

be put together to sell the building and decide how to transfer the antiquities. He proposed this based on the \$250,000 tax payer money already spent to maintain the building. Mayor Robinson suggested if someone wanted to make a legacy name for themselves or family and provide an endowment for the building the City would welcome that. Councilmember Carpenter shared a request to use the ballroom for an adult prom and asked if the Council was open to renting it out. The Mayor was open to the idea, Engineer Skinner stated there had been similar requests that were turned away.

Head Librarian of 21 years, Cindy Erickson gave a very detailed report of the growth of the library and the numerous uses and programs provided by the library. She expressed her sincere thanks to the City Council for their support of the library over the years and because the City Government values the Library and provides enough budget the Library is able to provide excellent services to the community. The Library offers high speed fiber internet and patron computers, numerous children's programs, a book delivery service, digital and audio platforms, copying, 3-D printing, access to entire data base of repair manuals, lamination service and book binding. The Historical Society is housing the Library's new professional digitization equipment attained through an Idaho Community Foundation grant and available for anyone's use. Statistics reviewed show 2876 patrons with library cards, 511 are non-residents. The Library houses 30,000 items at any time and checked out 66,271 items last year currently trending at a 12% increase. The City's Library does not ban books and does not push any controversial ideologies. Librarian Erickson detailed the strengths and abilities of her staff who work very successfully as a team and noted the Library is a real treasure. Councilmember Carpenter thanked Librarian Erickson for her passion and drive to provide this service to the community. Councilmember Worthington commented what an impressive presentation on the Library.

Engineer Skinner reported he expects one bid today another next week on the Fire Station repair project. He plans to be ready to get a decision next meeting and be able to start the project in a couple of weeks. The project should take approximately four weeks.

The 3rd East Street emergency sewer project is complete including the asphalt repairs. The approximate total cost is \$115,000 including the saddles provided by the City.

The first progress payment request for the South 2nd East Street project was presented for approval. The request includes work done through the end of June and with the withheld 10% retainer is \$153,184.50. Councilmember Hart moved to approve the progress payment as presented, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Skinner then presented a change order on South 2nd East Street project which includes widening the road and additional base, curb, gutter and asphalt to complete the project at an increased cost of \$168,373. Councilmember Hart, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the change order. Councilmember Carpenter pointed out widening the road will get it to match the existing street and curb and stressed the engineers and all that review projects need to make sure they are doing the best job they can. Engineer Skinner stated he has shared the Council's concerns with Forsgren who

has accepted responsibility and will be writing off \$14,000 in costs and agree they can and will do better. Councilmember Worthington stressed that Supervisor Squires and Director Hansen always be involved in planning and inspections of these projects and appreciates Engineer Skinner relaying the Council's concerns and all taking responsibility. It will take two to three weeks to complete the additional work and should be done before the end of September. A vote on the motion to approve the change order was called. All in favor, motion carried.

Regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant bridge crane project. The contractor sent their new guy to walk through the plant and they plan to be onsite by the end of September with the fabricated steel. The Crane is on order and still 12 to 14 weeks to estimated delivery. There is no ship date yet.

Items on the project list were reviewed. The #4 Hydro Plant work is close to being complete. The electrical is done including running the conduit to the top of the hill for the trash rake; just waiting on the hydraulic pump for the governor. Director Hansen and Laura Lind did a walk thru with the contractor for the playground camera system and decided to add an additional camera. The poles are on order and there will be seven cameras on four poles. Engineer Skinner will have the final proposal and cost next meeting. It will be three weeks for pole delivery and Director Hansen is working with Perks Electric on the installation. The internet signal for the system will come off the Fire Station. Engineer Skinner reported the City had received the planning study grant to help with the pressure reducing valve (PRV) system and the application is due by the end of September.

The upcoming planned power outage to upgrade the 46kV transmission line is ready to go. The project will require the current line to be shut down, cut the wire, place one pole and guide wires and then make the new connections to the Rocky Mountain power system and to the City's substation. The City understands it is a huge inconvenience but can be done safer, faster and cheaper during the daylight hours. Hopefully it will be completed quicker than 8 hours. The generator is in place for the water tank and the Idaho Transportation Department will man the stop lights. The Council commended all for the excellent collaboration and agreed it will be good to have this done.

Engineer Skinner reported the City has received another Child Pedestrian Safety grant for \$250,000. There is no match but it cannot be used for design, engineering or construction management. This grant will continue Phase II of a three-phase project that was started a couple years ago for sidewalk, curb and gutter to provide safer routes for pedestrians between schools and parks. The project starts on the west side of Thirkill Elementary running to Mainstreet then 3rd East and north to 2nd South including a bridge across Soda Creek. Councilmember Hart suggested starting with 4th South and defer 3rd East for the last phase.

Councilmember Hart reported on an informational meeting he, Councilmember Carpenter and Attorney Haney attended with public relations representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). They reported on their project oversight in area including the

Greenfield Trust. Councilmember Hart pointed out the City's concerns regarding the former Kerr McGee/Tronox contamination and ground water plume running toward Clear Springs/Riverence Trout Farm and other lands that could be developed but are affected by the plume. The City stressed their disagreement with Greenfields plan to let mother nature mitigate the issue over 30 to 50 years. Councilmember Hart also suggested Greenfield be responsible to help fund possible developments connecting to the City water system if the City had the capacity. The EPA representatives stated they will be issuing the approved mitigation plan which may be different than proposed but can't say right now. Councilmember Hart also noted the City has partnered with local industry for 75 years and would like to see larger contributions to the community from the industry.

The Mayor reminded everyone the City Picnic would be August 11th at the Hooper Park.

The Council briefly reviewed the proposed FY 2023 Budget. Councilmember Hart detailed an analysis of the proposed budget and the philosophy of setting an aggressive budget and then closely watching it throughout the year. The Council supported that philosophy. The budget hearing will be held next meeting.

Councilmember Gambles moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(e) involving matters of trade or commerce. Councilmember Hart 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 Hart moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Gambles moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk