

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD JANUARY 6TH, 2020.

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.
JON D. GOODE
ROBERT M. LAU
SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Steele	Alan Skinner, Director
Chief Scott Shaw II	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
	Gregg Haney, Attorney

The invocation was given by Alan Skinner, Mayor Robinson 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 that needed to be made he then moved to dispense with the reading and accept the December 18th, 2019 minutes in their current form. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable were reviewed. Councilmember Goode moved to approve the accounts payable for December 17th through December 31st, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. Councilmember Goode expressed his displeasure over the annual payment to the American Society of Composers which he feels is a total rip off. Councilmember Lau asked about the payment for a sewer certification test. Director Skinner explained Bruce Stewart had completed the level 1 sewer collection certification and is now eligible to proceed with the wastewater certification test. A vote on the motion to approve the accounts payable was called. All in favor, motion carried.

The Council then reviewed the December payroll. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the December 2019 payroll, seconded by Councilmember Goode. Councilmember Lau asked about a payment to Andrea Haderlie that showed in the "other pay" column of the report. Clerk Vorwaller explained that in conjunction with the new pay scale, goals were set in order to receive a bonus or additional wage increase and Mrs. Haderlie had completed her goal and earned her bonus. Councilmember Hart commented on the overtime and Director Skinner explained it is mostly attributed to the water testing but there was also some snow plowing. A vote on the motion to approve the December 2019 payroll was called. All in favor motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Mayor Robinson administered the oath of office to the re-elected Councilmembers, Mitch Hart and Scott Gambles. They will serve a four-year term expiring December of 2023.

Director Skinner showed a detailed video of the interior of the Formation Well. The well has now been completed to 480 feet and a preliminary test shows the well has an artesian pressure of 5 psig (pounds per square inch gauge). A vertical turbine pump has been installed to 100 feet and the testing indicates, when pumping at 1800 gallons per minute (gpm), the static water level is at 17 feet which will be the maximum amount that can be utilized with artesian pressure. This depth correlates with the top of the discharge pipe from the well. Further testing indicates the static water level falls to 39 feet when pumping 2500 gpm which is the City's full water right. The well is 18 inches in diameter to 140 feet and then 15 inches in diameter to 480 feet. It is cased to 104 feet and after that is in solid rock with several faults in the walls of the rock where additional water pressure enters. With a 15 to 20 horsepower pump at 100 feet the City can utilize the full water right of 2500 gpm if needed. The Director explained the City's water demand would need to increase by 50% in order to need more water than can be supplied by the artesian gravity feed. A 24 hour pump test will be completed with a full report. The Council thanked Director Skinner for his hard work and a job well done.

An amended Consent Order setting out the options and time line to correct the possibility of the Formation Spring water from being contaminated by surface water was reviewed. The amended order extends the deadline for completion of the current well project. Director Skinner expressed concern about the review timeline and his desire to follow the original review process which would speed up the final approval in order to satisfy the consent order. The Director stated he spoke to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) who agreed to review and approve the pump installation separate, after the well is done in order to close out the consent order quicker. The amended consent order didn't change the testing requirements. The schedule for completion of the well project was reviewed which gives the City until the 1st of October which the Director stated should be plenty of time. The remaining work will be done by Vaughn Smith Construction with the city purchasing the final materials needed. Councilmember Hart asked about leaving the existing piping in the spring. Director Skinner explained that yes it would be abandoned in place just making sure to break the siphon and provide an air gap between the spring and the new transmission section. The consent order amendment will need to be approved at the next meeting after review and any corrections made.

There was no citizen input at the designated time.

The draft Future Land Use Map (FLUM) was reviewed and discussed. Councilmember Hart expressed concern regarding the designation of "Public Use Lands" and preferred it just be "Public Lands". Councilmember Lau expressed his opinion that the FLUM should be less complicated and have fewer designations showing areas that could be considered for future development and asked why we would want to add more layers. He suggested the Public Lands should show their possible future use and eligible to be rezoned for residential or commercial where appropriate. Councilmember Goode commented on the

Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Commission's dialogue and noted the proposed map is based on recommendations presented by JUB Engineers and is a general idea of what we are looking at in the future. He also noted the P & Z Commission are not the experts and they rely on experts like JUB and the City Attorney. Attorney Haney explained how the FLUM should provide a picture to developers where appropriate places for new development are best suited based on the location of current uses. The "Buffer Zone" designation was also discussed and Councilmember Hart feels it is appropriate. He also noted the need to protect areas like the City's water shed and Councilmember Lau agreed. Councilmember Lau asked to review the P & Z's minutes on what the discussion was when setting the designations. Councilmember Hart noted the FLUM provides transparency on what the current uses are and showing there will be a process to make changes. Councilmember Lau questioned whether we want to create more hurdles to development. Councilmember Goode suggested something could be added to the description noting possible other uses and expressed his opinion that the draft was not overly complicated. Councilmember Hart asked what the next steps are for moving forward. The Council discussed at length who would complete the work on the Plan and the FLUM and whether there is a need for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) or if there are already schedules and practices in place that serve that purpose. The Council felt it was their job to work with the CPAC and take on the task of meshing the two versions of the Plan. The Council and Staff reviewed the approval process and there was a disagreement on whether the needed public hearing and recommendation from the P & Z had already taken place. The past minutes will be reviewed. Councilmember Lau wondered if we should have some rules set for the work meeting on January 21st and would also like the latest version of the Comp Plan forwarded to everyone. The Mayor stated he is working on a guideline for the working meeting and he expressed his appreciation for the good conversation held.

Councilmember Goode moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm, seconded by Councilmember Hart. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk