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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in a Recessed Regular Meeting, August 25, 1966, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said Meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmembers Smith, Erickson, Wood, Nelson, Parish, Freeman. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; Luther Jenkins, City Controller; Robert Pollock, Police Chief; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; William Fell, Electrical Engineer.

Minutes of the last Recessed Regular Meeting, held August 9th, 1966, were read and approved.

Mr. Clair Humphrey, City employee retiree and until recently, custodian of the Civic Auditorium, was invited to the Council table by the Mayor, who commended him for his many dedicated years of unselfish service beyond the call of normal duty. The Mayor presented Mr. Humphrey with a billfold and wished him well during his years of retirement. The Mayor, noting a vacancy on the Civic Auditorium Board, created by the recent resignation of Margaret Peyton, then appointed Mr. Humphrey to fill that position. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Wood, that this appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Mayor then reappointed Mrs. Hilda Compton to succeed herself as a member of the Civic Auditorium Board. It was moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Freeman, that this appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Finally, under the order of appointments, the Mayor announced a vacancy in the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Dr. Robert Shreve and proceeded to appoint Mr. Richard Clayton to fill the vacancy. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Smith, that this appointment be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Mayor, noting the presence in the Council Chambers of Mr. Pete Harker, Transportation Supervisor of School District #91, asked the City Clerk to present and read this memo:

City of Idaho Falls
Office of the Police Division
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Idaho Falls
FROM: City Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: RECOMMEND CHANGE IN TRAFFIC FLOW

It is recommended that the present one-way traffic pattern between Holmes Avenue and Boulevard involving 2nd Street to 15th inclusive, be reversed for the following reasons:

1. To alleviate the existing problem at Central School of the loading and unloading of 23 bus loads of children. The buses' loading doors are on the right side of the bus which now places the students on the opposite side of the street for both loading and unloading.

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2. For an improved alignment of intersecting streets with those west of Boulevard to provide an improved traffic flow to and from the Central Business District with the east side.

- WEST - a. John Adams through 5th to Birch and "D".
- WEST - b. 9th Street through Ash and "A".
- EAST - c. Broadway through Elk and 10th.

With this change it would be desirable to place stop signs at each intersection of 6th Street to discourage heavy traffic past the school.

Your consideration of this will be appreciated.

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

Police Chief Pollock appeared and explained that the busing of children poses a real problem and that, in the past, an attempt has been made to solve same by permitting buses to travel the wrong direction on certain one way streets, inasmuch as the streets are too narrow to permit two way traffic. Other than the school problem, Pollock continued by explaining that reversing 9th and 10th Streets would improve traffic flow.

Mr. Harker appeared before the Council to point out that a complete reversal of one way streets, as recommended, would be beneficial to all schools in the affected area and would be helpful to all school buses loading at the high school. Mr. Harker concluded his remarks by expressing appreciation for the City's cooperative effort toward a solution to the problem.

Mr. W. H. Simmons, Administer Assistant, School District #91, appeared before the Council and also expressed appreciation, partially for the last year's experimental attempt toward a solution but said this was not satisfactory. Traffic signs were not enforced and buses had trouble on the intersections, due to the narrow streets. He recommended, even though there be some delay in effecting reversal of the entire one way complex, the immediate reversal of 6th and 7th Streets.

City Engineer Laird, in answer to a question, said the proposal for one way street reversal would be endorsed by his department although as a result, a traffic signal at 10th and Holmes might prove necessary. Councilman Erickson drew attention to the 12th Street bridge which was supposed to have encouraged westbound traffic and said the reversal might defeat this objective. Councilman Nelson said he favored the recommendation but suggested it get wide spread publicity as a means of obtaining a reaction from affected residents. In answer to Mr. Simmons, Nelson said he felt any piecemeal corrective measure would only compound the problem. Councilman Parish, referring to anticipated publicity, suggested it should be concentrated and headlined toward the objective of safety to children. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this be referred to the appropriate Council Committee to be reconsidered at the next Regular Council Meeting with

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the understanding that, in the interim period, the proposal be given feature publicity in the local newspaper. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

License applications for CLASS B WET HEAT, WARM AIR, GAS FITTING, Norton Sage with Pendleton Plumbing & Heating; CLASS C JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTING & WARM AIR HEATING, Norton Sage; PEDDLERS, Glenn C. Nelson; ROOMING HOUSE, Yolinda La Combe for Rialto Rooms; JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN, Rosslyn Hill Bidstrup, Walter A. Hansen; APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN, Scott Bidstrup with Jewell Electric; BARTENDER, Mark S. Jensen, Deanna Kaye Grim; BEER, transfer of name only, Elmer Elg for Mint Bar, Phillip B. Wilkerson for the Blue Room 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.

The City Clerk made reference to a beer license application dated July 15th, 1966, in the name of Ted LeBaron, explaining that, in the interest of time after the application had been approved by the Police Chief and the City Sanitarian, the Council was individually but informally polled and the license issued. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that the City Clerk's action in this regard be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The City Clerk presented two City redemption tax deeds, both in favor of the State of Idaho, Department of Highways, accompanied by appropriate resolutions, as follows:

RESOLUTION (Resolution No. 1966-10)

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, did, under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, and by deed of the City Treasurer dated the 3rd day of May, 1965, recorded as Instrument No. 347417, records of Bonneville County, Idaho acquire title to and possession of the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots Thirty-nine (39) and Forty (40) in Block Thirty-five (35) Highland Park Addition to the original town of Eagle Rock, now the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho

WHEREAS, State of Idaho, Department of Highways has offered to pay to the City of Idaho Falls the amount for which said property was sold to the City, together with all the installments of assessments subsequent to the one for which said property was sold to the City, together with penalties and interest thereon;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed, upon the payment of said sum of money by said purchaser to make, execute and deliver to said State of Idaho, Department of Highways a deed to said property, pursuant to the provisions of Section 50-2951, Idaho Code.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this 25th day of August, 1966.

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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 25th day of August, 1966.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR

It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the resolutions and the deeds. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Notices of Completion of Public Works were presented on certain completed projects as follows: Phase I, #11 Well, Railroad Parking Lot retaining wall and the Garfield and Royal storm drainage sewer. It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that the City Clerk be authorized to publish, as required by law. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

From the Purchasing Department came the following:

City of Idaho Falls
Office of the Purchasing Agent
August 24, 1966

One (1) Used Truck Cab and Chassis Complete with 36 Foot Aerial Tower and Service Body.

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers:

Tabulation of bids for one (1) used truck cab and chassis complete with 36 foot aerial tower and service body is attached.

Truck Equipment Sales Company of Salt Lake City submitted a bid of \$5000.00 for the complete unit.

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

This recommendation subject to your approval.

s/ W. J. Skow
Purchasing Department

It was moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Erickson, that the bid, as described, be accepted. Roll all as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memo:

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Public Works
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: WELL NO. 11

The Council originally scheduled Well No. 11 to be in operation by June 1, 1967. Delivery dates on some items of pumps and control equipment are now stretching from three to six months. In order to meet your proposed completion date, we are requesting authorization to advertise for Phase No. 2 construction September 4, 11, and 18, and 25, and open bids at 10:00 A.M. September 27th. The Electric Light Division also requests authorization to advertise for the necessary transformers.

s/ Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Parish, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for the public works portion of this project and the Purchasing Department be authorized to advertise for the transformers. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Next, from the Public Works Director the following was presented and read:

City of Idaho Falls
Public Works
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: FOOTE DRIVE WATER MAIN & FIRE FACILITIES FILE F-4-n

Find attached hereto the bid tabulation for Foote Drive water main opened August 23. For the purpose of bidding, the project was separated into two parts: The Foote Drive portion and the portion required on the Fire Training Facilities. These have been reviewed in detail and we are recommending the Council award the bid for Foote Drive water main to the low bidder, Grover Construction Company, in the amount of \$7973.00.

s/ Don
Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Nelson, that the low bid of Grover Construction Company be accepted for the Foote Drive portion of the water line. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Finally, from the Public Works Director this memo was presented:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Donald F. Lloyd
SUBJECT: 17TH STREET CANAL RELOCATION

We have been authorized to negotiate with six (6) property owners along 17th Street for additional right-of-way in relocating the Idaho Canal to the North. The Mayor and Derald Jorgensen have been successful in reaching equitable settlements and we are requesting the Mayor be authorized to sign right-of-way contracts on behalf of the City.

s/ Don
Donald F. Lloyd

It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Freeman, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the right-of-way contracts in question, when available. Roll call as follow: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Police Chief, through the City Clerk, offered the following:

City of Idaho Falls
Police Division
August 18, 1966

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Office of the Chief of Police
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO AMEND PARKING ORDINANCE

The present City Ordinance 10-9-4 as written is construed that NO person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in front of a public or private driveway except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer or traffic control device.

It is recommended that this ordinance be amended to allow the owner or person in control of the property some degree of a control of the parking in front of a private driveway.

Respectfully submitted,
s/Robert D. Pollock
Chief of Police

It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this be referred to the City Attorney with instructions to prepare an amended ordinance for Council consideration. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

From the Police Chief, acting in the capacity of Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee, the following was submitted:

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City of Idaho Falls
Office of Police Division
August 18, 1966

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRUCK ROUTE ALONG "E" STREET AND MEMORIAL DRIVE

It is recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee that Council authorize the establishment of a truck route for the southbound trucks on Yellowstone to the west to be routed along "E" Street and Memorial Drive in place of Yellowstone and Broadway.

The large trucks cannot make the turn while remaining in the proper lanes at Broadway and Yellowstone and also are detrimental to the flow of the downtown traffic.

With the widening of "E" Street and the forthcoming approach to Broadway from Memorial (the removal of the angle parking on the west side of the center strip between Broadway and "A" Street) as agreed to by the City and State on the Broadway Signalization, the proposed route would be better for the trucks and alleviate the flow through the heavy business district of Broadway.

The intersection of Memorial and "E" with Riverside should be striped for the proper channeling of traffic. In accomplishing this, the northern most section of the angle parking in the center of Memorial should be restricted to allow for adequate area.

The State Engineers concur on this route and will provide the necessary approach signs on the State Highway.

Your consideration of this will be appreciated.

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

City Engineer Laird commented to the effect that this proposal has many traffic advantages. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this recommendation be approved as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Next, from the same source, this memo was studied:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: City Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: PARKING LOT - EAST SIDE RAILROAD

This Committee recommends Council approval and authorization to proceed with the layout and plans for the parking lot located east of the railroad as prepared by the City Engineering Department and approved by the Traffic Safety Committee on August 24, 1966.

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

City Engineer Laird said the improvement on the lot, at this time, would be of a temporary nature by use of poles to designate parking stalls and to serve as barricades. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that this recommendation be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Also, from the Traffic Safety Committee, this memo was submitted:

City of Idaho Falls
Police Division
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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls, Idaho
FROM: City Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: ROUTING OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC CROSSING FIRST STREET TO BEL-AIRE SCHOOL

At a meeting of this Committee held on August 24, 1966, the principal of the Bel Aire Elementary School reported that new housing construction in the area will impede student pedestrians from following their previously traveled routes to and from school. This is the crossing area at First Street and Fanning.

After considerable study and evaluation the Committee recommends the following changes:

- A. Remove the two yellow caution lights now erected on First Street between Chatham Drive and Linden Drive.
- B. Relocate the yellow light now erected on First Street west of Fanning, to a new location on the utility pole (south side) nearest to the intersection of Chatham and First Street.
- C. Maintain the yellow light now established on the north side of First Street just east of Evergreen.

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D. Revise speed limit east of Wabash on First Street to 35 miles per hour.

SUMMARY: The recommended relocation of the lights will lengthen this crossing zone on First Street and permit students to cross at two locations.

Your consideration of this will be appreciated.

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

It was moved by Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that the various recommendations in the foregoing memo be approved for the reasons as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Erickson drew attention to a memo from the Traffic Safety Committee dated June 23, 1966 which, in part, recommended the restriction of all parking on Holmes Avenue from First Street to Yellowstone Highway and converting said street to four-lane traffic and that, at that time, the recommendation had been tabled for study. Erickson explained that, in the interim period, all affected property owners had been contacted and that, even though some protest was encountered, virtually every property owner withdrew his protest or at least agreed to the change when a complete explanation was offered to the need and the advantages. Councilmen Nelson and Parish both agreed they were somewhat apprehensive about making the change on the grounds that some businesses might be adversely affected. Councilman Nelson said that, when the Lomax extension is completed, it may become necessary to again review this situation. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that the recommendation be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

The Traffic Safety Committee, through Chief Pollock then submitted this memo:

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL NEW SIGNS

City Engineer Laird recommends that STOP or YIELD signs be installed at the following locations which at present have no control.

1. Canyon Avenue and Iona Street with Iona the yield street.
2. Elmore Avenue and Iona Street with Iona the yield street.
3. Eastern Avenue and Lava Street with Lava the yield street.
4. Eastern Avenue and Pine Street with Pine the yield street.
5. Eastern Avenue and Oak Street with Oak the yield street.
6. South Utah Avenue and Milligan Road with Milligan Road the yield street.

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7. Rollandet and Gustafson Drive with Gustafson Drive the stop street.
8. South Boulevard and Fieldstream Lane with Fieldstram Lane the stop street.

The Traffic Safety Committee at the meeting of August 10, 1966, approved this recommendation. There was however, a minority vote against the yield signs in lieu of stop signs at the intersections of Iona with Canyon and Elmore and of the placement of yield sign at Milligan intersecting South Utah Avenue.

Your consideration of the above eight (8) locations is appreciated.

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

After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that these various sign installations be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

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

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Idaho Falls
FROM: Traffic Safety Committee
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE AND REPLACE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNS

City Engineer Laird recommends that the existing STOP signs be removed and replaced with YIELD signs in the reverse of the existing control at the following locations:

1. Reversing the stop signs at Boise Avenue and Iona Street, thereby making Iona the yielding street.
2. Reversing the stop signs at Boise Avenue and Crowley Street, thereby making Crowley the yielding street.
3. Reversing the stop signs at Cassia Avenue and Crowley Street, thereby making Crowley the yielding street.
4. Replacing the stop signs at all of the above locations with yield signs.

The Traffic Safety Committee at the meeting of August 10, 1966, approved this recommendation. There was some opposition to the Yield signs replacing STOP signs at a four way intersection.

Boise and Cassia Avenues are paved approaching whereas Iona and Crowley Streets are gravel.

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Your consideration of these changes is appreciated.

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

It was noted that these changes are being recommended because of the recent paving of Boise and Cassis Streets. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Freeman, that these various changes and replacements of existing traffic signs be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

From the Building Official this memo was presented:

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MEMO TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

The following is a copy of a licensing agreement to be attached to the permit for Mr. Ivan Palmer, to construct a block fence on City property, according to plans approved by the Council July 21, 1966. This agreement to be signed by the Permittee:

The Permittee herein understands and agrees that this license is issued subject to the right of the City to require, at any time, the removal of the fence, for which the permit is granted; and that the permittee obtains no vested rights in, and to, the use of City property by reason of the permit or the structure. The Permittee agrees to remove the structure at Permittee's sole expense, at any time, upon order of the City or Idaho Falls.

Permittee

Respectfully,
s/ Ray Browning
Building Official

It was moved by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Smith, that under the conditions as described in the license agreement, the Building Official be permitted to issue a permit for construction of the wall in question. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Police Chief Pollock appeared to report that there have been meetings with State Highway Engineers relative to the signal control system on the Yellowstone Highway and, particularly, better control over the left turn bay signals and that negotiations are proceeding satisfactory, through the medium of either meetings or letters with the State Highway Engineers.

Reference is made to Page 447 in this Book of Minutes and, more specifically, a memo from the Building Official relaying a recommendation from the Planning Commission pertaining to exceptions to front and side set-back requirements for corner lots. Councilman Wood reintroduced the matter and asked the Building Official to comment. Mr. Browning explained that an amendment, as proposed, would not affect clear vision on corner lots, providing Section 4-4-7 of Ordinance #1115 remained un-amended and in full force and effect. It was moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Wood, that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance as recommended which would either incorporate the exception as provided in Section 4-4-7 or, at least, leave said Section un-amended. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Wood reintroduced the subject of the proposed medical program as prepared by the City Physician. It was noted that all Councilmen had received copies and had been given the opportunity to study same. By general Council concurrence, it was agreed that the brochure should be amended to delete the requirement for the creation of a committee to pass on sub-standard applicants and also amended regarding the provisions on pregnancy. It was agreed further, that, in each of these instances, employment or continued employment could and should be determined by the Council. It was moved by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Smith, that the medical program, reflecting the foregoing amendments, be approved and adopted and become incorporated as a part of the City's personnel policy. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried. It was understood that the official copy of this medical program be kept on file in the office of the Personnel Director.

Councilman Parish introduced the subject of the minimum wage scale of \$1.76 per hour for non-union City labor and noted that the minimum wage for industry in the area, exclusive of union labor, ranges from \$1.93 to \$2.04 per hour. Parish noted that the City is no longer able to obtain or retain competent help at this marginal minimum wage scale. Parish noted, further, that if minimum wages are raised there are certain other categories of wage earners receiving fractionally more than minimum that would also require upward revision to eliminate the possibility of discrimination.

The Council had been made aware of this problem by means of a comprehensive memo prepared by the Personnel Director in which he had recommended re-evaluation of all minimum wage earners from Range 4 to Range 6 resulting in an hourly increase from \$1.76 to \$1.94 per hour, and further, to eliminate the discriminatory factor, re-evaluation a sewer man from Range 6 to Range 7 and a chairman rod man from Range 5 to Range 7 with the resultant hourly increase in each instance as prescribed by the point-step salary evaluation policy. It was moved by Councilman Nelson, seconded by Wood, that the Personnel Director be authorized to re-evaluate all minimum salaries and other classifications as recommended. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Freeman announced that the KID radio and television station had offered the City certain land immediately north of the station on 17th Street for park purposes with the understanding that they would furnish the seed and the sprinkling system and that the City would be responsible for leveling, seeding, maintenance and whatever other improvements deemed necessary or appropriate. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Nelson, that this offer be accepted and that it be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee to work with the City Attorney in drawing up a suitable lease agreement in this regard. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried. The Mayor, in behalf of the City Council, expressed appreciation to the radio station for this generous civic-minded gesture.

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There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Nelson, that the Meeting adjourn. Carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
