containers considered as approved building materials.

Engineer Skinner reviewed the changes to the project lists and touched on the finished and upcoming items including a service truck for the water and sewer department. The Crew has picked up the new dump truck and paid for the Streets Department service truck. They are just waiting on paper work and then will pick it up. Councilmember Goode mentioned he has heard a lot of good comments on Hooper Springs and the color is good. Councilmember Hart also noted the positive comments about the new road.

Councilmember Hart gave an update on a presentation by NuWest held at the Nutrien office regarding environmental clean-up they are still involved in. He mentioned the City has now heard from all three major industries, receiving updates on all the environmental items. He plans to keep working on these items. He encouraged everyone assigned ownership to items on the project list to keep working on their items over the winter.

Clerk Vorwaller discussed with the Council the back-file scanning project she included in her budget. The process and whether to shred the historical documents after they are scanned was discussed at length. There was some concern about destroying original deeds and agreements and questions about the type of scanning and whether the documents will be verified as scanned. The Council supported moving forward. The Clerk will keep the Council updated.

Mary Jensen, co-owner of the Formation Spring/Well property addressed the Mayor and Council during the time for public input. She reported the work done by the City is looking good. The well house looks good and the spring box has been removed. Mrs. Jensen CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 21, 2020 PAGE **3** OF **3** 

requested the City transfer one of the test wells into the Panting name in order for them to use it for livestock watering. Engineer Skinner explained there might be some issues with the Department of Water Resources allowing it to be left in place and noted the well is not cased. The classification and use was discussed. Councilmember Hart suggested being transparent with all the regulatory agencies about what the land owners are requesting and let them decide. The Council supported working with everyone to see what the options are.

The Clerk asked the Mayor and Council what they want to do regarding the City Christmas Party this year. All agreed, due to COVID, it's in the best interest of the employees to not hold the regular party. The Council had suggested previously to something similar to the vouchers for the City Picnic but maybe for the local restaurants. The Clerk will put together the cost and idea for the next meeting.

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS  $4^{\rm TH}$  DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk