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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in a Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 19, 1968, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen, Councilwoman Lyn Smith, Councilmen Dale Parish, Jim Freeman, Mel Erickson, Jack Wood, and Gordon Nelson. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; Luther Jenkins, City Controller; Pete Hill, Airport Manager; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director.

Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1968 were read and approved.

Mr. Joe Anderson, local attorney, appeared before the Council and submitted the following which was read by the City Clerk:

Sharp, Anderson and Bush  
P. O. Box 107  
December 16, 1968

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Idaho Falls, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Sirs:

The Downtown Improvement Association and the Retail Merchant's Association of Idaho Falls, wish to submit for your consideration a plan for alleviating and improving the parking problem for downtown Idaho Falls. Committees of both organizations have investigated this quite thoroughly and a study has been made with the recommendation of these groups that the plan be put into effect. Petitions signed by concerned individuals are deposited with this letter at the City Clerk's Office.

More specifically, the points of the plan are as follows:

1. That the parking meters installed now by the City of Idaho Falls be converted to emit a token upon the payment of the parking meter fee. This token, under the plan being studied, is known as a "Golden Circle" token and would be picked up by the parking patron from a receptacle on the parking meter after the deposit of the fee.
2. The participating merchants, whom would be well identified by window signs and door signs, would offer a discount upon any cash sale for the redemption of the token delivered by the shopper. The number of tokens acceptable on any given purchase would be governed by the amount of the purchase. In other words, a shopper could have several tokens and redeem them upon later purchases up to a certain maximum.
3. The policing of the meters would continue as at present, with the supply of tokens being put in the meter at the same time the coins were taken out.

4. Parking meter fees would be raised to provide all meters on the basis of thirty (30) minutes for 5¢ and one hour for 10¢. Provided, however, that the meters on the outlying areas which now allow all day parking would be continued.
5. That the City would be requested to pass an Ordinance creating a Capital Improvement Fund for the installation of the converted meters; the acquisition, improvement, maintenance and operation of off-street parking lots within the downtown area; and that the funding of the Capital Improvement Fund be accomplished by dedicated 50 percent of all revenue received from the meters.
6. The company furnishing and installing such converted meters has indicated the approximate cost to be \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00. They have further indicated that they would install the converted meters with no down payment and receive payment upon the receipts from the "Capital Improvement Fund" to be created by the 50 percent revenue from the parking meters.
7. In summary, we submit that by adopting this system, it would accomplish this:
  - a. The patron or shopper would be able to shop or park free of charge, by either using the tokens each time they make a purchase or accumulating them and redeeming them on a larger purchase. In either event, the parking would be free. The downtown merchants are the ones to support the program by redeeming the tokens.
  - b. The revenue to the City should not be reduced because of the increased meter fees.
  - c. The creation of the "Capital Improvement Fund" would be a step towards accumulating a fund to acquire, develop and operate off-street parking lots, which are to the advantage of the Downtown Association, the City of Idaho Falls, and all taxpayers to keep a strong tax base in the downtown area.

We would request the City Council and Mayor to take favorable consideration upon this request for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,  
Sharp, Anderson and Bush  
s/ W. J. Anderson  
for Downtown  
Improvement Association

The following petition with sixty-eight signers, all downtown business men and/or property owners, was then presented:

PETITION

To The Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls:

The following undersigned merchants and/or property owners in the Central Business District of the City of Idaho Falls do hereby petition the Mayor and City Council for the following changes in operation of parking meters within the general confines of the Central Business District core:

1. That the Golden Circle Meters of the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation be installed to allow validation by the merchants within the Central Business District;
2. That 1¢ parking be eliminated and that meters be converted to 5¢ and 10¢ at the increased rate of meter setting at 10¢ per hour;
3. That the meter positions be re-aligned on the downtown streets into the so-called "platoon" system of bumper to bumper parking with 22 foot allocation; and,
4. That the Council take correlation action, by Ordinance, from the increased revenue thereby obtained and following the completion of conversion costs to set aside 50% of the total gross revenue from said meters into a special fund for purchase and improvement of off-street parking facilities.

Mr. Anderson noted that the proposal, as indicated and described on the petition, received good support from most all who were contacted. Mr. Robert Berntson of the Fogg Drug Company, appeared before the Council to say that this proposal would add attraction for the downtown shopper and that incentives of this nature are needed as a means of improving the tax base. He predicted that the City's revenue should remain about the same under this proposed arrangement. Mr. Ray Longhurst of Ray's Camera Land appeared to say that, in his opinion, the City's revenue would even increase over a period of time, due to increased traffic. Mr. Russell Fogg of the Fogg Drug Company appeared to say that the only ones, to his knowledge, who were objecting to this proposal were the banks. However, he said they could, if they so desired, have parking meters in their parking lots with a different colored token, redeemable at their own places of business. Asked how the Off-Street Parking Association felt about this proposal Mr. Carl Page, of the Outdoorsman, appeared to say that their business should improve, due to increased traffic. Councilman Wood asked how this arrangement was being received in other cities. Mr. Kevin Best, Starline Equipment sales representative, appeared to say that this program is so new that it would be difficult to get an opinion from any City in Idaho although several, including Burley, are in the process of converting. He said Van Nuys, California reports favorably from the standpoint of patron reception.

Councilwoman Smith asked what the token would be worth to the shopper. It was explained that the merchant could set whatever value he chose, but, normally, it would be handled as a five cent discount on the purchase. The Mayor noted that merchants outside the downtown area would also redeem, if they desired. Councilman Erickson proposed that all Councilmen have the opportunity to see the demonstration by the sales representative.

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In the absence of further discussion, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this matter be referred to the Police and Fiscal Committees and also Attorney Joe Anderson and City Attorney Smith for a meeting at their earliest convenience to pursue all facets of this proposal. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

License applications for GROCERY STORE, Jack Gamble for Gamble Fine Foods, Lamont Howell for Monty's Food King, Wayne Aiman for Aiman's Supperette, Glenn Spraker for Glenn's Cold Storage, Don Jones for Village Market, Raymond Packer for Bus's Food King, Andy Stavros for Midget Market, Vern Kelsch for Northgate Saving Center and Memorial Drive Saving Center, Walter Coyne for Idaho Food King; RESTAURANT, Irven A. Rock for Rock's Village Café, R. E. Chambers for Chamber's Red Steer, Ray W. Jones for Pizza Inn, Jerry Hoefler for J. J. Newberry Luncheonette, Tom Mueller for Gas Lampe Pizza, Florence Messmer for Leonard's Lounge and Dining; ROOMING HOUSE, Florence Walker for Park Rooms; CLASS C CONTRACTOR, GAS FITTING, WET HEAT, F. L. Pendleton with Pendleton Heating; CLASS D JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTING, Paul Ostler, Bing Cyril Lempke, CLASS D CONTRACTOR, Paul Ostler with Paul's Natural Gas Service; MASTER PLUMBER, F. L. Pendleton for Pendleton Plumbing; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN, GAS FITTING, WET HEAT, F. L. Pendleton with Pendleton Plumbing; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, M. R. Turner, Marshall Rapp; BEER,(Canned and bottled, not to be consumed on the premises), Walter Coyne for Food King, Lowell Bybee for Bybee's Market, Lamont Howell for Monty's Food King, Donald Cook for Cook's Super Market, John Reese for Skaggs Drug, Wayne Aiman for Aiman's Superette, Irvin Scott for O.K. Food Center, Glenn Spraker for Glenn's Cold Storage, Don Jones for Village Market, John Gamble for Gamble's Fine Foods, Raymond Packer for Bus's Food King, Andy Stavros for Midget Market, Vern Kelsch for Saving Centers on Memorial Drive and Northgate Mile, Gerald Robbins for Jerry's Blue Ribbon; BEER, (Canned, bottled, to be consumed on the premises), Don Wherry for Red Fox Lounge, Ted LeBaron for LeBaron's Coffee Shop; BEER,(Canned, bottled and draught to be consumed on the premises), Ray Robinson for Ray's Western Bar, Patrick Boylan for Shamrock, Dorothy Lekman for Hub Bar, Eugene Orr for Down Towner, Tex McNeill for Bon Villa, Ky Nii for Hollywood Bowl, Ray Jones for Pizza Inn, George McKissick for Grand Bar, Tom Mueller for Gas Lampe Pizza, Ellen Campbell for Dog House Bar & Cafe, Martell Orme for Elk's Lodge, Lloyd Brown for Eagles Lodge, Roger Hougan for Flamingo, Ruth Gibbons for Fleet Reserve Association Club, Thomas Devine & Dick Jenkins for The Factory, Lowell Bybee for Stockman's Bar, Leonard & Florence Messmer for Leonard's Lounge & Dining, Ruth Gibbons for the Blue Room; BARTENDER, Carol Saunders, Margie Jenkins, Golden Wadsworth; LIQUOR, Eugene Orr for Flame Lounge, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, 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.

The City Clerk read these communications:

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TO ALL,

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Please accept my sincere thanks for the kindness you have extended my way in granting the leave of absence. I surely do appreciate this Council action.

At the present time I am battling with the flu bug along with the post surgery affects.

Hope to be back to work before the leave expires.

Sincerely,  
s/ Beulah Peeler

P. S. "Thanks, Mr. Barnes."

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Purchasing Agent  
Oil and Fuel Bid

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Mr. Wallace Hanson, County Clerk, was contacted pertaining to joint City, School District and County gas and oil bid. He said he would refer the matter to the County Commissioners for approval. On the second contact with Mr. Hanson, he had talked to the Commissioners and the Road and Bridge Department. The present Commissioners thought it would be better to delay action until the Commissioners-Elect were in office after January 15. Mr. Hanson's recommendation was to contact the Commissioners prior to bidding next year.

s/ W. J. Skow  
Purchasing Department

No Council action was considered necessary.

From the Controller this memo was presented, together with the following letter:

City of Idaho Falls  
December 18, 1968

TO: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen and City Council  
FROM: L. I. Jenkins, Controller  
SUBJECT: ANIMAL IMPOUND FACILITIES

Of bids submitted November 12, 1968, for the construction of the subject facilities, Aiman Construction Company was the low bidder, However, due to financial circumstances it was not possible to award a contract to the bidder, and the City requested that the bidder consent

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to a waiver of the period required to award a contract. Attached is a letter from Aiman Construction Company consenting to a waiver until January 1969.

s/L. I. Jenkins

Aiman Construction Co.  
December 16, 1968

City of Idaho Falls  
P.O. Box 220  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

ATTN: Mr. Luther Jenkins

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our proposal covering the construction of the City Dog Pound, which was submitted on November 12, 1968.

In this proposal there was a paragraph which stated that this proposal could not be withdrawn within 30 days. This company request that this paragraph be waived and that we will be allowed to negotiate with the City and architect during the month of January 1969.

Very truly yours,  
s/ Floyd Aiman  
Aiman Construction Co.

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that awarding of a contract on the animal impound facility be postponed until January, 1969. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

This letter was presented and read by the City Clerk:

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Robert D. Pollock  
Chief of Police  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Sir:

On September 15, 1968, I completed twenty-five years of active duty with the Idaho Falls Police Department. Upon that date I fulfilled all the requirements for retirement as set forth in Chapter 21 of the Idaho Code.

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I hereby request that I be relieved from active duty and placed on retirement status beginning January 1, 1969.

Sincerely,  
s/ Dan G. Wilson  
Captain

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Wood, that Captain Wilson's retirement be accepted, effective January 1, 1969 and the Mayor and Council go on record as expressing their sincere appreciation for his many years of dedicated service. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Wood presented lease renewals between the City and Valley Rentals, Inc., dba Avis Rent-A-Car and W. G. William, Inc. dba Hertz Rent-A-Car. It was noted that these were identical to the previous leases except that they were for a two year period. It was noted by Councilman Wood, seconded by Erickson, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Presented by Councilman Wood, was a contract agreement between the City and Varsity Cleaners. It was explained by Airport Manager Hill that this was conceived on an experimental basis to provide janitorial services at the Airport that the work will be limited to nights and Sundays and that this will permit the existing work force to be cut from three to two employees. It was noted that the contract provides for the company to be bonded and that the monthly cost to the City would be \$455.00. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Smith, that the agreement be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Freeman drew attention to bids opened December 17, 1968 on the handball courts, shell only. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Erickson, that the low bid of Ellsworth Construction Company, Blackfoot, Idaho, in the amount of \$13,000 be accepted with the understanding that the local Handball Association be responsible for their completion. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilwoman Smith introduced the following Resolution, pointing out that this was based upon a recommendation from the Bonneville Power Administration and was the end product of an agreement made in August between the City and that Agency:

**RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 1968-19)**

**RE: FORMULA FOR REIMBURSING THE ELECTRIC LIGHT  
FUND FOR CITY CONSUMED ELECTRIC ENERGY**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS:

The City of Idaho Falls shall pay its Electric Light Fund for fiscal year 1968, and thereafter, for all electric energy consumed by the City.

Such payment shall be calculated as follows:

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- (a) All electric energy for street lighting @1.05 per K.W.H.
- (b) All electric energy for all other purposes @ .06 per K.W.H.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1968.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes  
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen  
MAYOR

Asked for comment, City Attorney Smith said this Resolution was not to be construed as a rate setting instrument but, instead, only a payment formula for City utility accounts. It was moved by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Nelson that this resolution be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

As directed by the Council at a previous meeting, the City Attorney reported on his findings and rendered his opinion, relative to the City's present annual bowling alley license fee. He said he had learned through the Boise City Attorney that, through a consultation of several attorneys, the Boise City Council had acted favorably on their recommendation and had eliminated their annual bowling alley license fee on the grounds that it might be construed as a revenue rather than a regulatory fee. Siting the annual \$20.00 motion picture license fee as an illustration which he believed could be justified on a regulatory basis, City Attorney Smith said he felt some equitable bowling alley license fee could be justified. Police Chief Pollock concurred. Councilman Nelson proposed that the Bowling Association be contacted to determine their reaction. It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Erickson, that this matter be referred to the Police Committee on both the bowling alley and the pool table license fee and that a decision be reached at the next regular Council Meeting. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

City Attorney Smith then reported on a recent State Supreme Court decision, relative to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Shopping Center case. He said it was a very important decision, inasmuch as it provides future zoning guidance as construed by the courts and is a summation of many years of zoning problems which have arisen all over the State. Smith gave the history of the case, dating back to the early 60's when the area was under one ownership and was zoned as a shopping center by the County. He said that, subsequently, the area was broken down into four ownerships which took place before annexation in 1962. Smith pointed out that there was a ten month delay in City zoning after annexation and, in the interim period, a service station building permit was applied for and denied by the City on the grounds that the area was designed as a shopping center. The City then instigated zoning procedure and suit was filed on the grounds that the City had no right to deny the building permit on un-zoned property. The District Judge upheld the City's position which was reversed by the Supreme Court. No Council action was considered necessary. The Mayor thanked the City Attorney for the presentation.

Councilman Parish presented this memo:

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TO: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen and City Council  
FROM: L. I. Jenkins, City Controller  
SUBJECT: APPROVAL - PAYROLL CLAIMS

Pay Period ending November 30, 1968 was computed too late to be included in bills approved December 5, 1968.

GROSS SALARIES

<u>Total</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>	<u>Electric Light</u>	<u>Recreation</u>
\$97,827.00	\$54,419.69	\$21,515.01	\$4,433.98	\$16,403.26	\$1,055.06

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS PAYROLL ACCOUNT  
City's Share of Others Retirement

9,209.46	6,025.76	25.22	634.95	2,404.01	119.52
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CITY'S SHARE OF F.I.C.A.

6,800.58	4,726.92	20.52	578.82	1,386.87	87.45
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CITY'S SHARE OF FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT

<u>1,809.36</u>	_____	<u>1,809.36</u>	_____	_____	_____
\$115,646.40	\$65,172.37	\$23,370.11	\$5,647.75	\$20,194.14	\$1,262.03

Approved December 19, 1968

It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Freeman, that the payroll claims, as indicated, be allowed and the Controller be authorized to make payment from the respective funds accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Nelson, that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes  
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen  
MAYOR

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