

Squires purchase of the 50kW generator replacing and moving the current one as proposed up to \$50,000 plus or minus 10%. Councilmember Worthington seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Skinner presented an airport lease for Curt Hill of 65 South Main, Bancroft, Idaho who is requesting to lease Lot #5 and place a hangar to house a crop duster airplane. Mr. Hill is the owner of Hill Air Ag but operates mostly out of the Bancroft and Grace airports and would not be storing chemicals at the Soda Springs airport. Mr. Hill is asking to connect to water, sewer and power which would be at his cost. Staff pointed out there is only a septic tank there and no access to a sewer main. Engineer Skinner stated there are two more people interested in putting in hangars. The Council discussed. The City charges .15 cents a square foot which is about \$300 a year and the cost of any utilities. Councilmember Hart moved to authorize Engineer Skinner to negotiate the five-year lease with Mr. Curt Hill to place a hangar to house his crop duster airplane. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. Councilmember Worthington asked Director Hansen if he had any concerns; which he did not. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Robinson declared a public hearing open for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City amending in part, Chapter 17.08.020 – Accessory Building; clarifying what can be used as an Accessory Building in all City Municipal Zones and adopting a new Chapter and Section as Chapter 17.70 – Shipping/Cargo Containers as Accessory Buildings; permitting placement in Single Family Residential Zone(R-1), Combined Residential Zone(R-2), Multiple Family Residential Zone(R-3), Neighborhood Commercial Zone(C-1), Community Commercial Zone(C-2), Service Commercial Zone(C-3), Agriculture Zone(A-1, A-2), Light Industrial Zone(M-1), and Heavy Industrial Zone(M-2), and in some instances placement would require a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 17.68. The Clerk reported no written comments had been submitted. The Mayor then asked for comments from the audience which there were none. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Hart pointed out sections of the proposed new code that will require all non-conforming containers placed prior to the adoption of this new code to become compliant with the new requirements within 120 days. He expressed concerns about whether the Council was prepared to follow through with enforcement if the new code is adopted. Councilmember Worthington expressed his agreement with those concerns. He added his appreciation for the Planning and Zoning Commission for their efforts and the work that went into drafting the new code. He also thanked Carl Toupin for educating him on the use of storage containers and the Byram's/Soda Sip for providing an example of a well-done placement and use. Councilmember Hart noted there are approximately 40 containers in town and most will need to apply for building permits to comply with the new code. He asked if notices would be sent out to owners of containers. Attorney Haney stated yes notices would be sent out. Councilmember Carpenter expressed concerns about meeting the 120-day deadline with the current weather. Engineer Skinner stated they just need to start the process. Director Hansen pointed out the need to require locates when containers are placed. Engineer Skinner stated that is part of the building permit process. The Council and Staff reviewed the new code wording. The Mayor noted enforcement will be the responsibility of himself,

Attorney Haney and Engineer Skinner.

Councilmember Gambles introduced Ordinance #683 entitled AN ORDINANCE of the City of Soda Springs, Idaho, Amending in part Chapter 17.08.020 – Accessory Building clarifying what can be used as an Accessory Building in all City Municipal Zones and adopting a new Chapter and Section as Chapter 17.70 – Shipping/Cargo Containers as Accessory Buildings permitting placement in Single Family Residential Zone(R-1), Combined Residential Zone(R-2), Multiple Family Residential Zone(R-3), Neighborhood Commercial Zone(C-1), Community Commercial Zone(C-2), Service Commercial Zone(C-3), Agriculture Zone(A-1, A-2), Light Industrial Zone(M-1), and Heavy Industrial Zone(M-2), and in some instances placement would require a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 17.68. A motion was then made by Councilmember Hart and seconded by Councilmember Carpenter 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:	Ryan Carpenter	Those voting nay:	none
	Mitch Hart		
	Rod Worthington	Absent:	none
	Scott Gambles		

Motion Carried.

Attorney Haney read Ordinance #683 by title. Councilmember Carpenter then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #683. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion for adoption. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Mitch Hart	Those voting nay:	none
	Scott Gambles		
	Rod Worthington	Absent:	none
	Ryan Carpenter		

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #683 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

Mike Nally, Soda Springs Nordic Ski Association (SSNSA) Director and self-proclaimed Citizen and community service advocate explained the SSNSA's history of snowmobile ownership. The first snowmobile for grooming was purchased around 2007 for \$9000 with the help of a grant and \$1000 contribution from the City. Mr. Nally noted the machines they have are worn out and unreliable and the SSNSA attained financing to purchase a new snowmobile. He is now working to raise funds to pay off the financing. He and Clerk Vorwaller explained the older machines were titled in the City name and he requested the City sign those over to the SSNSA so they could be sold to help offset the cost of the new one. He also requested \$1500 from the City to go toward the new machine and support the SSNSA grooming of the Kelly Park trails. The Council discussed and Councilmember Carpenter suggested providing \$2000 to the SSNSA to go toward the new machine. Councilmember Hart moved to approve \$2000 to the SSNSA and the re-titling of the old machines as requested. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Nally for the amazing efforts of the SSNSA.

During citizen input Chief Shaw commended Officer Peck for his handling of a troubled individual and saving him from jumping off the overpass. The individual was successfully taken into protective custody. Local resident Hanna Cameron asked how much the SSNSA needed to raise to pay off the financed snowmobile. Mr. Nally stated the machine cost \$12,000, the SSNSA had \$7000 saved and with the City's \$2000 that only leaves \$3000 needed. Local resident and business owner, Paul Gritton commended Director Hansen on his responsiveness to a safety hazard due to ice and ruts in the road. Director Hansen thanked Mr. Gritton for his comment and mentioned how much he appreciates all the great work the SSNSA does.

Director Hansen noted it's the time of year for lots of comments about the roads and assured the Council and community that as a Department they try their best to make the roads safe and they do not enjoy plowing in driveways. He also mentioned they appreciate the public pointing out safety concerns. Director Hansen followed-up on the new snow plow truck purchase proposal as requested. The Clerk reviewed the budget pointing out funds budgeted for other equipment that Director Hansen stated he will not pursue this fiscal year and can be used along with the \$200,000 budgeted for the new snow plows. This will provide enough funding to cover Director Hansen's proposal. Attorney Haney reviewed the purchasing/bidding requirements and provided his opinion that the quotes attained, using the Sourcewell cooperative and purchasing the chassis separate from the upfitting packages provides substantial compliance with the purchasing/bidding requirements. Director Hansen explained ordering the chassis separate of the upfitting works best for the City's needs and gets the City the best deal. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the proposed snowplow truck purchases for two chassis and upfitting, up to a maximum total cost of \$260,000. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Council and Staff discussed the City truck fleet and considered the needs for heavier duty pickups vs smaller ones. Director Hansen explained there is a need for both types of trucks and expressed his appreciation for the support from the Council for replacing these really old plow trucks. The trucks expected delivery is July and then probably two months to upfit.

Updates to the ongoing project list included the bridge crane completion except for final adjustments when the basin is empty, and Supervisor Squires and Engineer Skinner working on some written procedures. Engineer Skinner reported Fire Chief Squires attained a bid on the final repairs at the fire station and the contractor will be able to start in a couple of weeks. Engineer Skinner noted the only projects planned this fiscal year are the pressure reducing valve (PRV) project and asphalt work at the Airport. He mentioned he submitted \$9.9 million in letters of interest (LOI's) for available grant/loan funding. This includes funding for the 2nd South/Highway 30 project the State has planned to do in 2025. Engineer Skinner also mentioned the City was awarded a \$15,000 grant for security cameras for source water protection at the Formation and Ledge Creek springs. He explained the grant doesn't cover cameras at the Formation pump house and encouraged the City to cover that cost. He will follow up with more information and a full proposal for the cameras.

Engineer Skinner mentioned the recent letter sent from the Idaho Department of Water Resources regarding the upcoming Bear River Water Rights Adjudication and briefly reviewed the City's current water rights. The Council discussed and Engineer Skinner will provide more information when he begins the filing process. He also clarified there is nothing City residents need to do unless they own property with a water right or domestic well.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Mitch Hart	Those voting nay:	none
	Scott Gambles		
	Ryan Carpenter	Absent:	none
	Rod Worthington		

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Worthington. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk