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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in regular meeting, Thursday November 7th, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting, Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen, Councilmen Gil Karst, Paul Hovey, Norris Gesas, Jim Freeman, Mel Erickson, and Ralph Wood. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; Lorna Coughlin, City Treasurer; John Evans, City Controller; Ernie Craner, Parks & Recreation Director; Pete Hill, Director of Aviation; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Robert Pollock, Police Chief; Les Corcoran and Lee Mundell, Personnel Director.

Minutes of the last recessed regular meeting, held October 24th, 1974, were read and approved as amended.

The Mayor acknowledged Linda Martin in the Council Chambers representing the League of Women Voters; also, a Government night class from the Idaho Falls High School; and finally, Scout Troop 382. The Mayor thanked them for their presence and their civic interest.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place, as advertised, for a public hearing to consider a rezoning petition by the Upper Snake River Valley Dairymen's Association, as more fully described by this explanatory memo from the City Planner.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Rod Gilchrist
SUBJECT: REZONING - WINN'S ADDITION, BLOCK 20, LOTS 1-28

Attached is a copy of a rezoning petition on the above described property. This property is the old Eagle Rock School site and has been zoned General Commercial for a number of years. The petitioner is requesting a rezoning to I&M-1 to allow for expansion of the creamery and so that all of the property owned by the creamery will be in the same zone.

The City Planning Commission held a hearing on this subject and recommended unanimously to grant the rezoning. At the hearing, several adjacent property owners were in attendance and voiced protests. These protests, however, had to do primarily with street improvements in the area and I believe that the questions relative to the rezoning were satisfactorily answered.

This office has received no further protests or comments regarding this rezoning since the Planning Commission hearing. It is now being submitted to the Mayor and City Council for your consideration.

s/ Rod Gilchrist

There were no protests. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Karst, that the area in question be rezoned to I&M-1 and the Building Official be directed to incorporate said zoning on the official zoning map, located in his office. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Mr. Ken Hunter from the Engineering Department and Messrs. Larry Christensen, Ray Judy and Reed Holverson from the Water Department appeared before the

Council representing the Idaho Falls Municipal Employees Association. Mr. Christensen, as President-elect of that Association, acting as spokesman, asked that the Council recognize

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the Idaho Falls Municipal Employee Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for those City employees who are members of the association and who are proper employees to be included within the bargaining unit. Councilman Karst noted that the Council has, in effect, acknowledged and recognized this association when authorization was granted the Controller to withhold dues from members' payroll checks. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Freeman, that the Idaho Falls Municipal Employees Association be recognized as requested. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Mr. Christensen then asked where and from whom they could receive guidance relative to such questions as the size of the bargaining unit body, who should be included and excluded, etc. With general Council concurrence, Karst advised that internal matters of this nature could be worked out between their delegated representatives and the Personnel Director.

Bills for the month of October, 1974, having been properly audited by the Fiscal Committee, were presented. The City Clerk read aloud all fund totals for salaries, materials and services, as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SERVICE AND MATERIALS</u>	<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
General Fund	\$156,694.29	\$164,020.64	\$320,714.93
Street Fund	\$45,891.27	\$12,710.23	\$58,601.98
Airport Fund	\$8,783.93	\$5,838.05	\$14,621.98
Water & Sewer Fund	\$42,937.70	\$26,270.59	\$69,208.29
Electric Light Fund	\$100,803.05	\$44,261.20	\$145,064.35
Fire	\$12,243.44	\$63,261.30	\$75,318.11
Recreation	\$1,477.44	\$3,671.76	\$5,149.20
Police Retirement	<u>\$91,026.30</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>\$91,026.30</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$459,857.52	\$319,847.14	\$779,704.66

Councilman Karst explained all major expenditures. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Freeman, that the bills be allowed and the Controller be authorized to issue warrants on the respective funds for their payment. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Reports from Division and Department Heads were presented for the month of October, 1974, and there being no questions nor objections, were accepted by the Mayor and ordered placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

License applications for GROCERY STORE, Albertson's at 17th; RESTAURANT, Pizza Hut, Gas Lampe, Gay Nineties; APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, Brent Peterson; CLASS D CONTRACTOR, WARM AIR, Rex Onan; CLASS D JOURNEYMAN, WARM AIR, Rex Onan; BARTENDER, G. Jay Harmon, Billie O'Neil, Mary Pincock, Dorothy Fuger, George Curtis, Earl Wochner; TAXI CAB DRIVER, Russell Mueller, Milton Hardey; BEER (Canned and bottled, not to be consumed on the premises), Skaggs Drug, Murphy's Market, Albertson on 17th; BEER (Canned and bottled to be consumed on the premises), Matador Lounge; BEER, (Canned, bottled and draught, to be consumed on the premises), Pizza Hut, Samoa Bar, Russet Bar, Gay Nineties, Gas Lampe Pizza Shoppe, Dusty's, LeBaron's Lounge, Chariott II were presented. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Freeman, that these licenses be granted, subject to the approval of the appropriate Division Director where required. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

From the General Services Director, this memo was presented:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chad Stanger
SUBJECT: SANITATION TRUCK BIDS

I respectfully request permission to advertise for bids for two (2) sanitation packers mounted on two (2) truck cab and chassis for the budget year 1975.

s/ Chad Stanger

Erickson explained that advertising on these vehicles was deemed necessary as soon as possible, inasmuch as 8 to 12 months was anticipated to effect delivery. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that authorization be granted to advertise for bids on the equipment as described with the understanding that these would likely be a budgeted item in 1975. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; no, none; carried.

This memo from the City Controller was submitted:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen and City Council
FROM: John D. Evans, Controller
SUBJECT: LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION FUND

I am requesting Council action to authorize the creation of a Library Construction Fund, as per approval of the Library bond issue for the construction of a new municipal library in the amount of \$2,677,000.00, which was approved by election October 8, 1974, and certified by the Council October 10, 1974.

s/ John D. Evans

It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Freeman, that authorization be granted to create a library construction fund. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

From the Building Official this memo was submitted:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Building and Zoning

SUBJECT: VARIANCE FOR SIGN IN AN R-3A ZONE

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Mr. Orland Buck and Mr. William Sullivan of the Buck Sullivan Funeral Home requests a variance to erect a double faced plex interior illuminated pile sign on their property. See plot plan for location. This must have Council approval before issuing a sign permit.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

s/ Paul Lundblade/RC
Building Official

Recognizing that a new sign ordinance was in the process of being drafted, Councilman Freeman asked whether or not the new ordinance, if it were now in effect, would provide for a sign of this nature. Councilman Wood answered by saying that there is no ordinance, now in effect, and thus the need for a variance. Freeman said he hoped the new ordinance would control signs of this kind and, if allowed, specify that such a sign be in good taste. A sketch of the proposed sign was viewed by the Council. Councilman Karst said he would hope that the new ordinance would eliminate the necessity for such requests for a variance. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Karst, that this variance be granted. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; no, one; carried. Councilman Gesas voting no.

This memo signed jointly by the Personnel Director, the General Services Director and the City Controller as members of the Central Safety Committee, was presented and studied.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmen
FROM: Central Safety Committee
SUBJECT: SAFETY GLASSES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

The City shall provide safety glasses for its employees who work in recognized eye hazard areas and in other circumstances as recommended and approved by the appropriate Division Director, subject to the following guidelines:

- A. Non-prescription Plano safety glasses, either in clear or colored lens, will be checked out to the employee who will be responsible for them.
- B. Prescription ground safety glasses in either clear or colored lens will be provided as follows:
 1. A prescription will be required from an eye doctor, and the employee pays for the prescription. The prescription shall be submitted to the employee's supervisor and attached to the purchase requisition.
 2. The City will allow any combination of frames and lenses, i.e., variable coloring lenses, metallic or plastic frames, etc., as available from the designated optical shop provided that the supplier must certify the lens and frame as being industrial safety rated.

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- C. Employees desiring industrial safety frames and lenses that do not require corrective grinding shall be provided following the same procedure as outlined above and accompanied by a prescription from an eye doctor.
- D. The City will participate to a level of \$15.00 on a second pair of safety glasses on the prescription provided, upon the approval of the Division Director, for those employees desiring either a back up pair of safety glasses or colored glasses.
- E. Replacement of Safety Glasses.
 - 1. Safety Glasses will be replaced if lost or broken following the above guidelines, including the submitting of a prescription from the eye doctor.
- F. Optical Supplier.
 - 1. The General Services Division shall be responsible for surveying the various optical suppliers for adequate service and reasonable price, and the optical supplier shall be designated and identified to all employees.

s/ A. Lee Mundell
s/ Chad Stanger
s/ John Evans

Councilman Karst explained that this memo, if approved, would clarify and become part of the employees manual. Councilman Gesas took exception to Section F. He said that, in his opinion, at least two suppliers should be designated. Councilman Hovey concurred. By way of explanation, City Controller Evans appeared briefly to say that General Services Director Stanger had previously laid much investigative ground-work by seeking out informal proposals and that was the reason it was felt that one designated supplier would suffice. Stanger then appeared to concur with Evan's remarks and to add that this preliminary study would be made periodically and all vendors would be advised as to why the study was being conducted and why informal quotations were being obtained. Stanger said he had no objection to the naming of two suppliers but would object to three, four or more on the grounds that this would defeat the preliminary work already accomplished and the competitive advantage which had previously been created. By general Council agreement, it was agreed that two suppliers should be designated. Reflecting that amended change, then, it was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Hovey, that this procedure for acquisition of safety glasses be adopted and made part of the Personnel Policy manual. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

By memo the Director of Aviation presented a five year airport lease in favor of the Idaho Falls Aviation Inc. Asked for comment City Attorney Smith noted that this was a detailed comprehensive agreement, having taken several months of negotiation. He said this instrument was prepared in his office and, in his opinion, equitably protected and preserved the City's investment. By way of illustration, Smith pointed out that the lease provided for the lessee constructing improvements on the west side building area, which include the old log terminal building, and that there was an escalation clause to provide for increased benefits to the City in the event of increased revenue as a result of said improvements. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Gesas, that this lease agreement be accepted

and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; no, none; carried.

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By memo, the Mayor reminded all City Officials of a District Five meeting sponsored by the A.I.C. at the Bonneville Hotel, 6:30 P.M., November 12th, 1974. He said this was an important event, as area legislators were invited to hear and have explained all A.I.C. sponsored or endorsed bills to be presented before the State Legislature in January, 1975.

This letter was presented and read aloud:

Upper Valley Telecable Co.
October 31, 1974

Mr. Eddie Pedersen, Mayor
City Hall
308 C. Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mayor Pedersen:

Please be advised that effective January 1, 1975, the Upper Valley Telecable will increase it's rates as follows:

Monthly services charges will be increased from \$5.75 to \$6.95.

Installation for new homes will be increased from \$9.95 to \$16.50.

The rates for reconnects for homes that are presently wired will be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Additional outlets will remain at \$1.00 per outlet over and above the original outlet.

We are supplying this information to you as of this date as required in Section #12 of Ordinance #1247 that stipulates that we must notify you 60 days in advance before such rates will become effective.

I am sure you can understand the necessity for this increase which lies in the fact of spiraling inflation, costs of new and additional equipment, costs on new and replacement materials, costs of labor, and costs of services in general. This rate adjustment brings Upper Valley Telecable Co. rates in line with comparable systems throughout the U.S.

Please find a completed rate schedule which will be effective January 1, 1975.

If you should care to discuss this matter further with us, we will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Kindest regards,
s/ Robert W. Bauchman

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this be referred to the City Attorney for study and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried. Following is another letter that was presented and read aloud:

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Idaho Falls City Council
Honorable Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mayor and Council:

In order to meet the parking requirement we have had William F. Rigby, one of the partners in the above captioned property, contact Don Laymaster, President of Off-Street Parking, to acquire a 5-year lease on 3 parking spaces in the lot immediately east of subject property. Mr. Laymaster advised Mr. Rigby that he would confirm November 11, 1974, in writing either affirmative or negative.

In the event their answer is negative, I would appreciate your consideration in allowing the use of Lot 3, Block 26 of Original Townsite on Eastern Avenue for this parking requirement. I purchased this lot several months ago to provide 28 parking spaces for free public parking. The City cleared and graveled the lot with the understanding that I would pay them for their expenses in the event I decided to use it for private parking. This lot is 600 feet from subject property, which is beyond the 400 foot requirement; but I feel that in the event no other space is available, this is not an unreasonable request.

Prior to starting construction, I contacted Paul Lundblade and the Fire Department and reviewed the property plans. I got approval to proceed with demolition and construction until the permit was issued. I have instructed Mr. Scott to close in the windows and clean up the demolition, but not to proceed with construction.

My reference to Mr. Lundblade above, is not intended to berate him in any way as I have always found him to be fair, considerate, and most capable.

I am to attend a Real Estate Commission meeting in Arizona this weekend and will be back in Idaho Falls on November 12, 1974. I trust you will approve one of the two proposals.

Very truly yours,
s/ Richard R. Clayton
Falls Building Company

Noting that Mr. Clayton, as indicated in the letter, would not know until November 11th whether or not he would be able to lease the desired parking spaces from the Off-Street Parking Company, it was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Karst, that this matter be tabled at least until that date. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Still under the heading of communications, this letter was presented:

Ellsworth Brothers, Inc.
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Mr. Norris Gesas, City Councilman

City Building
Idaho Falls, Idaho

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Councilman Gesas:

We would like to ask your consideration on having the intersection at N. Emerson and Garfield signed as a 4 way stop. Presently only one of the streets, N. Emerson, is a stop street.

Over the years we have noticed a number of accidents at this corner, some we have been involved in, and we feel that a 4 way stop might reduce the possibilities of more accidents in the future. The addition of a stop sign on Garfield will certainly not impede traffic as it is a very busy intersection now with our shop traffic, etc.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
s/ Jack Ellsworth, Jr.

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Wood, that this be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for study and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Finally, this written request for a four way traffic stop was reviewed:

Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints
October 14, 1974

Mayor and City Council
City of Idaho Falls
P.O. Box 220
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

I hereby make a request for your consideration, that a four way stop be installed at West Elva and Jefferson Avenue. There are a great many children crossing at this point, plus the extensive use of Civitan Park, which makes for potential accidents. With the present right of way on Elva, the Traffic moves pretty fast, not only at the point of the crossing, but in front of the Church at 750 West Elva. The four-way stop could do much to slow this fast traffic down. Thank you for your consideration and with best wished to you, I am

Sincerely,
s/ Jack A. Wood, Jr.
Bishop

It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Wood, that this also be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for study and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, SETTING FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND ORGANIZATION OF SAID COMMITTEE; REPEALING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, CITY CODE OF IDAHO FALLS; PROVIDING WHEN THE ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

The City Attorney explained that, in studying the existing ordinance, he had found several instances of words or sections in need of change. In view of this explanation, plus the fact that the Parks and Recreation Commission had not reviewed this amended ordinance, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Hovey, that it be passed only on its first reading. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Karst, that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
Mayor
