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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in a Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 1969, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting, Mayor ProTem Jim Freeman, Councilmen Gordon Nelson, Paul Hovey, Dale Parish, Melvin, Erickson, Jack Wood. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Robert Fanning representing the City Attorney firm of Albaugh, Bloem, Smith and Pike; William Fell, Electrical Engineer; Rod Gilchrist, City Planner; Ernie Craner, Parks & Recreation Director. Absent: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen.

Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held November 6th, 1969, were read and approved.

At the request of the Mayor the City Clerk presented and read the following:

Bonneville Civitan Club
Idaho Falls, Idaho
November 20, 1969

TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council
FROM: The Bonneville Civitan Club

Gentlemen:

Anticipating a growing interest in the sport of snowmobiling in the capacity of racing competition and spectator participation, the Bonneville Civitan Club is contemplating the development of a snowmobile race track as a means to raise funds for various civic projects.

Selected numbers of the club have investigated several possible sites to construct and conduct a Class "C" rally which would enable the club to determine exactly how successful, feasible or profitable this venture will prove to be and hereby requests the Mayor and City Council to consider the Airport Industrial Park (area opposite the Army Reserve Building) as the site of our initial venture.

Realizing that this cannot be a permanent facility, the club agrees to maintain complete care of the facilities which will consist of a 3/8 mile banked oval track measuring approximately 250 feet wide and 1200 feet long. Operation of the track will be limited to an undetermined amount of weekends, weather permitting, during the months of December, January, February, and March.

The club further agrees to restore the property to its original condition in the event the City decides to utilize the property or if any such damage is incurred during its operation.

We hereby request that favorable consideration and support be given to our request.

Yours very truly,
s/ Guy Hughes

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Noting two representatives from the Civitan Club in the Council Chambers, the Mayor explained to them that this matter has also been discussed with the Snowmobile Association and that the needs and wishes of both organizations should be taken into consideration in seeking a solution. Councilman Hovey registered concern about the noise factor at the site proposed by the Civitan Club, inasmuch as there are residents about the equivalent of a block away. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that this issue be referred to the Airport, the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Snowmobile Association and Civitan Club with the understanding that the first meeting on the matter would be held the following Tuesday morning. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Acknowledging Mr. Mel White of the Young Sign Company in the Council Chambers, the Mayor asked the City Clerk to present the following:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council
 FROM: Rod Gilchrist
 SUBJECT: APPEAL FROM ELLSWOOD TRAILER SALES AND YOUNG SIGN COMPANY
 REGARDING SIGN

Attached is a copy of an appeal regarding a sign at Ellswood Trailer Sales on South Yellowstone Highway. This sign was installed without a permit and extends 6'8" out over public sidewalk. The Uniform Sign Code permits a maximum projection of 3'6" when the sign is 13'6" above the sidewalk as in this case. The maximum permitted projection over the sidewalk is 5', if the sign were 16' above the sidewalk.

The sign was installed at this height due to a high power electric line directly over the sign. The distance between this sign and the power line is approximately 7'. This appeal is requesting permission to leave the sign as it was installed.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Gilchrist
 Director, P & B Division

Mr. White appeared before the Council and said the building permit has been issued this day. Mr. White apologized for the fact that the sign had been installed without a permit and not according to Code. He said there were new workers on this job and that it was not a deliberate attempt to flaunt the Code. City Planner Gilchrist appeared to emphasize the fact, as pointed out in the memo, that it would have been impossible to have installed the sign according to Code due to the high wire power electric line. He said, had the permit been applied for before the work started, it would have come to

the Council for consideration of a variance at that time. Councilman Wood reported he had seen the sign and that it does not extend out any farther than other signs on the same street. Therefore, he was

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not as concerned over this facet as he was the fact that the work proceeded without a permit. He said, as a result of this episode, the Building Department intends to send a letter to all sign companies to the effect that, in the future, if the sign is permitted to remain, a strong letter of reprimand be sent to the Young Sign Company by the City Attorney. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Parish, that the variance in question be approved with the understanding that a letter as described by Councilman Parish be sent to the Young Sign Company by the City Attorney. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

License applications for GROCERY, Ben Brigham for 711 Stores at 9th and Lincoln and 1st and Holmes, G. Irwin Scott, Louis J. Herrback for Albertsons at 17th Street, Sidney Stephenson for Albertsons at 1st Street, Jerold D. Epperly for Elm Street Jiffy Mart, Andy Stavros for Midget Market; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Carl M. Smith, Gerald J. Lowe; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN, WET HEAT, GAS FITTING, Gerald J. Lowe; RESTAURANT, Lew Bradford for Flamingo Restaurant, Dean Pettingill for Dean's Prairie Dog #1, #2, and #3; ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, Al Olsen Electric; CAB OPERATOR, Albert Pierce with Yellow Cab Company; BEER, (Canned, bottled, not to be consumed of the premises), Jerold Epperly for Elm Street Jiffy Mart, Andy Stavros for Midget Market, G. Irvin Scott for O.K. Food Center, Louis Herrback for Albertsons at 17th Street, Ben Brigham for 711 Store at 9th & Lincoln, and 711 at 1st & Holmes; BEER, (Canned, bottled and draught to be consumed on the premises), Patrick Boylan for Shamrock, Chansey J. Poliski for Chances Pizza, A. C. Kartchner for Al's Bar, Leonard Messmer for Leonard's Lounge, Lew Bradford for Ming, Inc., Sidney Stephenson for Albertsons at 1st Street; BARTENDER, Karen Kay Fairchild; LIQUOR, Ted Le Baron for Le Baron's, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Parish, 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 damage claim was presented by the City Clerk:

February 17, 1969

Regional Supervisor
State Highway Department
State of Idaho Field Office
120 West Broadway
Idaho Falls, Idaho

RE: MR. CHARLIE HILL - DORIS HILL'S CARPET SHOP, 170 NORTHGATE MILE,
IDAHO FALLS IDAHO, PROPERTY DAMAGE

Gentlemen:

Of even date we have conferred with Mr. Charlie Hill respecting a property damage problem to his retail business at the above stated address, caused by the negligent maintenance of the

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State Highway Department of the North Yellowstone Highway immediately adjacent to the front of the said premises.

Mr. Hill relates that he first contacted the Highway Department in 1967, and reviewed the problem with them, at which time Mr. Day, the acting supervisor, conceded that the damage problem to Mr. Hill's property was caused by the repair of the adjacent highway with an aggregate containing coarse gravel. Further, as the coarse gravel became loosened from the emulsion used to fill the chuck holes and repair the street, the same was thrown or flipped by the tires of the passing vehicles through the windows of the subject business.

Mr. Hill relates that the property damage to date represents a figure between two and three thousand dollars, actual direct loss, primarily involving the braking of plate glass windows, and that the loss of time and inconvenience occasioned to their business represents a substantial additional factor.

Mr. Hill further states that in 1967 Mr. Day represented that the Highway Department would thereafter refrain from the use of coarse gravel in any repairs made in the vicinity, thereby avoiding any further damage. However, such a policy has not been followed by the Highway Department.

An additional contributing factor has been the failure of the City of Idaho Falls, or the State Highway Department, whichever is responsible, to remove from the said highway surface the accumulation of coarse gravel that remains loose on the highway during the after repair operations.

Certainly, it must be conceded by all parties that a \$3,000.00 damage loss to a single retail business within the time comprehended hereunder, exceeds what is reasonable and ordinary. Further, inasmuch as nothing has been done to alleviate the circumstances, Mr. Hill has concluded that the State Highway Department is not intending to take any action in the matter.

Accordingly, the only alternative remedy available to Mr. Hill is to give notice by this letter that unless reasonable action is affected on the part of the State Highway Department and the City, in proportion to their respective responsibilities, to correct this intolerable condition, that upon any further property damage and loss sustained by this business, notice is hereby given that an action will be commenced in the District Court against the State Highway Department and the City of Idaho Falls for appropriate legal relief.

We would sincerely appreciate a response from the appropriate department toward a solution to the subject problem.

Very truly yours,
s/ Reed J. Bowen

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It was explained that, in the interest of time and by order of the Mayor, this was forwarded to the City Insurance Adjustor on November 11th, without formal Council approval. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Nelson, that this action be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

This memo was presented:

City of Idaho Falls
P.O. Box 220
Idaho Falls, Idaho
November 19, 1969

Office of the Purchasing Agent
Idaho Falls, Idaho

MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANT (SCHOOL & CITY)

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

The Purchasing Department and School District #91 request approval to advertise for joint bids for motor fuels and lubricants for the year 1970.

s/ L. I. Jenkins
Purchasing Department

It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Erickson, that advertisement for bids be authorized as requested. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Next, from the Purchasing Department, this memo was forthcoming:

City of Idaho Falls
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2000 FT. 5 KV 350 MCM COPPER CABLE

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Tabulation of bids for copper cable is attached.

Evaluation of bids received show General Electric Supply Company submitting the low bid of \$2774.00; Alternate Bid.

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

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The recommendation subject to your approval.

s/ L. I. Jenkins
Purchasing Department

It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Nelson, that the low bid of General Electric Supply Company be accepted as recommended. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Public Works Director, through the City Clerk, presented this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
November 19, 1969

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TIME ON PROJECT NO. 11B-3B
"ELEVATED WATER TANK FOOTINGS"

Aiman Construction Company has requested an extension of contract time of 40 additional calendar days. This request has been necessitated primarily because of our method of construction - one pier at a time.

We would recommend that this request be authorized.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that this request for time extension be approved for the reason as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

A second memo from the Public Works Director was then presented and studied:

City of Idaho Falls
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR SANITARY SEWER – N. YELLOWSTONE & LINCOLN ROAD

I am attaching hereto a petition, signed by 11 property owners on the Yellowstone-Lincoln Road area, to establish a sanitary sewer. This Department has been aware of the situation in this area of the City for sometime and I would recommend that you authorize this Department to take initial steps necessary to create local improvement district.

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Respectfully submitted,
s/ Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that the Public Works Division proceed to take the initial steps toward creating a local improvement district for construction of a sanitary sewer in the area as indicated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

A letter from the Sacred Heart Hospital was presented and read as follows:

Sacred Heart Hospital
November 18, 1969

TO: Office of Planning & Zoning
Members of the City Council
FROM: Sister Diane Moeller, Administrator of Sacred Heart Hospital

Sacred Heart Hospital would like to present a proposal for a change of directional signs to the emergency and admissions department of the hospital. The present directional sign is unacceptable because it is too small and the black and white letters do not show up at a distance. As a result, patients are coming to the wrong entrance, usually the main lobby of the hospital, for emergency care as well as routine admissions, causing inconvenience and discomfort to them and creating a potentially dangerous situation in the delays in getting emergency care.

The sign we proposed has been designed by Huth Neon Sign Company. It is a double faced sign, four (4) feet by seven (7) feet in size in red and green neon, the base of the sign being ten (10) feet from the ground. Regulations of the City on distance from the sidewalk will be followed.

The sign will be located on the south end of the building at the end of the driveway leading to the new emergency entrance and at the site of the present inadequate sign. We feel that it will be visible for a greater distance and correct a potentially dangerous situation.

We are enclosing a drawing of the area and an enlargement of the sign selected.

We ask your consideration and approval of this proposal and thank you for your assistance.

The foregoing letter prompted this memo from the City Planner:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Rod Gilchrist
SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTIONAL SIGN AT THE EMERGENCY ENTRANCE
AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

Attached is a letter which this office received from Sister Diane Moeller, the Administrator, at the Sacred Heart Hospital.

The hospital is requesting that the existing directional sign indicating the entrance to the emergency admissions department of the Hospital be replaced. They have had numerous problems in the recent past with people entering the wrong entrance while looking for the emergency rooms.

This request is necessary because the hospital is located in an RP zone, and construction or replacement of signs must be approved by the Mayor and City Council. This Department has reviewed the request and recommends approval.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Gilchrist

City Planner Gilchrist appeared to say that the new sign would be about twice the size as the existing sign. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Parish, that the sign replacement be approved as requested. Roll call as follows; Ayes, 6; No, none, carried.

Mayor Pedersen, being absent from the meeting, submitted his appointments for members of the Golf Advisory Board by memo, as follows:

Office of the Mayor
City Hall
November 14, 1969

To Members of the City Council
City of Idaho Falls
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

As proposed by Ordinance No. 1260, establishing a Golf Advisory Board, I have contacted the following prospective members and they have enthusiastically offered to serve and represent the stipulated interest. Now, therefore, I would request your confirmation of the following people to comprise this Advisory Board. They are:

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Mrs. Theda Gerdes, Director, Ladies' Golf Association	1 year
Mr. Gordon Nelson, Councilman	2 years
Mr. Earl Summers, Director, Men's Golf Association	3 years
Mr. N. D. Anderson, Recreation Commission	4 years
Dr. Ben Allen, member-at-large	5 years
Mr. George Orullian, Golf Professional - Ex-Officio member	

Sincerely,
s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
Mayor

Open discussion revealed the Council to be in general agreement that the representative from the Men's Golf Association, instead of being named, should be at all times a one year member and be the President of said Association. Therefore, it was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Erickson, that confirmation action on this memo be tabled, pending return of the Mayor to the City. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Wood submitted the following memo as prepared by the Airport Manager:

Idaho Falls, Idaho
November 17, 1969

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: H. P. Hill, Director of Aviation
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MOBILE HOME ON AIRPORT PROPERTY AS A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

Permission is requested to locate a mobile home on Airport property in the general vicinity of the manager's residence to serve as a temporary residence. This mobile home will serve as a residence for my elderly father.

The home will be located on or at close proximity to the existing trailer pads which were previously used when trailers were used as temporary residence for Airport employees. The

trailer will be installed in accordance with all local codes. This is subject to removal from the premises at any time upon request from the City.

The reason for this request is that the zoning on the Airport property does not permit the use of trailers as a residence.

s/ H. P. Hill

It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that approval be granted for the foregoing request under the conditions as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

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A second memo from the Airport Manager was presented by Councilman Wood as follows:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Director of Aviation
SUBJECT: AIRPORT USE AGREEMENT AND SPACE LEASE - AIR UTAH

Air Utah has in effect an Airport Use Agreement with the City. They now desire to also occupy Alcove No. 7 as a ticket center and reservation office. They have executed our standard agreement and lease for such occupancy and use.

I recommend that this lease be approved. Approval of this lease will automatically cancel their previous Use Agreement, to avoid duplication.

The original and three (3) copies of the superceding documents are attached.

s/ H. P. Hill

It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the airport use agreement in question with the understanding that the previous airport use agreement with Air Utah is hereby cancelled. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

This petition with 60 signers, all residents in the area of Skyline Drive, was submitted by Councilman Erickson:

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Because of the heavy use of North Skyline Drive by large commercial type vehicles enroute to and from the interstate highway, we the undersigned petition the Mayor and City Council to enact and enforce a load limit ordinance on residential streets.

The West Highway, being a state road and providing an interchange on to the interchange highway system, is the logical route to be used for commercial traffic. The constant use of North Skyline Drive by these large vehicles is not only a public nuisance because of the noise, but will also prove an added expense to the City taxpayers when Skyline Drive begins to break up.

If the Council and Mayor feel the load limit could not be enforced because of the sire buses traveling on residential streets, then we would suggest the speed limit for heavy vehicles be lowered to 15 MPH to discourage heavy use by through City traffic.

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Councilman Erickson explained that, in the interests of time, this had been referred to the Traffic Safety Committee who had, by now, considered the proposal and was in a position to render a recommendation, as follows:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: SKYLINE DRIVE PETITION ON TRUCK TRAFFIC

It is the suggestion of the Traffic Safety Committee that signs reading "NO THROUGH TRUCKS" be erected on Skyline Drive at Broadway and on Grandview at Saturn. The City Engineer met with the Idaho State Engineers for the purpose of designation and appropriately signing West Broadway from Skyline on east to the Interstate 15 as a truck route and on Grandview at Saturn to use Interstate 15 to West Broadway as a truck route in place of Grandview and Skyline. That Police Officers working the area contact any drivers of large trucks using Skyline and Grandview and point out to them the truck route.

The drivers of the large diesel semi best trucks began using our proposed truck route the evening of Monday, 17 November 1969, after finding out there was an objection to them using Skyline. The drivers contacted by Police Officers stated it did not make any difference to them.

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

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Hovey, that the truck route, as proposed by the Traffic Safety Committee, be approved as recommended. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Erickson, that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ James R. Freeman
MAYOR PROTEM
