

plan. He explained this time the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has requested the Cities be involved beginning with the grant process and Engineer Skinner has provided a support letter from the City for the grant submission. Mr. Hobson also noted most funding is focused on mitigation rather than response. The funding should be available by May and then it will be a two-year planning process to hire a contractor and create the new updated plan.

Engineer Skinner presented a cost quote for a 1-ton electric hoist which is needed to support the chain while the bridge crane lifts the sprockets. The cost per hoist is \$4495 and then approximately \$500 shipping. Supervisor Squires noted two hoists will be needed. Councilmember Carpenter asked Supervisor Squires if he was okay with this plan. Supervisor Squires stated it is the best option to accomplish the chain replacement when needed. Engineer Skinner stated the bridge crane project budget will cover the cost of the hoists. Councilmember Hart moved to authorize the purchase of two 1-ton power lift hoists as specified and presented at an approximate total of \$10,000. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Robinson declared a public hearing open for the purpose of giving consideration to the vacation of that portion of Fifth East Street located in the City of Soda Springs, Idaho, which vacated road is approximately 100 Feet in width, which the City believes is no longer practical for use for vehicle travel by the public, and if vacated, said portion of Fifth East Street shall revert to the adjoining land owner, that being one Mullen Investments II, L.L.C. of P.O. Box 42, Soda Springs, Idaho, Ray Mullen as managing agent, subject to a reservation of easement by the City of Soda Springs, Idaho, for water, sewer, or other utility services which may be located within said roadway, or may hereafter be installed. The Clerk reported no written comments regarding the proposed street vacation had been received. Al Wyler of 511 East Hooper Avenue, commented he thought this portion of 5th East Street had already been vacated in the past. He then requested, as he previously had, for the City to also vacate the undeveloped portion of 5th East Street that is adjacent to his property on the North side of Hooper Avenue. Councilmember Hart, encouraged by Councilmember Worthington, explained to Mr. Wyler that the City had considered vacating that portion of 5th East Street in the past but was not in favor of it because it could potentially be developed and used as access to the property north of his property. Engineer Skinner reviewed the portions of 5th East that were previously vacated by the Rail Road in the 1970's and also noted the City would maintain a utility easement for the powerline. There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Carpenter introduced Ordinance #693 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, VACATING A PORTION OF FIFTH EAST STREET, A ROAD, CITY OF SODA SPRINGS; RESERVING UNTO THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS AN EASEMENT ON SAID ROAD WAY; GRANTING TO THE ADJOINING LAND OWNER THE PROPERTY SO VACATED; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE. A motion was then made by Councilmember Hart and seconded by Councilmember Gambles 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 #693 by title. Councilmember Gambles then moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance #693 vacating a section of the undeveloped 5th East Street. 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		
	Ryan Carpenter	Absent:	none
	Rod Worthington		

Motion Carried.

(SEE ATTACHED COPY OF ORDINANCE #693 - ORIGINAL ON FILE)

During citizen input Mayor Robinson congratulated Supervisor, Dan Squires on passing his class IV certification for wastewater treatment. He commended Supervisor Squires for setting an example and recognized the whole department who are all working on attaining the required certifications for the City's water and wastewater facilities. Councilmember Carpenter thanked all the City employees for their efforts the last couple of days and all the work they have been doing to clear the roads. He is very appreciative of their efforts. The Mayor noted they are reviewing other areas to dump snow because they are out of room at the City Park. County EMS Director, Eric Hobson added the County has 12,000 sand bags and sand available in preparation of spring flooding that are available to the public but have to be filled by those who need them. The Mayor asked about frozen water lines. Supervisor Squires reported there had been six frozen lines so far all of which are thawed except the Airport lounge. He added the frost depth on Main Street is 39 inches which is deeper than he has ever seen.

The Highland Way Subdivision being developed by Ken Finlayson and the water mainline pipe cost share was revisited. Engineer Skinner reviewed in detail the placement of the new mainline and easement requirements. The cost estimate for materials was reviewed and Supervisor Squires clarified two valves would be needed. Mr. Finlayson, the developer, offers to dig and lay the pipe on an approximate 400 feet portion if the City will cover the cost of materials. This is a benefit to the City because it allows the mainline to loop and eliminates two dead-end lines. The Council discussed the cul-de-sac drainage, snow removal and access, noting the entrance road will be approximately 60 foot wide. Engineer Skinner pointed out it is one of the few R3 zones allowing multi-family units and Fire Chief Squires has reviewed the fire hydrant location. Councilmember Hart moved to agree to the cost share with the developer for the 400 feet of water mainline extension benefiting the

City to a maximum of \$7500. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion clarifying the benefit to the City to eliminate two dead-end lines and wanting to be amicable to helping promote new housing. All in favor, motion carried.

The ongoing project list was reviewed. Lott Builders are getting materials and should have the Fire Station repairs done in a couple of weeks. Councilmember Worthington asked Engineer Skinner to review the upcoming summer projects. Engineer Skinner reviewed several projects that could move forward depending on grant funds and Director Hansen and Supervisor Squires priorities. He also mentioned the \$250,000 sidewalk grant and \$60,000 budgeted to start the pressure reducing valve (PRV) project. The time line on grant funds and the City's chance of receiving funds was discussed.

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

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

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk