

take 60 to 90 days to complete and asks if the Council wants to expend the funds to see if moving City Hall there is feasible. The Council understands if an elevator and fire suppression system is required it will be very expensive. Councilmember Hart noted the current City Hall was renovated in 1996, 26 years ago, and was now in need of upgrades and maintenance. The Mayor noted the City has made a commitment to house a Smithsonian display at the Enders next August. If we decide to do something with the building before then we would lose that opportunity or have to find another acceptable location for the display which needs 650 square feet and use of power. The current cost to maintain the building is approximately \$1000 a month. The conversation was continued later in the meeting.

Carolie Kimball shared her concerns regarding the beaver problem on Soda Creek that runs right next to her home. She explained how the beaver dams cause the creek to rise which is damaging her driveway and also has the potential to flood her home. She asked the City to consider short- and long-term solutions. She expressed her appreciation for the City being responsive in the past. The Staff and Council reviewed and discussed the situation including the School Districts response. Councilmember Worthington asked Mrs. Kimball to call the School District whenever the problem needs addressed on the Schools property. All agreed this will be an ongoing issue and all will need to work together to address it. Councilmember Hart asked Attorney Haney where the responsibility lies besides the culvert is the City's responsibility. Attorney Haney stated if it falls in the City right-of-ways it is the City's responsibility. Councilmember Hart cautioned that everyone needs to beware of regulatory rules on water ways and also explained the City doesn't always have the resources, funds or authority to fix everything.

Mayor Robinson welcomed former Mayor, Kirk L. Hansen and his family. Mr. Hansen presented a check for \$25,000 on behalf of his family to go toward the new Kelly Park playground. Mr. Hansen shared how his family has been blessed to live and operate a successful business in Soda Springs for 60 years. He also mentioned during his 28 years as Mayor many things didn't take place due to a lack of interest or financial resources and this is how he and his family would like to continue to give back to the community. The family donation is for a good cause and going toward the youth in the community. It will not fund the entire amount but will help. Mayor Robinson and the City Council thanked the Kirk L. Hansen family for the most generous gift and expressed appreciation for their love of the community.

During citizen input Mayor Robinson noted what a shining example the Hansen family is for their contribution to the community and pointed out there are lots of ways to give back and take pride in the community; join civic groups, volunteer time or even just pick up trash. Chief Shaw was asked to share information about a recent high-speed chase and apprehension that took place and Councilmember Worthington noted the local Masonic Lodge celebrated 100 years and he expressed his appreciation for the invitation which unfortunately he couldn't attend but stated it is a very impressive organization and they do good things.

The Mayor and Council continued the conversation regarding the Enders building. Councilmember Worthington made a motion, based on the high maintenance costs, to set a deadline of January 4th, 2023 for the Council to make a final decision on what to do with the building. The motion died for the lack of a second. The Council continued to discuss the options and Councilmember Hart noted the City has received enough community input and whatever decision will be made it will be wrong but it ultimately falls on the City to decide. He noted the close to \$200,000 spent may have had to be spent anyway to prepare the building to be sold. Councilmember Worthington expressed appreciation for Councilmember Hart's efforts in going above and beyond, being creative and trying to figure out what to do with the building. Councilmember Worthington stated he feels the City has got to fish or cut bait. The Mayor stated he feels we should pursue looking at the possibility of moving City Hall based on input from the community. Councilmember Hart supported moving forward with the conceptual designs and make a decision on the current lease proposal. Councilmember Gambles also supported looking at how to move City Hall. Attorney Haney noted it will take up to six months to prepare the building for sale. Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve going ahead with the proposal from JHS Architects, in a timely fashion, to evaluate and provide conceptual designs to remodel the Enders building to be used as a City Hall. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. The Council suggested it be completed in approximately 90 days which would be late January. All in favor, motion carried. Councilmember Hart and Engineer Skinner will take the lead and get it going.

Engineer Skinner presented the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit inspection report received back from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). A new reporting requirement was explained due to a violation from the 3rd East Street sewer issue. The City is required to report within 24 hours if raw spillage is caused by malfunction of the mainline. The other item addressed in the report was the DEQ approved modification to allow only one flow meter. The Council commended the staff on a job well done. Councilmember Carpenter thanked Supervisor Squires for providing the recent tour of the plant for some young men and stated he is grateful for Supervisor Squire's knowledge and willingness to share that with everyone. He is also grateful not to hear or smell the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Fire Station repairs are almost done and payment was previously approved. The total is about \$114,000 which includes completing the concrete sealing but does not include the inside repairs. Chief Squires said they did a good job and he and Director Hansen worked together to put the storm drain in across the north parking lot. Engineer Skinner stated he is looking for a contractor to do the inside work. He also mentioned the City received the \$50,000 from ICRMP and will need to send the County an invoice.

The final South 2nd East Street project invoice, already approved, includes the total contract amount except retention which will be held until everything is complete. Remaining is one more pass of asphalt and the homeowners all seem to be okay.

The project lists were reviewed which include projects for 2022 still in progress and the new projects for the 2023 budget. Councilmember Carpenter asked about the Water Facilities Planning Study amendment and the pressure reducing valve (PRV) project. Engineer Skinner explained the planning study has to be updated every five years to be valid and qualify the City for grant funding. Once updated grants will be sought to make changes and address Supervisor Squires concerns in the original PRV study and proposed plan. Councilmember Hart noted everybody is on the same page and ready to move forward. The #4 Hydro is mechanically done waiting on the electrician. Then staff will still need to go through start up and training. The Mayor noted the State Highway project has been pushed to 2025 and Attorney Haney has a call in to see if there is State help for the utility upgrades that need to be done.

The Ledge Creek water transmission line upgrade was discussed. The Clerk supported Councilmember Hart's evaluation of funding that could be raised with a \$12.00 fee increase but pointed out the percentage increase would depend on the user rate category. Supervisor Squires noted the highway project would take priority over tackling the whole Ledge Creek line. Councilmember Hart suggested holding off on Ledge Creek and get the Power fund fully reimbursed over the next three years and then borrow to do the Ledge Creek line. Supervisor Squires also mentioned he will hopefully have information on the critical repairs needed to the water tank at the next meeting.

Councilmember Gambles moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tausha Vorwaller, Clerk