

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD NOVEMBER 7TH, 2018.

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 GOODE

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director
Duayne Sims Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
Chris Thomas Clyde Nelson, Attorney via telephone
Jack James
Criss James Chief Shaw
Jack Lee Chris Daniels

The invocation was given by Chris Daniels, 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 October 17th, 2018 minutes as presented. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable for October 16th through October 31st, 2018 and the payroll for the month of October 2018, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Chris Daniels, Executive Director for the Hope and Recovery Resource Center in Pocatello thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing him time to address them. The Resource Center is one of nine centers in the state which are private, nonprofit organizations providing support and resources for those recovering from alcohol, drug and mental health disorders. Mr. Daniels explained he is responsible for all of Region 6 and is reaching out into the other counties to provide programs where treatment and support services are hard to find. He mentioned they have made an agreement with Portneuf Valley Family Center located at 15 West Center Suite #2 to use space for a satellite office. The Center will be open in Soda Springs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm to 9pm and they already have five volunteers from the area. Mr. Daniels stated a grand opening will be held on December 4th and invited everyone to attend. He expressed his belief that the Center has made a difference and the concept has been well supported with over 12,000 check-ins annually at the Pocatello Center. Councilmember Hart mentioned the LDS Church has a similar program and asked about working together. Mr. Daniels reported they definitely work with the LDS Church and other programs with the same goals. He also explained that

the program will be developed into what each community needs. The Council thanked Mr. Daniels for coming and for his efforts.

Director Skinner reviewed the final items to wrap up the S 1st East Street project and mentioned the final invoice will be presented at the next meeting.

The continuing and new project list was briefly reviewed. The Hooper Spring roof frame construction will be complete by the end of week then the wood will need to be put on it and a plan made on how and when to install. Councilmember Lau asked if the Library shelving was done. Director Skinner assumes it is but will check on it. Councilmember Hart asked about the Greenfield building donated to the City and Director Skinner reported the City Crew successfully moved the building completing it in about six loads. The new street approach for West 220 South is complete and depending on the weather the crew will start stripping the sod or removing the backstop.

Director Skinner reported the new playground inspection has been done. A few minor items were pointed out that have been fixed. There is one issue with the surfacing where a seam needs fixed but it will be a challenge with the weather. The Friends of the Park are working on collecting the lien releases and have provided a list of all equipment suppliers. The Director expects it should be able to be wrapped up by the 1st meeting in December.

The Geyser signage was revisited. Councilmember Lau expressed his opinion that the current signage should be left as is. The Mayor stated he feels it leaves the City open to liability and times have changed and we are getting more tourists. His desire is to help protect the historical nature of the grounds and give a little more liability protection to the City. Councilmember Hart pointed out that the Mayor can make an executive decision regarding the signs if he chose. The matter was discussed at length. Due to non-consensus or motion by the Council Mayor Robinson instructed Director Skinner to have signs made that say "Do Not Enter onto Geyser Surface" and review the locations and number of signs needed.

During the designated citizen input Austin E. Robinson of 235 West 4th South thanked Director Skinner for fixing the street light in front of his house so quickly. Councilmember Gambles mentioned and thanked the Street Department for sweeping up the excess rocks on his street. Councilmember Hart also commended Chief Shaw on the traffic control at the Trunk-R-Treat event stating it went well.

Clerk Vorwaller requested approval for the City to sponsor free refreshments at the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree event. She would like to provide cookies and hot chocolate to an estimated 200 people. Councilmember Hart, seconded by Councilmember Lau moved to approve the expense. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner tried to explain a new Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) transmission contract that goes into effect September 29th, 2019. It is his understanding that BPA conducted a negotiation process to create a better contract. The increased cost

began at 9% but was negotiated down to an average of 4% and because the City is a net transfer (NT) type customer our increase will only be 2.5%. Director Skinner explained that NT customer's transmission transfers always stay the same compared to point to point transfers which allow more flexibility and takes more scheduling increasing the cost to non NT customers. The only time this new contract will affect the City is if we go outside our forecasted usage and all of the other NT customers have agreed to the new contract. The new contract runs thru 2022 which is when the City's contract will be up for renewal. Director Skinner mentioned that he had just sent the contract to Attorney Nelson and he hasn't had time to review it yet but it needs to be signed by November 30th. Councilmember Hart moved, subject to the Attorney's review and approval, to authorize the Mayor's signature on the transmission contract as presented by BPA. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller reported that she was contacted by an Idaho Fish & Game Representative who requested to place a trail camera at Kelly Park to monitor the deer. The Council agreed it would be fine for them to work with Director Skinner on placement.

Clerk Vorwaller presented an employee Christmas bonus proposal. The proposal was to give all full time employees a \$100 bonus and part-time employees \$50. Mayor Robinson expressed his support and highly recommended approval based on the employees performance and hard work. The Council discussed past practices. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the Christmas bonuses, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

The Clerk mentioned she was excited to find a new option for the City Christmas Party which has been scheduled for December 13th at Porter's Pub. The meet-n-greet starts at 6:00pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm.

Councilmember Hart moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart
Scott Gambles
Robert Lau

Those voting nay: none
Absent: Councilmember Goode

Motion Carried.

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

Councilmember Lau moved to approve and authorize the following regarding the property being considered for acquisition by the City; 1) Director Skinner to cause an inspection of the property up to a total cost of \$6,000, 2) the Mayor to sign a good faith agreement including agreeing to cover one half of the current year's property tax and title insurance costs up to \$6000, contingent on the City Attorney's review, recommendations and

approval and the completion of a satisfactory inspection, 3)the Mayor or designee to negotiate terms of a lease with the possible property management company. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Councilmember Lau. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk