
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
Dick & Judy Burnham
Leann Vranes
Dean & Sherrie Beckstead
Shari Vedder
Stacey Rasmussen
Angie Cooper
Cassie Cooper

Alan Skinner, Director
Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
Clyde Nelson, Attorney
JoAnna Ashley
Krista Wells Grube
Sydney Cooper

The invocation was given by Judy Burnham, Mayor Smith then led everyone in the ‘Pledge of Allegiance’.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Goode stated he had reviewed and noted no changes and so moved to dispense with the reading and approve the May 3rd, 2017 minutes in their current draft form. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The pre-paid accounts payable for May were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the accounts payable dated May 1st through May 15th, 2017, seconded by Councilmember Goode. Councilmember Goode asked about the $2,000 payment to Caselle. The Clerk explained it was a onetime cost to purchase an additional license for the upgraded program. Also reviewed was an annual inspection of the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant required to keep the warranty valid. A motion to approve the accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER FOR DETAIL)

Mayor Smith recognized Judy Burnham, owner operator of the ABC Factory Preschool. Mrs. Burnham is retiring after 35 years of teaching preschool to two generations of families. Mrs. Burnham is known for teaching the preschoolers to write their names, tie their shoes, the difference between shapes and their colors and numbers. She has a song for every occasion you could possibly think of, a smile that could light up the room, and a nurturing heart that has touched the lives of thousands of children and parents. Mayor Smith also thanked Mrs. Burnham for teaching children to play together amiable. The community is
sad to see her go but is also very happy for her. The Mayor and City Council was honored to recognize Judy Burnham as a “Soda Springs Super Hero” and thanked her for making such a positive, long lasting difference in our children’s lives and the community.

Krista Wells-Grube representing the Dragon Fyre Faire requested permission to hold their annual event on July 14th through 16th at Hooper Park. She mentioned they have been averaging 230 to 250 people attending. She requested that the merchants be allowed to camp and also mentioned that they plan to hold a Sunday morning service this year and continue the Faire through Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Wells-Grube stated the required insurance would be provided in advance and the participants, merchants, entertainers and organizers would sign waivers. Attorney Nelson will again review the waiver which should include holding the City harmless. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the Dragon Fyre Faire at Hooper Park, July 14th – 16th with the regular terms as in the past, including insurance and waivers. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion. Councilmember Lau declared his conflict due to his involvement in helping to organize the event. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

Caribou Field Archers (CFA) representative, JoAnna Ashley also made the annual request to hold the CFA archery shoot at Kelly Park, May 27th and 28th. She detailed the set up including the taping and signing of the trails indicating the archery shoot is in progress. She also explained that they do not have any shooting that crosses the paths. The Mayor cautioned against excessive motorized access to the trails and grass asking that they limit damage to the facility and use the authorized vehicle signs provided at City Hall. Councilmember Lau moved to approve the CFA shoot at Kelly Park with the required insurance and waivers, seconded by Councilmember Goode. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Lau introduced Ordinance #667 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 9.12.020, SODA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CITY TO CONFORM WITH STATE STATUTE. 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: Mitch Hart
Robert Lau
Jon Goode
Scott Gambles

Those voting nay: none
Absent: none

Motion Carried.
Clerk Vorwaller read Ordinance #667 by title. Councilmember Lau then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #667 amending the firearm code to conform to state statute. Councilmember Goode seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye: Mitch Hart

Those voting nay: none
Director Skinner showed a diagram of the covered pavilion that will be constructed at Geyser Park. It will be built with rough cut lumber and have a shake shingle roof. The cost is approximately $4,650 which is mostly covered by donations from Agrium, The Rail Road and Somsen Lumber who traded surplus equipment for the lumber. A sign will be placed on the pavilion recognizing Agrium and Councilmember Goode will verify the name due to Agrium’s pending merger. Director Skinner suggested a plasma cut metal sign and stated the goal is to have it completed before the 4th of July. The Mayor pointed out there will not be much cost to the City just the sign and some picnic tables. Director Skinner suggested the Council view the staked location and provide input on the placement. Other infrastructure items were reviewed. The Library door contractor has promised to complete the project by the June 15th deadline, a pre-bid meeting on the utility projects is scheduled for May 18th, and we are waiting on approval of preliminary engineering report for Formation Spring and also waiting on a delivery date on the sewer truck. The City Hall parking lot is waiting on the weather to improve along with the crew to prepare as many of the major road patches as possible so they can be repaired at the same time. The Mayor mentioned that sweeping is underway and the City clean-up week went well. Director Skinner mentioned there were 108 dump truck loads of yard debris, 142 bins of other trash and the land fill manager was appreciative of the City Crew stating things went really smooth. Councilmember Gambles reported that the public was appreciative and he received lots of good comments about the City clean-up. Director Skinner and the Mayor mentioned that there were less personal requests but the crew has tried to accommodate elderly individuals when they need help removing things from their house or property.

Councilmember Goode further discussed the proposed Comprehensive Plan update and the Community Builders grant being pursued to help with the update. The grant would require at least a $7,500 match for the project that would be valued at $20,000 to $25,000. Councilmember Goode recommended budgeting the $7,500 as match for the grant and if we don’t get the grant we could still use the funds to hire a professional to help update the Comprehensive Plan as a more useful visionary document. Councilmember Gambles suggested that it may be appropriate for the Greater Soda Springs Community Development Committee to contribute to the project also and he will propose the idea to the group. Councilmember Goode again pointed out that it is mandated by state code that an update be completed every 10 years. Councilmember Goode moved to approve including in the 2018 fiscal year budget $7,500 as grant match or to perform the Comprehensive plan update with a specialized consultant. Councilmember Lau seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor reminded the City Council that they were invited to the special meeting with the EPA and DEQ on Thursday, May 18th at 5:30pm. The agencies will review details of the
impact of contaminates from Monsanto and the former Kerr McGee/Tronox sites. He explained that this meeting was for medical professionals and community leaders prior to a general public meeting that will be held in June.

Mayor Smith let the Council know that Norm Bjorkman, Fire Chief Emeritus would be visiting the Fire Station on Thursday and going for a ride in the Fire Truck with his family at around 10am if anyway wanted to stop in and visit with him.

The Mayor also mentioned that the school bond passed and construction of a new gym will begin. He feels this new facility will be a positive addition to the community.

The Mayor mentioned that the department budget requests have been shared with the City Councilmembers and the Budget Committee will be meeting with the Department Supervisors to review and discuss their requests and make recommendations on what to include in the upcoming budget. He also mentioned that he has asked the HR Committee to review the Mayor and Council’s salaries and Clerk Vorwaller has gathered some comparison information.

Clerk Vorwaller reported that the Auditor was running late and was approximately 30 minutes out. The Mayor and Council agreed they did not want to wait and asked that she reschedule.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

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James R. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk