



when it was implemented but she understood it was to limit the continual turning on and off of RV spaces which could become a burden to the City Crew. The Council suggested reviewing the policy and agreed Mrs. Cooper's request was reasonable. The Clerk suggested establishing a new rule and include it in the rate resolution. Mr. Flippence noted they don't intend to be turning the spaces on and off numerous times a year just in the spring and fall. Councilmember Lau recommended Director Skinner review with his staff the process and time involved in order to consider a new policy. An amended rate resolution will be presented for review at the next meeting and Mr. Flippence will be allowed to shut off the water to the RV Park when requested in order to avoid continuing utility fees.

Police Chief, Scott Shaw II requested approval to give Officer Jade Evans the probationary completion, wage increase as outlined and included in the Department's budget. Officer Evans has successfully completed the Academy and the field training officer (FTO) program and has done very well. The Chief explained he purposely started him at a very low wage while training and he is now eligible for a substantial increase. The budgeted increase was from a PS1-9 to a PS4-11 which is \$3.82. Councilmember Goode moved to accept Chief Shaw's recommendation for the wage increase as outlined in the budget based on Officer Evans completion of probation. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner gave an update on the progress of the Formation Well drilling. He also reviewed the historical data on the average and maximum usage from the Formation Spring. The current 10 inch well depth reached is 445 feet with an artesian flow of 710 gallons per minute (gpm) two feet above the ground and 20 feet above the water surface level in the spring. A preliminary pump test shows we can produce 1200 gpm to the discharge point without a pump. The City's full water right of 2465 gpm was discussed. Councilmember Goode asked if we risk losing the full amount if we don't fully utilize. Director Skinner explained that the Department of Water Resources could ask for a 5 year review of usage but it is unlikely. Attorney Haney noted based on the City's purpose of use there would be allowances to have extra capacity based on the future potential need. The current proposal is to expand the entire hole to 15 inches and drill to the full 500 feet which may open up more fractures and could potentially produce the full water right volume at an additional estimated cost of \$245,000. The hole will not be cased below 140 feet because 80% of the drilling has been in solid rock. If needed in the future a vertical turbine pump could be installed below the 140 feet to attain the full volume. The drillers plan to stay and continue until the work is done which should be within 30 days which will be right before the DEQ meeting. If all goes as planned it will take 60 to 90 days in the spring to complete the project. The Council supported and pointed out the overall cost of the drilling and well is substantially less than the other options of covering the spring or a treatment plant. Councilmember Lau moved, per the City Director's recommendation, to complete drilling the current well to 500 feet at a 15 inch diameter, at a cost not exceed an additional \$250,000, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

During citizen input Austin E. Robinson mentioned he heard on the news that Soda Springs was going to lose the Air Idaho Helicopter which is moving to Idaho Falls. Also during citizen input Mr. Dan Lau who serves on the City's Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee thanked the City for the ham he received for his service. Councilmember Gambles also noted that it was incorrectly stated at the last meeting, in his absence, that he didn't support the employee bonuses and he clarified he was in favor of the employee bonuses but understood the decision to not give the bonuses due to the connection of promoting work place safety.

Attorney Haney recommended the Ender's building lease be officially ratified. He explained a few weeks ago it was approved to present the lease to Diamond Heart which in turn they accepted and signed. The Mayor also signed the lease which needs to be officially approved. Councilmember Goode moved to authorize the Mayor's signing of the Ender's building lease with Diamond Heart Cattlemen's Steakhouse, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, except Councilmember Lau, who voted nay. Motion carried.

The final pay application and grant closeout form for the Child Pedestrian/Sidewalk Grant was presented for approval. Director Skinner explained the final payment of \$53,907.65 includes a change order decreasing the original contract by \$5,461. The total cost of the contract ended up being \$270,729 with \$250,000 covered by the grant. The City also covered the engineering costs which were not included in the grant. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the change order and final payment to A+ Contractors as presented along with the grant closeout report. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. All agreed it looks very nice.

Director Skinner presented an Industrial Park lease request from Carl Armstrong. He has requested to lease lots 11 and 12 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Addition and plans to put up a 30 x 50 shop for a small engine repair business. The Council supported the request. Councilmember Lau moved to authorize the signing of the lease agreement with Carl Armstrong/Bear River MX, LLC for Industrial Park lots 11 & 12, 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Director also informed the Council of some items stored on the Industrial Park lots previously leased by NCSG. NCSG would like to extend their expired lease to allow the items to remain there which are owned by other companies paying NCSG to store them there. The Staff and Council discussed and agreed the Industrial Park was not meant to be used for storage and did not support extending the lease. NCSG will be required to force the owners of the property to remove the items so the lots, equaling 6 ½ acres, can be made available for lease.

Councilmember Lau moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk