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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in a recessed Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 12, 1970, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting, Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Dale Parish, Jim Freeman, Melvin Erickson, Jack Wood, Gordon Nelson, Paul Hovey. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Luther Jenkins, City Controller; Rod Gilchrist, City Planner; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Robert Pollock, Police Chief; William Fell, Electrical Engineer.

Minutes of the last recessed Regular Meeting, held January 22, 1970, were read and approved, as amended.

The Mayor acknowledged Mrs. G. H. Whitham and Mrs. William Wormington in the Council Chambers, representing the League of Women Voters and thanked them for their presence and their interest.

Noting Mr. Harold Rowberry in the Council Chambers, the Mayor asked the City Clerk to present the following:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Rod Gilchrist
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VARIANCE BY HAROLD ROWBERRY

Attached is a copy of the petition requesting a variance to use an existing non-conforming commercial building located in an R-1 zone for a beauty shop with off street parking.

The present building has been vacated for a number of years and is deteriorating due to the fact that it is not in use. The building constitutes a potential fire and safety hazard.

The property owners in the area have agreed to this use and after reviewing the facts this Department recommends approval of the request. The petitioner would move their present beauty shop, operating as an illegal home occupation on 1st Street, to this location.

The recommendation for approval should be subject to necessary remodeling of the building and providing for adequate off street parking.

Yours very truly,
s/ Rod Gilchrist
Director - P & Z Div.

It was noted that the illegal home occupation referred to in the foregoing memo was located at 1140 East 1st Street. It was noted, further, that the petition accompanying the request for a variance was signed by 24 property owners giving their assent to the granting of a variance at 209 East 14th Street

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which is presently unoccupied and in a state of deterioration. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Hovey, that the variances, as stated, be granted, subject to appropriate remodeling according to code and subject further, to adequate off street parking being provided. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Mr. H. F. Rhodes, 705 First Street, appeared before the Council and presented snapshot pictures depicting the garbage, trash and debris problem that exists in the alley adjacent to his home and surrounding area. Mr. Rhodes then made reference to the intersection at Wabash and Lomax and registered concern that the proposed engineering design under L.I.D. No. 40 does not provide enough catch basins or sufficiently large drainage pipes leading into the main line at that point. He said future development after Lomax is extended and improved will focus drainage to that intersection. Councilman Nelson, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, reiterated the invitation originally extended at the public hearing; that any and all affected citizens were welcome to discuss such matters with the Engineering Department at any time.

Bills for the month of January, 1970, having been properly audited by the Finance Committee, were presented in caption form as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>	<u>SERVICES & MATERIALS</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
General Fund	\$122,529.67	\$79,818.47	\$202,348.14
Fire Bonds	39,992.60	4,559.90	44,552.50
Water and Sewer	9,266.84	42,564.83	51,831.67
Electric Light Fund	34,869.88	76,373.51	111,243.39
Recreation Fund	1,153.80	1,094.73	2,248.53
Police Retirement	<u>3,143.40</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>3,143.40</u>
TOTAL	\$210,956.19	\$204,411.44	\$415,367.63

It was moved by Councilman Parish, 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 January, 1970, and there being no objections, were accepted by the Mayor and ordered placed on file in the office of the City Clerk.

License applications for GROCERY STORE, Emil C. Voge for Wilma's Natural Foods; RESTAURANT, Jack Carey for Pay' n Save Drug, A. D. Paxman for Paxman's 1st Street Drive-in, Phillip Mah for Liberty Café; MASTER PLUMBER, Ramrk Plumbing, Vern Saxton Plumbing & Heating, Scott Bair Plumbing & Heating, Atlas Inc., Drake Plumbing & Heating, Babbitt Electric & Refrigeration, Bingham Mechanical Metal Products, Inc.; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Lynn Andres, Edward L. Bissonette, James McNett, Roy Goyen, Dean Kirkham; APPRENTICE PLUMBER, L. Ray Lewis; ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, Northwest Electric, Inc., Oakey Electric, Skyline Electric; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, Charles Pendrey, O. J. Brown, Max Cobbley, Boyd Emery, Delbert

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Fonnesbeck, J. F. Unsworth, Neal Pifer; APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, Russell O. Coyne, James Emery; CLASS A CONTRACTOR, GF, WA, WH, REF, Ken Frazee, Wayne Hammond; CLASS B CONTRACTOR, WA, G, REF, Bonneville Service Center; CLASS C CONTRACTOR, WA, GF, Valley Sheet Metal, Sage Heating & Cooling, Nugent Metals; CLASS D CONTRACTOR, REF, Baker-Fonnesbeck, Gerald Seedall; CLASS D CONTRACTOR, WH, Saxton's Plumbing & Heating; JOURNEYMAN CLASS B, WA, GF, REF, Lovell Harrop; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN WA, GF, Jack Hall, Clair Layton, J. Clifford Cook, Dave R. Harman, Tom A. Hall, Norton Sage, Lyle M. Charlesworth, Jr.; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN, WA, REF, C. M. Mays; JOURNEYMAN CLASS D REF, Vaughn Johnson, William Johnson, Darrell Baker, Gerald Seedall, Brent Bolinder; CLASS D JOURNEYMAN, WA, Hans Deede; CLASS D JOURNEYMAN GF, James McNett; BILLIARD PARLOR, Stanley Kish for Bank-A-Ball Billiards; NON-COMMERCIAL KENNEL, Janice Cave for Bo-Lay Kennel; MOTEL, Mrs. LaRene Casper for Stardust Motor Lodge; PHOTOGRAPHERS, Dee Timmons for Home Photography; Ronald D. Hult for Photo Studio at 562 Terrace Drive; BEER (TRANSFER ONLY) from A. C. Kartcher to Raymond Dalwitter for Dixie's Bar; TAXI OPERATOR LICENSE, Richard Spurlin, Frederick W. Martindale for Falls Cab. Co.; BARTENDER, Barbara G. Brown, Sheril Border, Doris Weidauer, Harold Lowe, Mae Copenbarger, Alaha Ghan, Richard Kite; BEER (CANNED & BOTTLED, TBCOP), David C. Drysdale for 19th Hole Café; LIQUOR, Elmer Elg for Mint Bar, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, 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.

This letter was presented and read:

Bonn. Cty. Sheriffs Dept.
Box 858
Idaho Falls, Idaho

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

Dear Mayor Pedersen:

I am requesting two parking meters south and two meters north of the Courthouse drive-way on Memorial Drive be removed for Sheriff's Department use.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
s/ Blaine Skinner
Sheriff

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

From the Traffic Safety Committee came this memo:

February 9, 1970

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: TWO HOUR PARKING - DOWNTOWN AREA

It is the recommendation of this Committee that two-hour parking restrictions be enforced from Yellowstone Avenue to Memorial Drive, encompassing Broadway through "C" Street.

The present Ordinance, 10-14-1, defines Shoup, Park and Capital Avenues between intersection of Broadway and "C" Street, also "A", "B", and "C" Streets between the intersection of Shoup and Capital Avenues.

Representatives of the Retail Merchants Association and Downtown Improvement Committee have endorsed enforcing the two-hour parking due to many vehicles left at the meters for lengthy times by feeding of the meters.

Prior to enforcing, the two-hour regulatory signs should be erected on each Block and publicity given.

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

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that the two hour parking restriction, as provided under the existing ordinance, be enforced immediately as soon as regulatory signs can be installed, that the City Attorney be directed to amend the ordinance extending the boundaries to, but not include, Yellowstone and Memorial Drive and that, after passage, enforcement be extended accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Next, from the Traffic Safety Committee, came this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
February 6, 1970

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: PETITION - REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT LOMAX AND CLEVELAND ON HOLMES AVENUE

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It is the recommendation of this committee that the flip type speed change signs, with bouncing ball type, amber lights be installed on Holmes Avenue to reduce speed of vehicles during school children crossing time at Cleveland.

At present the pedestrian count nor the vehicle count can justify the required warrant for traffic signals at either intersection. It is contemplated that a traffic signal will be installed at Lomax and Holmes to be tied in with the signal at First and Holmes at such time the proposed Lomax couplet is accomplished on First Street.

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

With reference to the first paragraph to the intersection at Cleveland and Holmes, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that a bouncing ball warning light be installed for the benefit of the school children crossing at that intersection. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The second paragraph of the foregoing memo was then considered. It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Erickson, that the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee be upheld and the petition for a traffic light at Lomax and Holmes be denied at this time, for the reasons as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Finally, from the Traffic Safety Committee, this memo was presented and studied:

City of Idaho Falls
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CLOSURE OF CALKINS ENTRANCE AT TAUTPHAUS PARK

It is the recommendation of this committee the petition be denied at this time.

Several meetings were held and joint discussion of Traffic and Parks and Recreation representatives prior to the Traffic Safety Committee's meeting. In the study it is our opinion that traffic flow within Tautphaus Park would be heavily affected due to limited roadways, parking and entrances. There is planning to improve parking areas within the park this year. Plans indicate there will be another entrance off Boulevard joining the existing drive near the southeast corner of the Lilac Circle area. At such time as this drive is completed it is anticipated there will be considerable reduction in traffic using the Calkins entrance.

The traffic officers will continue to work Calkins as they have in the past.

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

Councilman Nelson urged, even though he favored the recommendation as proposed, that the Police Department periodically resort to radar within the immediate area in question after the Park opens in the spring. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this petition be denied for the reasons as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Mayor noted that he had recently appointed Mrs. Marion Smith to the Library Board with informal Council confirmation. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Parish, that this action be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Mayor then reappointed Messrs. Luther Squires and Woodrow Arrington as members of the Planning Commission. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that these reappointments be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Mayor drew attention to two known instances where excessive speed under existing street conditions have been instrumental in causing accidents; namely, east bound traffic on John Adams Parkway crossing the Idaho Canal and the north side of Fairview. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that these locations be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for study and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Hovey presented a reciprocal operating and emergency repair agreement contract No. 14-03-99102 between the City, 18 other utilities within this general area, and the U. S. Department of Interior, through the Bonneville Power Administration whereby, in the event of electric utility emergency, unaffected areas would be authorized and directed to give assistance where needed. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Nelson, that the agreement be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Hovey then introduced the following:

RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 1970-04)

WHEREAS Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) and the utilities of the Pacific Northwest have developed the Ten Year Hydro-Thermal Program under which Bonneville will acquire energy from thermal generating plants developed by non-federal entities to meet the future power requirements of its preference and other customers of the region; and

WHEREAS in accordance with the Hydro-Thermal Program Washington Public Power Supply System (Supply System) has proposed to finance, construct, operate and maintain a nuclear generating project (the Project) in southwest Washington for net billing by the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality proposes to participate in the Hydro-Thermal Program along with other preference agencies in the Pacific Northwest by entering into an agreement

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with Supply System and Bonneville under which the Municipality will purchase project capability from Supply system for assignment to Bonneville under net billing procedures; and

WHEREAS, entering into the net billing agreements for the project with Supply System and Bonneville will benefit the Municipality by making additional amounts of low cost power and energy available to it from Bonneville to serve the customers of the Municipality in the future;

NOW THEREFORE,

IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Idaho Falls, subject to arrangements acceptable to and approved by formal action of the Governing body, will enter into contracts with Bonneville and Supply System to implement the Hydro-Thermal Program by purchasing power from the WPPS nuclear plant in amounts to be designated in such contracts, for assignment to Bonneville under net billing concepts, provided that such contracts are executed prior to July 1, 1971. In any year the estimated amounts to be paid by the Municipality under such contract shall not exceed the amounts estimated to be paid in such year by the Municipality to Bonneville less 15%.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Bonneville Power Administrator and the Managing Director of Supply System.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Idaho Falls on this 12th day of February, 1970.

February 24, 1970
DATE

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR

s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

Hovey explained that adoption of the foregoing resolution would signify a tentative agreement for this City to purchase electric power under the ten year Hydro-Thermal Program. He said the City, under this arrangement at this time, would not be obligated to indicate the amount of power to be so purchased; neither is there presently any obligation pertaining to the expenditure of funds. Hovey said passage of this resolution would merely place this City in a position to participate in the program at the proper time. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Nelson, that the foregoing resolution be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign, subject to final review by the City Attorney. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Wood made reference to the fact that Air Utah is no longer using space at the airport. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the airport use agreement and lease between the City and Air Utah be cancelled, effective January 15, 1970. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

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Councilman Wood then submitted a lease renewal between the City and United Process Corporation, expiring May 12, 1972, with identical terms and conditions as the one which recently expired. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the Mayor be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Police Chief Pollock appeared before the Council and presented the following:

Dept. of Highways
February 10, 1970

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

Dear Eddie:

Your letter regarding traffic changes on the "B", "C", and "D" Street approaches to Yellowstone Avenue was studied by this office. Copies of your letter along with our recommendations were then forwarded to the State Traffic Engineer and State Urban Engineer for their consideration.

We believe the traffic operational changes you proposed at "B" and "C" Streets will not adversely affect the traffic flow on Yellowstone Avenue; and, therefore, approve these changes. However, there will be no reduction of present green signal time on Yellowstone Avenue and no changes to the existing signal installations.

We feel the "D" Street proposal would adversely affect the traffic flow on Yellowstone Avenue. Please refer to the second, third, and fourth paragraphs of the attached letter from the State Traffic Engineer (dated November 23, 1969). Your "D" Street proposal is not approved. In fact, your attention is called to a City-State agreement which prohibits the left turn move from Birch Street (westbound) to Yellowstone Avenue (southbound) and "D" (eastbound) to Yellowstone Avenue (northbound). At the present time only the latter is signed to prohibit the left turn move. Your conformance to said agreement is requested in that signs be placed to prohibit the left turns and back up the signing with enforcement. The congestion could be eliminated within the east and west legs of this intersection and the desired efficient move of east-west traffic would be experienced if said left turns were prohibited.

Sincerely,
s/H. L. Day, P.E.
District Engineer
s/ R. G. Gray
District Traffic Engineer

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No formal Council action was considered necessary. The Councilmen were in general agreement that City Engineer Laird should proceed to make traffic changes as authorized and indicated in the foregoing letter.

Councilman Nelson drew the Councilmen's attention to a preliminary report received this day from Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, Consulting Engineers, relative to this City's water and sewer facilities. Nelson said their 1960 study revealed the forecast that peak usage in 1970 would be 30,000,000 gallons per day but that, in actuality, the peak reached in 1969 was 39,200,000 gallons per day. The report warned that the City is not holding its own as pertains to supply and demand of water. The entire system is in need of updating. Central controls and at least one additional well are needed. Rehabilitation of well #3 is recommended. Nelson said the report was voluminous and that these few problems were some of the featured highlights. Nelson concluded his remarks by saying the purpose in bringing these basic problems to light at this time was generally informational. He said the problems would get worse before they got better and increased water rates eventually must be considered as a revenue raising measure to correct the many deficiencies as described in the report.

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

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
