

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

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 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk