

We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge service of the within and foregoing Notice of Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, this 5th day of September, 1968.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1968

s/ Jim R. Freeman
Councilman

s/ Dale D. Parish
Councilman

s/ Gordon L. Nelson
Councilman

s/ Melvin L. Erickson
Councilman

s/ Jack A. Wood, Jr.
Councilman

s/ Lyn Smith
Councilwoman

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, 198 Whittier, appeared before the Council. Mr. Jones, as spokesman, explained he was appearing for the purpose of seeking information and said that, in his opinion, the questions he was about to ask remain unanswered in the minds of many. First, he asked if the proposed \$1,300,000 bond issue was to provide funds strictly for construction or would it also be covering such expenditures as landscaping, land acquisition and equipment. It was explained by the Mayor that the amount as indicated on the ballot would cover all expenditures including the ones just mentioned. Next, Jones asked if urban renewal entered into the picture from the standpoint of funds or site. Councilman Parish explained that the Library Committee, in the preparation of the comprehensive library report, gathered statistics from other cities to determine a recommended site and all this was accomplished prior to the announcement and any knowledge that the area south of Broadway was being studied for urban renewal development. Therefore, it would have been impossible for the Committee to have been swayed in their thinking because of later developments and discussion with reference to urban renewal. As for cost, no part of the recent urban renewal grant would be allocated for the Library. The amount as indicated on the ballot is the maximum which would be collected from sale of bonds. Parish stressed the fact that, prior to awarding a construction contract, no effort would be spared to save taxpayers wherever possible.

The Mayor noted that there is one potential source of funds, as yet undetermined, which would lower the cost to taxpayers; namely, the amount that would likely be available from the State Library Fund. He said this could easily be misconstrued in the minds of citizens and be interpreted as urban renewal funds which is definitely not the case. Jones then asked if the voters would be permitted to vote on site. The Mayor answered in the affirmative but explained this would be accomplished by an advisory ballot and not part of the bond issue ballot.

Another question by Jones referred to construction cost analysis. He asked if the present site would lend itself to enlargement; if the building at Park & E. Street would lend itself to remodeling; and if the No. 1 proposed site at Broadway and Capital had been thoroughly investigated including property acquisition. Mr. Aden Hyde, Chairman of the Library Board, was invited to answer the first part of the question pertaining to the existing facility. Hyde said the present Library is entirely inadequate and could in no way lend itself to enlargement, including terrain. Hyde said even if the adjoining properties were acquired, there would not be sufficient space for ample building and parking. The Mayor answered that other parts of the question by saying the library report covers, without elaborate detail, the remodeling costs of the existing building at Park & E. Street but

completely covers all cost facets for a new building at Broadway and Capital. Finally, Jones asked why publicity on the proposed Library is so conspicuous by its absence. He said this, in itself, is giving citizens the impression that certain vital information is, inadvertently or otherwise, being held back. Parish answered by saying that the No. 2 and No. 3 proposed sites, as is planned for the

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advisory ballot, had not received publicity, inasmuch as the Library Board and the Council preferred to concentrate on the No. 1 site as recommended by the Library Committee in deference to said Committee who weighed all aspects of the problem and took freely and painstakingly of their time before finally submitting the report. The No. 1 site, continued Parish, has received much publicity through all news media, the Chamber of Commerce and service organizations. Parish reminded Mr. Jones that the Committee had 15 proposed sites and it would have been both impractical and impossible to even attempt to submit detailed statistical information on all of these. Parish conceded, in conclusion, by saying that, now that an advisory ballot has been decided upon, there must be every effort, as time permits, to supply needed information on all proposed sites. In conclusion, Mr. Jones advised the Council that he had learned just this night that the block immediately south of the one under consideration at Park & E. Street can be acquired at a lower cost.

Mr. Harold Babbitt, 410 5th Street, appeared briefly to say that he represented certain citizens, all of whom felt the bond issue would fail if it were known in advance that the Library was to be constructed at the No. 1 proposed site at Broadway and Capital. The Mayor noted that, by use of the advisory ballot, the voter can indicate his own choice. Babbitt said that, even under these conditions the bond issue, in his opinion, would fail to pass. Asked for a suggested solution, Babbitt said a bond issue will probably not pass unless the ballot ties down a site. Babbitt concluded his remarks by saying that he and the people he represented preferred the site at Park and E. Street. City Attorney Smith noted the ballot, as proposed by the bond attorney and included in the bond ordinance, does not provide for a site location and if it were decided that this approach is preferable, time would not permit a bond election on October 8th, due to the fact that the bond attorney would then find it necessary to amend the ordinance, including the Notice of the Election which requires legal publication for thirty days preceding said election.

The following Ordinance was thereupon introduced in written form by Councilman Nelson and was read by title. Councilwoman Smith moved that the rule requiring the reading of the Ordinance three different days be dispensed with and the motion was adopted by the vote of not less than three-fourths of the Council, to-wit: Aye; Councilwoman Smith, Councilmen Nelson, Parish, Freeman, Erickson, and Wood. Nay; none.

The Ordinance was thereupon again read by title and was read in full, after which, pursuant to motion made by Councilman Parish, and seconded by Freeman, the Ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Ayes; Councilmen Wood, Erickson, Freeman, Parish, Nelson and Councilwoman Smith. Nay; none.

The Ordinance was thereupon signed by the Mayor in evidence of his approval, was attested by the City Clerk, was ordered recorded and is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1223

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY WHO
ARE TAXPAYERS THE PROPOSITION OF THE ISSUANCE OF
\$1,300,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIBRARY BONDS OF THE CITY OF

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IDAHO FALLS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS IN THE EVENT THEY ARE VOTED AT SUCH ELECTION.

Pursuant to motion made and carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
