

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD APRIL 19TH, 2023.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00PM BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MITCH HART.

ROLL CALL SHOWED THE FOLLOWING PRESENT: MITCHELL J. HART, PRES.  
RYAN CARPENTER  
RODNEY WORTHINGTON  
SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: AUSTIN W. ROBINSON, MAYOR

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Steele Alan Skinner, Engineer  
Rob Heuseveldt Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk  
Robert Hood Gregg Haney, Attorney  
Addison Ochsenbein  
Justin Hansen Chief Scott Shaw II  
Dan Squires CeJay Golightly

The invocation was given by Rod Worthington, Council President Hart then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Gambles moved to accept the minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and dispense with the reading. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The accounts payable and payroll were reviewed. Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the accounts payable dated April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the payroll for March, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Worthington. Councilmember Carpenter suggested purchasing gas cylinders to save over the rental cost and Councilmember Worthington mentioned the monthly electric line locate cost seemed high. Engineer Skinner stated there is no other options. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried.

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Sunrise Engineering staff, Rob Heuseveldt, Victor, Idaho, Robert Hood, Afton, Wyoming and Addison Ochsenbein, Montpelier thanked the Council for the time to introduce themselves and their team. They would like to get an opportunity to prove themselves and become the City's engineers. Rob Heuseveldt's expertise was noted not only as a professional engineer but in municipality work as a city administrator and public works supervisor. They noted projects they have done in the area. They have 20 offices and 400 employees and departments with expertise in many areas. What sets them apart is they really want to be a member of the team on projects from beginning to end by envisioning solutions, helping with funding and then design, construction and post construction working closely with the City's employees who have boots on the ground and know the City's systems and needs in order to have the most successful projects. They are trying to establish an Idaho presence and have interest in the community. Council President Hart thanked them for coming in and stated the City would consider their proposal and get back to them.

Engineer Skinner presented the Source Water Protection Grant package for approval. The \$15,000 grant provides a camera system for Formation & Ledge Creek springs. He noted the grant won't cover some areas and he and Supervisor Squires suggest additional cameras be purchased with City funds. Once he has a contractor he will come back with a quote and proposed plan. Council President Hart entertained a motion to approve the Mayor's signature on the grant documents subject to attorney and clerk review. Councilmember Carpenter so moved, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

The ongoing project list was reviewed. Council and Staff briefly discussed the need for a spare anerobic sludge mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant along with the new patrol vehicles and camera system. Councilmember Worthington thanked Chief Shaw for taking the time to show him what they have and why and how to make the officers and community safer. The new vehicles and equipment are well done.

Clerk Vorwaller presented the budget calendar for the year and pointed out the proposed budget hearing date. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the budget hearing to set the 2024 fiscal year budget for August 16, 2023. Councilmember Worthington seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Vorwaller will notify the County Clerk as required. Councilmember Worthington asked what the average budget amount was. The Clerk stated between \$9 and \$15 million. Council President Hart noted that includes the power fund and other enterprise fund budgets which is roughly half.

During the time for citizen input the Staff and Council shared information about the annual clean-up week. The County has set free dumping for the first week of June and the City's clean-up week will coincide. Curbside pickup was briefly discussed and the issue with large tree trimmings and removals that take several loads to pick up. The Staff will further discuss how to address this issue. The Clerk also mentioned the recent reporting on the \$650,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that need to be spent by October 2024 and encouraged the Council to designate them toward upcoming projects. Council President Hart also asked who could attend an upcoming luncheon with Bayer senior management. Councilmember Carpenter also noted the grant funds available for community forestry and asked Engineer Skinner to pursue the funds to improve the City's parks. Council President Hart suggested Councilmember Carpenter help propose a project using his past experience.

Councilmember Gambles moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Councilmember Worthington. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2023.

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Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk