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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1971, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Jack Wood, Gordon Nelson, Paul Hovey, Dale Parish and Jim Freeman. Absent: Councilman Melvin Erickson. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; John Evans, City Controller; Rod Gilchrist, City Planner; Steve Harrison, Electrical Engineer; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Robert Pollock, Police Chief.

Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held January 7th, 1971, were read and approved.

Mr. Lowell Jobe, President of the Idaho Falls Symphony Society, appeared before the Council and presented the following:

Idaho Falls Symphony
Society, Inc.
Idaho Falls, Idaho

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

Gentlemen:

The Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium is an architectural landmark among auditoriums both within and without our state.

The Idaho Falls Symphony, among other organizations, however has periodically felt and commented that improvements could and should be made to the acoustics of our auditorium. Partial improvements resulted when the school district bought some Wengert back baffles. The Presbyterian Church had graciously allowed us to use their overhead baffle for a number of years to improve projection on parts of our orchestra out into the auditorium. It is however, in need of rebuilding before it would be of satisfactory value and appearance.

It appears to us that now is the time to consider overall improvements to the acoustic problems. I have therefore contacted a number of persons who have performed and/or directed performances on the stage of the Civic Auditorium for their comments and have incorporated these together with our own observations into the following recommendations.

1. A portable segmented shell or set of modular reflecting splays should be provided to project all music, singing or drama out into the auditorium and also at the same time allow players and conductor to hear on stage all parts being played, sung, or spoken. Adequate stage lighting below the shell must be provided.

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2. The microphone system should be repaired to its original condition or preferably revised to improve the speaker quality in special response and dynamic range. The entire sound system should be handled and maintained by professional sound men; more than one will probably be required.
3. Dead spots in the auditorium below the balcony should be eliminated.
4. The noise level of the ventilation system should be reduced considerably.

The following observations support the above recommendations. The present stage does not lend music or voice projection adequately to the audience. At least two symphony conductors in the last five years have stated that they have to rely on listeners out in the auditorium to determine whether a particular instrument or group was being heard and whether the instrumentation was balanced, because the conductor could not hear all of the orchestra, as he should. The soloist on last week's symphony concert was not adequately heard by some of the audience. The smaller the group, the harder it is for them to hear each other and to project their music. One quartet said they couldn't get physically close enough to hear each other.

Microphones are a must for stage plays and operettas (musicals) due to lack of sound projection that a shell would provide. The shell would also reduce sound from escaping into the wings and overhead, so that groups should be able to hear everything being produced on stage. It may be necessary to locate some speakers back stage to assist in this, but an effective shell is required for full projections.

One group recently found that the microphones on one half of the stage were dead. During normal operation, only one of two banks of alternate, staggered microphones have been used at a time because of excessive howl produced when all microphones are used at the same time.

There are some spots under the balcony which are dead. The shell may improve this situation somewhat. Otherwise speakers under the balcony may be required. There are also a few spots where the sound is received more than once, such as original, speaker, and echo; these should be sought out and corrected.

The noise level is so high when the ventilating fans are on that it is quite difficult to hear or understand, particularly voices. It is possible to reduce this noise with a minimum of cost, according to one engineer that is technically competent in this field.

Equipment and talent is locally available for diagnosing and demonstrating the improvement that could be effected by such changes, and we would be pleased to arrange for such a

demonstration, should you desire. The reflective splays can be designed and constructed by competent, interested, civic-minded individuals at a minimal cost for materials. Specific

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figures will be secured if such a program can be implemented. With such improved acoustics, we feel that the size and enjoyment of the audiences will increase.

We will be happy to furnish such additional information as you may desire.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Lowell A. Jobe
President

Mr. Jobe said there were several citizens willing and anxious to work on this project. He said there was certain equipment available, locally, that could be used for purposes of demonstrating the acoustical weakness. Mr. Jobe said this could be done without cost. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Parish, that the Council go on record as endorsing Mr. Jobe's proposal with the understanding that corrective measures are subject to the availability of funds and that, meanwhile, Mr. Jobe's letter be referred to the Civic Auditorium Board for study and consideration. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

License applications for RESTAURANT, George O. Norrell for Sacred Heart Hospital & Saga Food Service, Colonel's Take Home, Chambers Red Steer, Pay'n Save Drug, Chicken Broaster, Stockyard Café; ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, Oakey Electric, Griffith Electric, Jewel Electric; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, Ray S. Griffith, Edward L. Snider, Clyde Walters, Rosslyn Bidstrup, A. C. Bidstrup, Jerald Oakey, Mardell Oakey, Gary Oakey, Bruce Wheeler, Albert Dale Nymon, Jim Walters; APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, John A. Ockerman, Marjorie Griffith, Rocky Shore; MASTER PLUMBER, Atlas, Inc., J. & R. Plumbing & Heating, Mathews Plumbing & Heating; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Darwin Mathews, Guy Carver; APPRENTICE PLUMBER, Gene Mathews; CLASS A CONTRACTOR, WET HEAT, WARM AIR, GAS, REF., Atlas, Inc; CLASS B CONTRACTOR, WARM AIR, GAS FITTING, REF., Conan & Landon; CLASS C CONTRACTOR, WARM AIR, HEATING & GAS FITTING, Valley Sheet Metal; CONTRACTORS CLASS C, GAS, WET HEAT, J. & R. Plumbing & Heating; CLASS D CONTRACTOR, Koldaire, Inc., Rogers Brothers Co., AMCOR; CLASS B JOURNEYMAN, Max Conan, Norman Conan, Darrell Landon, Guy Carver; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN, J. Gifford Cook, J. Clair Layton, John Siqueiros; CLASS D JOURNEYMAN, James O. Walker, Glen Harris, Russell Portela, Jay Rawley, Claude L. Smith; DANCE HALL, Hawaiian Supper Club; HOTEL, Bonneville Motor Hotel; TAXI CAB DRIVER, Jim Woods; BARTENDERS, Nancy Baker, Nancy Beasley, Faye H. Robison, Vicki Ashment; PRIVATE PATROLMAN, Robert Rasmussen, William Hockey; LIQUOR, Starlite Lounge, Ray's Western Bar, Fords Cigar Store, Idaho Falls Catering Service, Mingo dba Flamingo Restaurant & Lounge, Grand Bar, Shamrock, LeBaron's Coffee Shop & Lounge, Turf Bar, Mint Bar, 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, 5; No, none; carried.

This damage claim was presented and read:

Robert L. Ingram
January 18, 1971

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Mr. Roy Barnes
City Clerk
City of Idaho Falls
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I am writing you in reference to an accident which occurred to my boat parked at 551 Meppen Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

A Mr. Ward of the City snow removal department accidentally bumped my 14 foot Starcraft boat with his equipment damaging it beyond repair. This happened at approximately 3 P.M. last Friday on January 15th.

The Police Department was notified the same day and investigated this accident.

The price of a new boat is \$375.00. Would you please take care of this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

s/ Robert L. Ingram

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

The City Clerk submitted an application by Ted E. Davis for a license to operate as a private patrolman. This had been presented at a previous Council Meeting and had been referred to the Police Chief for routine investigation. Due to the findings of said investigation, the application carried a recommendation from the Police Chief that the license not be granted. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Freeman, that this license not be granted. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Submitted by the Electrical Engineer was a revision to the BPA Power Sales Contract, increasing firm capacity from 15,500 KW to 16,500 KW for December, 1970, and each month thereafter. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Nelson, that the Mayor be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The City Clerk drew attention to the need for scheduling a public hearing to consider a rezoning petition by Gary Sayer. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Parish, that a

zoning hearing be conducted on February 11, 1971, and the City Clerk be authorized to publish legal notice accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

The City Attorney introduced the following Ordinance:

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND LIMITING THE NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF SEWAGE WHICH MAY BE DISCHARGED INTO A PUBLIC SEWER; FIXING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWERAGE SERVICES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, AND ESTABLISHING METHODS AND FORMULAE FOR COMPUTATION OF SUCH CHARGES; DEFINING TERMS USED IN THE ORDINANCE; REQUIRING THAT ALL SANITARY SEWAGE, INDUSTRIAL WASTES, OR OTHER POLLUTED WATERS, DISCHARGING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY BE DISCHARGED INTO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY; FORBIDDING THE DISCHARGE INTO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OF STORM WATER, GROUND WATER, ROOF RUNOFF, SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, UNPOLLUTED WATER, OR CERTAIN PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED POLLUTED WASTEWATER OR MATERIALS; REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE APPROVING AUTHORITY BEFORE CERTAIN DESCRIBED WASTEWATER OR WASTES MAY BE DISCHARGED INTO A PUBLIC SEWER; AND REQUIRING PRETREATMENT OF CERTAIN WASTEWATERS AND WASTES; COMPELLING EVERY OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF PREMISES WITHIN THE CITY TO CONNECT SAID PREMISES TO A PUBLIC SEWER IF THE PREMISES BE WITHIN 200 FEET THEREOF; FIXING PLUMBING AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES; REQUIRING THE OWNER OF PREMISES CONNECTED TO A SIDE OF PRIVATE SEWER TO KEEP THE SAME IN REPAIR AND REQUIRING A PERMIT THEREFORE; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO WORK ON OR ALTER, OR CONNECT TO ANY PUBLIC SEWER WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROVING AUTHORITY THE RIGHT TO ENTER ANY PREMISES WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THIS ORDINANCE IS BEING COMPLIED WITH; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO INJURE, BREAK OR TAMPER WITH ANY PART OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM; REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION

AND MAINTENANCE BY INDUSTRIAL PATRONS OF FACILITIES FOR TESTING THE COMPOSITION OF WASTES DISCHARGING INTO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE TESTING AND MEASUREMENT OF SUCH WASTES; PROVIDING THE METHOD OF BILLING FOR USE OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO VIOLATE ANY PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING METHODS FOR
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ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING WHEN THE ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Councilman Nelson, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, expressed appreciation to Public Works Director Lloyd, City Clerk Barnes, and City Attorney Smith for the many hours of work and effort necessary to assemble the pertinent data included in this voluminous ordinance. Several typographical errors were noted and corrected. Reflecting said corrections, then, it was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that this Ordinance be passed on its first reading. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

At the request of the Mayor, the City Clerk presented and read this letter:

Bonneville County
Board of Commissioners
January 20, 1971

Honorable Eddie Pedersen, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls
City Council of Idaho Falls
P.O. Box 220
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Gentlemen:

Invitation is hereby extended to the City of Idaho Falls to submit a name or names from members of the Idaho Falls City Zoning Board to fill a vacancy on the County Zoning Board left by the registration of Mr. C. Reed Ricks.

Respectfully yours,
s/ Dean G. Huntsman
CHAIRMAN
s/ Jared H. Wirkus
s/ Orval M. Forbes

COMMISSIONERS

The Mayor expressed appreciation for this cooperative gesture on the part of the County Board of Commissioners.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Martell Klinger as a member of the City Safety Committee to replace Mr. Bill Jones. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Parish, that this appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

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The Mayor then appointed Mr. Merlin Hill as a member of the Driver Improvement Committee, sometimes referred to as the Accident Review Board, to replace Mr. Charlie Graves. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Freeman, that this appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

Councilman Parish drew attention to a traffic matter he had recently observed; namely, that there are no traffic signals on Holmes between First and Fourteenth on any streets permitting west bound traffic. Parish said this results in all west bound traffic on these streets being funneled into Holmes for at least one block, necessitating their making a left hand turn on Holmes in order to proceed on their west bound course. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Parish, that this be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for study and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

City Attorney Smith drew attention to certain property conveyed to the Child Development Center in 1968 and the deed had indicated, at that time, that the property was being conveyed for health services. Smith explained that they were now seeking a Federal Grant and in order to qualify, the deed must also reveal that the property was being conveyed for recreation services. Smith, then had prepared a corrected warranty deed accordingly. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Parish, that that corrected deed be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Aye, 5; No, none; carried.

Police Chief Pollock appeared before the Council drawing attention to the fact that all Ordinances having to do with the Municipal Police Court must be revised, now that the State Court Reform Act is operative. For instance, continued Pollock, Chapter 3 of the City Code is entitled "Police Judge" which is no longer applicable. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Freeman, that the City Attorney be directed, working with the Police Chief, to draft one or more revised Ordinances for Council consideration. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Hovey, that the meeting adjourn at 8:40 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
