

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SODA SPRINGS, CARIBOU COUNTY, IDAHO HELD SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2022.

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.
	RYAN CARPENTER
	RODNEY WORTHINGTON
	SCOTT K. GAMBLES

EXCUSED: Gregg Haney, Attorney

ALSO PRESENT:	Mark Steele	Alan Skinner, Engineer
	Dan Squires	Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk
	Justin Hansen	
	CeJay Golightly	Chief Scott Shaw II

The invocation was given by Scott Gambles, Mayor Robinson then led everyone in the 'Pledge of Allegiance'.

The Mayor noted Attorney Haney was absent and excused.

The previous meeting minutes were presented for review. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on August 17th, 2022 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 August 16th through August 31st, 2022 and the payroll for August, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Hart. Councilmember Carpenter questioned the payment to the City of Franklin for pipe and also a payment to Forsgren Engineers. Engineer Skinner explained this was pipe bought for the 3rd East emergency project only and no extra was bought. The Forsgren payment included construction management, compaction testing and sewer stub outs for South 2nd East and consult to find vendors for the metering station. A vote on the motion was called. All in favor, motion carried

(SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REGISTERS FOR DETAIL)

Councilmember Hart went over the final visitor numbers for the Ender's Museum. There were 624 visitors that signed in but an estimated total of 1058 people that went through the building while it was open this summer. That's approximately 12 per day costing the City \$11.00 per person to have the building open. There were \$860 in donations collected. Councilmember Hart also mentioned a request for proposals (RFP) were sent out to architect/engineers to see if there is any interest in providing conceptual proposals on repurposing Enders into City Hall.

Police Chief Shaw requested to move forward with FY2023 budgeted items and wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page. He has two bids that are still good. One for the body and in-car cameras he would like to get ordered. He truly believes the cameras are needed as a tool to protect against liability for the officers and the public. The Council discussed and expressed support. Councilmember Worthington moved to approve the purchase of the cameras proposed as safety equipment, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

The other FY2023 budget item the Chief requested to move ahead with is the purchase of the Spillman software program. He noted it will be costly the first year but will see savings going forward and will be connected to all the agencies. The information provided by dispatch is invaluable and Spillman will be compatible with the new camera system along with full transcription for case reporting. The Council discussed the history of Spillman which the City went away from in 2016. Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve moving ahead with the purchase of the Spillman software for better communication with other agencies and seamless reporting. Councilmember Worthington seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Squires presented a quote for new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that come with two bottles each as a current special they are offering. If purchased now it would save the City \$17,500. Chief Squires noted the Department is okay right now but will need these in the next couple of years. The life expectancy is 15 years and their SCBA's are on year 17. The Council discussed and supported taking advantage of the special. Councilmember Hart suggested seeing if we can get an additional percentage off for paying cash and not financing. Councilmember Hart moved to authorize Chief Squires to purchase the new SCBA's for approximately \$114,500 out of the 2022 fiscal year budget and strongly encourage the supplier to provide a discount for prepaying. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Fire Station repairs are progressing. The contractor is on site and has removed both driveways. A gas line must be rerouted and a rough schedule for the concrete guy is the week of September 19th. The challenge will be getting it dug out, filled and compacted before for the concrete arrives.

The second progress payment request for the South 2nd East Street project was presented for approval. Engineer Skinner stated the contractor has been offsite for a week but are back and starting on the final work which is the curb, gutter, crown and asphalt. Councilmember Hart moved to approve progress payment number two for \$68,844.60 to A+ Construction, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

The ongoing projects were reviewed. The governor for the #4 Hydro plant showed up today and the plant should be running by next week. The property survey has been completed in order to draw up the new easement for the 46kV transmission line. Councilmember Hart noted the Council's desire to make the Ledge Creek water transmission line project a priority and proposed borrowing from the Power Fund and

raising rates enough to finance the project. His initial review suggests the rates would need to be increased 24% to cover the cost and reimburse funds over a six-year period. Councilmember Worthington supports upgrading the Ledge Creek line sooner than later and Supervisor Squires expressed concern about a catastrophic leak. Supervisor Squires also noted he will be sharing some information on the water tank repairs needed in the near future.

During the time for citizen input Councilmember Worthington noted the large cross country track event held at Kelly Park with 66 teams from 3 states and over 4000 visitors to town. He thanked the teams and coaches and also thanked the City workers for all their hard work in preparing for the event.

The Mayor let the Council know about the planned Halloween Festival/Spirit Search event on October 22nd. The event was planned to bring attention to the community focusing on Main Street and the Enders Building. Vendors are signing up to come and all the proceeds will go to the local Hope and Recovery program. The Mayor and Chief Shaw asked for guidance from the Council on how to handle the alcoholic beverages on the street. The Staff and Council discussed and agreed catering permits could be issued to allow the beverages to be legal on the City sidewalk and street.

Engineer Skinner and Supervisor Squires reported on the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit inspection with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This inspection is done every other year. The inspection took two days, one spent reviewing treatment and one day reviewing collection system. The inspection went well and Supervisor Squires was encouraged by the open communication that took place regarding certain requirements that have been unclear. The DEQ compliance officer will submit a report back to us within 45 days.

Councilmember Hart pointed out a list of numerous grant opportunities and suggested everyone make sure they are looking at them and taking advantage of any of them if possible. Even if it's close to the grant objective we should try. Supervisor Squires noted there is a possibility to get some backup generators that he is looking into. Engineer Skinner reviewed some possible ideas, including the generators and funds to upgrade the North Main Steet bridge. Councilmember Carpenter suggested everyone get creative.

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

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk