Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lava Hot Springs, Idaho held Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., Lava City Hall, 115 West Elm Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Present: Marshall Burgin, Mayor  
Canda Dimick, City Clerk  
Rita Anderson, Councilperson  
Phil Beeson, Councilperson  
Newt Lowe, Councilperson  
Cathy Sher, Councilperson  

Guests: Carl Toupin and Vicky Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Discuss garbage proposals and select contractor.
The council reviewed the comparison sheets which were prepared by the city clerk. She explained that there are three (3) columns, one column showing M.R.&E., Inc.’s proposal rate, one column showing PSI’s proposal rate and the third column is M.R. & E, Inc.’s proposal rate with the $.40 which the city retains backed out. The third column was figured because PSI’s rate did not include the $.40 for city administration.

The city clerk pointed out that in July, 2010 while there were two commercial pickups per week, M.R. & E., Inc.’s proposal rate is cheaper. There is about $60 difference one way or the other. In January 2011, the comparison shows that PSI had the cheaper rate.

The rate comparison also showed that the smallest PSI commercial container is 2 yards; therefore several of the businesses would have a rate increase if PSI was chosen due to the size of the container. The mayor reported that Stoney from PSI called today and reported that it would be June 1st before PSI could have the commercial containers to service the commercial customers. Councilperson Lowe expressed being happy with the current service and he doesn’t see a reason to change.

Mr. Toupin assured the council that 99% of the city’s waste goes to the Bannock County landfill. Councilperson Beeson questioned if the city is liable for the city waste that may not go to the Bannock County landfill. Mr. Toupin said that he could probably do some adjusting to assure that 100% of the city waste goes to the Bannock County landfill, they do not literally clean out the truck when dumping. The mayor questioned the weight of a yard of garbage. Mr. Toupin reported that it depends on the season.

Mr. Toupin stated that the maintenance of cans is the contractor’s responsibility, along with delivery and pick up of containers. The city clerk questioned if the contractor would be willing to agree that rate increases would not be greater than the consumer pricing index. Mr. Toupin stated that he is agreeable to that. The city will have to approve any rate increase according to the contract.

Councilperson Sher expressed that she is also pleased with the current service and would hate to increase the commercial users when sewer rates are increasing.
The city clerk stated that the city has been holding part of the landfill fees to see what the landfill disposal fees were. She questioned if all the landfill fees would be turned over to the contractor under the new rate schedule. Council agreed that all landfill fees would be turned over to the contractor.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sher accepting the M.R. & E, Inc. proposal with the contract worded to add the consumer pricing index rate increase limitation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Lowe. All voted aye, unanimous.

Approve right-of-way easement bill for new wastewater transmission line.
The city clerk explained that the city had to acquire a little more easement for the transmission line crossing the Dean Day Estate property so that the connection from the new line to the old line could be made at a 45° angle instead of a 90°. The cost for the additional easement is $340.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson approving the $340 payment for the Dean Day easement. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Beeson. All voted aye, unanimous.

Schedule special meeting to consider 1% Tourism Development & Promotion Proposals.
A special council meeting to consider the 1% Tourism Development & Promotion Proposals was scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The city clerk will inform applicant presenters; Mark Lowe and Evelee Hill, of the meeting schedule.

*Note: The meeting was later changed to Monday, April 11, 2011, because Mark Lowe, applicant presenter, was not able to attend the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Miscellaneous
The mayor reported that Vicky Lyon is upset with the concrete barricades that Shawn Mulholland has piled on the River’s Edge Resort LLC property. The council noted that at this time there is no violation or no issue which the city can act upon.

Adjournment
A motion was made by Councilperson Lowe to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Anderson. All voted aye, unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Trish Avery, Transcriber

Marshall N. Burgin, Mayor

Canda L. Dimick, City Clerk (proof read)

Approved April 14, 2011