
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY JAMES R. SMITH, MAYOR.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: JAMES R. SMITH, MAYOR MITCHELL J. HART, PRES. JON D. GOODE ROBERT M. LAU SCOTT K. GAMBLIES

EXCUSED:  

ALSO PRESENT:  Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Director Craig Kenyon Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk Tonia Kenyon Clyde Nelson, Attorney via telephone Danielle Stoor Mark Steele, Director Laura Lind Clyde Nelson Georgia Brown

The invocation was given by Scott Gambles, Mayor Smith then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

Mayor Smith recognized and welcomed a Boy Scout in the audience by the name of Kelson who was working on his communications merit badge.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Goode mentioned that he had reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held June 15th, 2016 and did not note any changes required therefore moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes in the current draft form. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll for June, 2016 were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payables for the period of June 14th through June 30th, 2016, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried

Councilmember Hart then moved to approve the June, 2016 payroll, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Director Skinner presented an email from the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) Attorney, Carl Ericson who provided his opinion on the easement agreement with Monsanto for the Hooper Connector pathway. Mr. Ericson pointed out that the agreement has the City obligated in a way that is in violation of Idaho law and noted that it would probably be unenforceable. Director Skinner explained and expressed concern that the agreement incorporates the existing pathway along with adding the new Hooper Connector
and if not agreed to it may affect the use of the current pathway. Attorney Nelson expressed his agreement with Mr. Ericson of ICRMP. Mayor Smith declared his conflict due to his employment with Monsanto and asked Council President Hart and Director Skinner to work with Monsanto on the agreement. The Mayor stated he would really like to see this happen and does not see it as a negotiation between two competing parties. He feels everyone has the same idea of what they would like to see happen and just need to get the wording right to satisfy everyone’s issues.

Members of the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park were in attendance for the Mayor and Council’s discussion regarding designating a portion of the City (Corrigan) Park for the proposed all-inclusive playground. The Mayor mentioned that the group would like some sort of commitment from the City in these beginning stages even though legal documents or financing is not yet in place. Councilmember Goode suggested a letter of understanding contingent on funding and with a sunset clause. Attorney Nelson suggested it could be done by just a motion. The Mayor and Council discussed at length. Councilmember Lau recommended not designating the area until further design was done that may suggest the best place to locate the new playground, which in his experience may be the middle of the park. He also expressed concerns about the existing play equipment and the Community’s reaction to it being removed. The Friends of the Park group explained their need to pick the location and square footage in order to do the topographical survey that is required and they have an individual who is donating the survey work. They also explained that the splash pad has to be at least 150 feet from any restroom facility. The group also mentioned that they have changed from using the United Way to using the local Cariboo Development Foundation as their financial partner. Councilmember Hart moved to approve by letter of understanding with the Friends of the Soda Springs City Park to make available a location in the City (Corrigan) Park (i.e. Northeast corner) for development and construction of an all-inclusive playground and splash pad with a sunset clause of June 30, 2018, with regular updates and subject to review and approval by the Mayor and City Council and taking into full consideration the repurpose or moving of existing play equipment. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

Mayor Smith declared a public hearing open before the Mayor and City Council for the purpose of considering several proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City as contained in Chapter 17, Soda Springs Municipal Code. The proposed amendments include changes to definitions, permitted uses and conditional uses in reference to; restaurants, day care, motel, hotel, club, lodge, medical office, government building, automobile sales & service, commercial storage units, contractors shop, recreational vehicle sales & service, commercial animal kennel & hospital and boarding & rooming houses. The amendments will affect all the applicable zones of the City excluding Agricultural Zones. The proposed amendments are intended to consolidate definitions, update outdated code and clarify permitted and conditional uses. A copy of the draft ordinance was made available prior to the public hearing. The public notice was read at length.
There was no public comment and the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Goode reported that the Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Commission reviewed the zoning code and recommended the changes included in the proposed ordinance. He also thanked and commended Planning and Zoning Chairman, Craig Kenyon and the Commission Members for the time they spend working on the very important planning and zoning issues.

Councilmember Lau introduced Ordinance #656 entitled ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO, AMENDING AND REPEALING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 OF THE SODA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING ORDINANCE); SPECIFICALLY AFFECTING CHAPTER 17.08 IN REGARD TO DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 17.20 IN REGARD TO CONDITIONAL USES; CHAPTER 17.28 IN REGARD TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES; CHAPTER 17.32 IN REGARD TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES; CHAPTER 17.36 IN REGARD TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES; CHAPTER 17.40 IN REGARD TO PERMITTED USES; CHAPTER 17.44 IN REGARD TO PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES; CHAPTER 17.48 TO CREATE CONDITIONAL USES WITHIN SAID ZONE. A motion was then made by Councilmember Hart and seconded by Councilmember Goode that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three separate occasions be dispensed with and that the ordinance be read once by title only. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Robert Lau  Mitch Hart  Jon Goode  Scott Gambles
Those voting nay: none
Absent: none

Motion Carried.

Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #656 by title. Councilmember Hart then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #656, seconded by Councilmember Goode. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Robert Lau  Mitch Hart  Jon Goode  Scott Gambles
Those voting nay: none
Absent: none

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #656 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Director Skinner presented the first pay application for the Library expansion project in the amount of $55,752.45 and reviewed the percentages complete. Councilmember Lau asked if Director Skinner was satisfied with the quality of work so far. Director Skinner and Mayor Smith agreed they were satisfied and the project was going well. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the contractor’s pay application No. 1 to Summit Welding and Construction for the Library project. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Director Skinner reported meeting with A+ Construction and viewing video of the new Rose Avenue sewer line revealing three areas that required repairs. The repairs have all been completed and re-videoed. The remaining schedule which should be completed in about two weeks includes finishing the road preparation for the asphalt that will be done
next week, clean up the excavator holes and lay sod. Director Skinner mentioned that there were six water service lines and three sewer service lines that were replaced for homeowners as part of the project along with some extra concrete work done for a couple of residents which will require reimbursement. The Mayor and Director Skinner explained that this project did intrude into property owner’s property more than on Court Street due to the mainline running right along the curb and the service line replacements and will require more sod and lawn repair.

Director Skinner gave a brief update on the current infrastructure projects. He mentioned one of the tennis court grants was unsuccessful but the City was invited to apply again and there was still a chance of getting a $25,000 grant from another source. Chip and seal is scheduled for Friday, July 15th and fencing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is about 1/3 complete.

A list of potential infrastructure projects for the next 10 years was reviewed in detail and the estimated cost of each project which totals $5 million. Priority projects include 1st South Street in front of the Presbyterian Church, Barnett Subdivision and 1st East from 2nd to 4th South Street. The projects were discussed at length and how a smaller project could be done one year to save for a larger the next. Councilmember Hart also stressed the need to plan ahead for approvals and engineering. Director Skinner explained that the cost estimates assumed hiring a contractor but may consider doing some smaller projects with City Staff and may be able to save some money. Councilmember Lau moved to approve that Director Skinner move forward with engineering and approvals for the 1st South Street and Barnett Subdivision projects in the current fiscal year and work to be completed in Fiscal Year 2017. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The proposed ordinances regarding the City’s Area of Impact and the agreement with the County was reviewed and discussed. The proposed boundary and zones for the Impact Area were explained by Director Skinner. The zones that would apply are the current zones of the City. Attorney Nelson pointed out a correction to the proposed map ordinance adopting the new Impact Area boundary stating the map exhibit should only show the boundary and not the zones and then the ordinance adopting the City’s codes for the Impact Area should have a map exhibit showing the boundary and the zoning designations. Attorney Nelson recommended deferring any action in order to insure everything is done correctly suggesting the City Council may need to hold another public hearing regarding the zoning designations which would change from the County’s zoning to the City’s. Mayor Smith supported Attorney Nelson and stated he wanted to get this cleaned up and wants it to be clear and concise. Attorney Nelson will meet with County Prosecutor, Doug Wood and review the procedures.

Director Skinner presented a request for the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee (GSSCDC) to expend $200 to sponsor the annual Project Warmth Golf Tournament. Councilmember Lau, seconded by Councilmember Goode moved to approve the GSSCDC expenditure.
Clerk Vorwaller presented a request for one night camping on July 8th in the mud bog area at Kelly Park to hold a celebration of life/truck salute event. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the request for the event and one night camping, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller reviewed the Budget Committee’s recommended changes to the proposed FY 2017 budget and also mentioned the Committee’s recommendation to decrease the up-front HSA amount from $1500 family to a $1000 as long as the health insurance increase is less than 5%. The Committee also agreed on a 1% cost of living allowance (COLA) with an additional 1% to be used for merit increases and equity adjustments. Councilmember Hart expressed his desire to give the employees a 3% COLA because of the additional work load with increased projects and expectations. He also mentioned the school employees were receiving a 2¾% increase. Councilmember Goode explained that he can’t justify more than the 1% when social security recipients were getting zero. Councilmember Lau agreed with Councilmember Goode and pointed out that school and state employees have not received increases several times over the last few years when the City employees have. Mayor Smith also mentioned that industry is looking at a 1 to 1½% and he supports the extra 1% to be used for merit and equity adjustments.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.

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James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk