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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho met in recessed regular meeting, August 23, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Jim Freeman, Mel Erickson, Jack Wood, Gil Karst, Paul Hovey, Norris Gesas. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Lorna Coughlin, City Treasurer; Robert Pollock, Police Chief; Ernie Craner, Parks & Recreation Director; Steve Harrison, Electrical Engineer.

Minutes of the last recessed regular meeting, held August 9th, 1973, were read and approved.

Councilman Karst proposed that the City Council go on record as favoring the City's eventual acquisition and operation of its own data processing hardware and, at that time, discontinuance of the contract for data processing farm-out service with the local data processing service bureau. Karst continued by saying that both the City and School District #91 had, for sometime, been exploring the most appropriate system and at one time it was thought that a joint venture might be mutually advantageous. However, after a thorough study, inasmuch as the school district's application would be directed primarily toward education and scientific programming, it was decided by the Fiscal Committee that the joint application would not be compatible. Karst drew attention to the fact that the City would not only be faced with basic applications such as utility billing, general accounting and payroll but also, as time and programming permitted, specialized applications for virtually every department within the City. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Hovey, that the City Council to on record as endorsing this program and the City Controller be authorized to pursue accordingly with January 1st, 1974, serving as the target date. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

At this time Councilman Karst asked to be excused from the Council meeting.

Noting a contingent of citizens present in the Council Chambers and recognizing that, as residents of Calkins Avenue and other locations near Tautphaus Park, they were interested in remedial action to eliminate or substantially reduce traffic and noise created within and around the Park, the Mayor introduced Councilman Freeman, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, to discuss this issue and offer certain proposals for Council consideration.

Councilman Freeman noted that several years ago, the Council took action to limit the Park entrance to "entrance only" where Calkins Avenue enters the Park but that this was never too effective because there were many who, inadvertently or otherwise, would disregard that directive sign and leave the Park by that entrance. Freeman also noted that the Calkins entrance was the only Park entrance within a residential neighborhood and that, if it were closed, it would not work a particular hardship to which vehicular traffic could not easily adjust. The Mayor noted that, if this entrance were closed, it would not be construed as the closing of a public street, inasmuch as Calkins Avenue, as a public, dedicated right-of-way, terminates at the Park entrance. Freeman continued by saying that further adjustment would have to be made if that entrance were closed, inasmuch as that was the only access road to Shelter #1 and so he also proposed that, if the entrance in question was closed, the Park road beyond that point be signed one way from south to north instead of north to south. Freeman said that the Parks and Recreation Commission also looked with favor on the installation of bump strips within the Park as a means of slowing traffic. Freeman said these changes would be experimental and, if they still proved ineffective, more drastic changes might become necessary. The Mayor recommended that, if the bump strips were installed, they be well signed to warn motorists. Freeman concurred. Councilman Gesas registered an opinion to the effect that definite action should now be taken on the bump strips. Councilman Wood asked about the possibility of prohibiting motorcycle traffic within the Park. Councilman Gesas concurred. Freeman said this had been considered and might become necessary. Judge William Black, Tautphaus Drive, appeared briefly to say that although he was in complete

agreement from the standpoint of reducing noise and vandalism, this would be difficult to enforce on the grounds that it would be discriminatory. Councilman Erickson suggested that certain gates

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be installed, closed and locked at midnight. Erickson also registered concern about the northwest exit into Rollandet because of the sight problem. Gesas reported that this matter had already been studied by Public Works and, if the Council so decided and directed, the sight problem would be corrected by widening the culvert, moving it to the south and removing certain sight obstacles such as shrubs, trees, and one or more light poles.

In the absence of further discussion, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that the Calkins Avenue entrance be closed except for bicycle and pedestrian traffic and that proper signing be installed accordingly to warn motorists that Calkins came to a dead end at that point. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that the traffic flow within the Park beyond the Calkins Avenue entrance and running on the west side of the lilac circle be reversed to run south to north instead of north to south. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that bump strips within the Park be installed and signed where deemed necessary and as approved by the Traffic Safety Committee. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that gates be installed on the first access road nearest to Boulevard off Rogers and also the central entrance off Rollandet just west of the canal bridge and that these gates be closed and locked at midnight and opened at 5:00 A.M. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Finally, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that as a means of improving sight, the culvert at the northwest corner of the Park just off Rollandet be moved an appropriate distance south and widened and also that shrubs, trees and two light poles now impeding sight be removed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

It was recommended by Councilman Hovey that facilities be provided for more parking within the Park. Councilman Erickson conceded that this would eventually be necessary. Meanwhile, it was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Freeman, that a utilization study be made of the entire Park which would include vehicular routing. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Mr. Vernal Sorensen, 225 Tautphaus Drive, appeared before the Council briefly to say that, although most nearby residents did appreciate the job the police and park departments were doing, the situation was far from perfect and that a further effort should be made to collect loose trash and refuse, especially in the early morning. Mr. Sorensen also suggested that the Park should receive more police patrol and suggested unmarked police cars and/or policemen in plain clothes. The Mayor thanked Mr. Sorensen for his interest and his suggestions.

Mr. Milton Adam, 216 W. 14th, appeared before the Council, noting that two large trees had recently been cut down on the northwest corner of Maple and Ridge. Mr. Adam sited several other instances where smaller trees had been removed, some of which had been planted and were not natural to this area. He said that, in his opinion, it was incongruous to concentrate on young tree plantings in the downtown area and new parks on the one hand and, on the other hand, have no control over the elimination and destruction of older trees in other areas. The Mayor concurred that this should be of serious concern to the City. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that this matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee and the legal department for study and consideration. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

At this time the Mayor asked to be excused and Councilman Freeman took the Mayor's position as Mayor Pro-Tem.

License applications for SECOND HAND STORE, Verla May Neely for Swap "N Shop at 1055 Northgate Mile, transferred from Don R. Neely; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, Benny Earl Nelson, Kermit Owens; APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, Roger Herrick with T. V. James Electric, John Williams with Century Electric, Steve Paschke with Electrical Services; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Don

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Frisbee with Bingham Mechanical; APPRENTICE GAS FITTER, Mark Lords with Globe Mechanical (Class D); Allen Bloom with Globe Mechanical; BARTENDER, Eloise Hodges, Ferdinand Finck, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Gesas, that these licenses be granted subject to the approval of the appropriate Division Director, where required. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The City Clerk drew attention to the fact that bids had been opened on July 31, 1973, on a comfort station at Tautphaus Park; that only one bid had been received which was substantially above the engineer's estimate and, therefore, the Council had informally rejected said bid. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this action be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

In the interests of time, then, the City Clerk reported that he had re-advertised for bids on the Tautphaus Park comfort station calling for a bid opening on August 28th and that this was done without formal Council approval. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that this action also be ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Finally, under matters requiring Council ratification, this explanatory memo from the Purchasing Department was presented:

City of Idaho Falls
August 20, 1973

Supervisory Equipment

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

At an informal Council Session, action was taken on the acceptance of the bid for Supervisory Equipment, Inc., Springfield, New Jersey, for \$29,000.00 less \$3,900.00 for spare parts, test equipment and school, for a net price of \$25,100.00.

The Purchasing Department requests formal ratification of the above action.

s/ W. J. Skow
Purchasing Department

It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Gesas, that this action, as explained in the foregoing memo, be ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The City Clerk presented and read aloud this damage claim:

Kinnear, Wyoming
August 14, 1973

Gentlemen:

Traveling through Idaho Falls on August 13th, 1973, I was run into from behind by a City Patrol Car.

I would like to file claim to have repairs made. Will you please send me the necessary papers to file this claim? And instructions on filing this claim?

Thank you,
s/ Iona Gloy

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It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that this be referred to the City Insurance Adjustor for investigation and proper handling. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

From the Purchasing Department came this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
August 20, 1973

Parts for the Upgrading of 9 switches.

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Tabulation of bids for parts for the upgrading of 9 switches is attached.

Evaluation of the only bid received show Joslyn Mfg. & Supply Company, St. Paul Minnesota submitting a bid for 9 sets of switch blades \$634.00 per set, for a total of \$5706.00.

It is the recommendation of the Electric Division and the Purchasing Department that the above bid be accepted.

This recommendation subject to your approval.

s/ W. J. Skow
Purchasing Department

It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Gesas, that Joslyn Mfg. and Supply Co. be awarded the bid for the electrical equipment as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Another memo from the Purchasing Department was forthcoming, as follows:

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Coal bids received by School: Hampton Coal & Furnace Cleaning for \$16.20 per ton.

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

This is a joint bid City of Idaho Falls, School District 91 and Bonneville County for coal for City of Idaho Falls for the winter months of 1973 and 1974.

It is the recommendation of the Purchasing Department, School District 91, and Bonneville County that the bid of Hampton Coal & Furnace Cleaning be accepted.

This recommendation subject to your approval.

s/ W. J. Skow
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It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Gesas, that the bid of Hampton Coal be accepted for the City's coal requirements for the winter months of 1973 and 1974. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

From the Public Works Director came this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
August 22, 1973

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: CAPITAL AVENUE – BROADWAY TO CLIFF

The plans for the development of Capital Avenue between Broadway and Cliff Street are nearly completed. We are requesting authorization for the City Clerk to advertise when the plans and specifications are completed.

s/ Don
Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Erickson, that authorization be granted for the City Clerk to advertise for bids on the project as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Another memo from the Public Works Director was forthcoming, as follows:

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: ELEVATED WATER TANK

It has been suggested that a local contest be initiated to obtain ideas on how to paint the exterior of our elevated water storage tank. We are suggesting the contest span the month of October, with cash prizes of \$50.00 for first place and \$25.00 for second. This department will provide entry forms. The forms will include a sketch of the water tower. We further suggest the Mayor appoint the Architectural Review Committee of the Urban Redevelopment Commission as the official judges and that their recommendations be submitted to the City Council the second meeting of November.

We recommend that the Council adopt these ideas and the Mayor be instructed to initiate a City wide contest using these guidelines.

s/ Don
Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Wood, that all suggestions and recommendations as set forth in the foregoing memo be accepted and approved and the Mayor be authorized to initiate the contest accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Still another memo from the Public Works Director was submitted, to-wit:

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: WATER AND SEWER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY

We are attaching hereto outside the City water and sewer contracts in favor of Ben Brothers. The new home on Colorado Avenue is adjacent to the City limits and both water and sewer are located in Colorado Avenue. We are recommending that the Mayor be authorized to sign the City's approval.

s/ Don

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Wood, that all suggestions and recommendations as set forth in the foregoing memo be accepted and approved and the Mayor be authorized to initiate the contest accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Finally, this memo from the Public Works Division was reviewed:

City of Idaho Falls
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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY

We are attaching hereto an outside the City water contract in favor of Utah Power and Light Company. This Company's new installation adjacent to the City's Hitt Road substation is requesting the extension of a 6" water main for fire hydrant service. We would recommend that the Mayor be authorized to sign this contract.

s/ Don

It was moved by Councilman Gesas, seconded by Erickson that this outside the City water service contract be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign with the understanding that the City have the right to approve the type and size of pipe to be installed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

With reference to the foregoing Utah Power & Light installation adjacent to the City's Hitt Road substation, Councilman Hovey noted that there are several City employees stationed there. Therefore, it was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Gesas, that the Electrical Division participate 50-50 with Utah Power & Light Company in the cost of installation of the 6" water line and the septic tank up to approximately \$3,000.00. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Reference is made to pages 418 and 419 in this book of minutes and, more specifically, a request for a variance by Mortgage Insurance Company to install a pole sign at Memorial and B Streets. It was noted that the matter was tabled at that time. This memo from the Building Official served to reintroduce the subject:

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Building and Zoning Division
SUBJECT: VARIANCE TO ERECT A POLE SIGN

Riv-Eon Sign Company submitted a request for a pole sign to be erected on the corner of Memorial Drive and "B" Streets for Mortgage Insurance Company at the last Council meeting which was tabled for further study and consideration.

This office now submits a picture showing the exact location of the pole sign which is in the public right-of-way on "B" Street.

This office recommends denial of this variance due to violation of the Uniform Sign Code. Also the City Engineering Department prohibits the use of the public right-of-way for private signs.

Very truly yours,
s/ Paul Lundblade
Building Official

It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the recommendation of the Building Official be upheld and this request for a variance be denied. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

By memo, Vance Conner, representing the City Controller, requested that the first Council Meeting in September be held on September 13th. There were those Councilmen who anticipated a possible conflict with another meeting. Therefore, it was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the first Council Meeting of September be held either on September 11th or September 13th and the second meeting be held on September 27th. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

From the City Planner this memo was presented and read:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Rod Gilchrist
SUBJECT: TRAILER ORDINANCE

At the regular meeting of the City Planning Commission, the proposed RMH Residential Mobile Home Zone was recommended for approval and formal adoption by the Mayor and City Council. This proposed ordinance will replace the present City Trailer Ordinance and it is proposed to be included as a portion of the City's Zoning Ordinance.

This will require a public hearing prior to formal adoption. This office requests authorization be given the City Clerk to advertise a public hearing for the purpose of adopting the new, proposed RMH zone. I would urge this hearing be established at the earliest possible date, and would suggest the regular Council Meeting to be held on September 27, 1973.

s/ Rod Gilchrist

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It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Gesas that a public hearing be scheduled as soon as possible, hopefully on September 27th, 1973, to consider one or more amendments to the zoning ordinance as described and the City Clerk be authorized to publish legal notice accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

This memo from the Traffic Safety Committee was presented and read:

City of Idaho Falls
August 10, 1973

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration:

1. Install YIELD signs on Melbourne Drive and Meadow Street at Meppen Drive.
2. Install YIELD signs on 21st Street at Santalema.
3. Install YIELD signs on Cranmer at 16th Street.
4. Restrict parking to one hour limit on the west side of Freeman Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets.
5. Restrict to No Parking the first two parking spots east of Park Avenue on the north side of F Street.
6. Establish two load-unload zones on west side of Corner Avenue immediately south of Elm Street.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ R. D. Pollock
Traffic Safety Committee

With reference to the first recommendation, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that YIELD signs be installed on Melbourne Drive and Meadow Street at Meppen Drive. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

With reference to the second recommendation, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that YIELD signs be installed on 21st Street at Santalema. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The third recommendation was then considered. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that YIELD signs be installed on Cranmer at 16th Street. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The fourth recommendation was then reviewed. The Police Chief explained that all day parking poses a problem in the businesses across the street west from the Post Office. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that this restrictive parking be approved as suggested. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The Council then considered the recommendation to restrict to No Parking the first two parking spots east of Park Avenue on the north side of F Street. The Police Chief explained that this, if approved, would correct a sight problem at that intersection. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that this recommendation be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Finally, recommendation No. 6 was presented. The Police Chief explained that these loading and unloading zones, if approved, would permit parents to load and unload their children at the

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swimming pool without crossing a street or other wise interfering with the heavy traffic on Elm Street. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that these loading and unloading zones be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
