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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, August 23, 2007, in the Council Chambers at 140 South Capital Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

There were present:

Mayor Jared D. Fuhriman  
Councilmember Thomas Hally  
Councilmember Larry Lyon  
Councilmember Michael Lehto  
Councilmember Joe Groberg  
Councilmember Karen Cornwell

Absent was:

Councilmember Ida Hardcastle

Also present:

Dale Storer, City Attorney  
Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk  
All available Division Directors

Mayor Fuhriman requested Landon Poulter to come forward to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fuhriman honored Chief Ellis by presenting him with the Patriotic Employer Award, by sharing the following letter:

City of Idaho Falls  
July 20, 2007

Honorable Mayor Fuhriman:

My name is Scott Grimmett and I am a firefighter/paramedic with the Idaho Falls Fire Department. I also serve in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve presently in Juneau, Alaska. I have worked for the City of Idaho Falls since 1996 while remaining a reservist in the U. S. Coast Guard. I am writing you today to express my appreciation to the City of Idaho Falls and especially Fire Chief Dean Ellis.

Over the past 11 years, our Fire Administration Staff has assisted me in the coordination of my service to the Coast Guard and through extra effort, in the completion of mandatory training required to maintain my current Idaho EMS competencies. In addition, I would also like to express my families' gratitude for the support we received while serving on active duty immediately after the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. After serving for approximately 22 months, we were welcomed right back and the return status as a City employee was flawless. Chief Ellis gifted me a job, right back to C-shift where I left almost 2 years prior. This may seem insignificant to most, but was just one example of many considerations that were shown to me upon returning to work.

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I nominated Chief Ellis for the Patriotic Employer Award for his support of my service in the U. S. Coast Guard. I was recently notified that Chief Ellis was selected as a recipient of this award on July 1, 2007. If I may, I would ask that Chief Ellis be recognized of this award in the appropriate forum of his peers.

Thank you, Mayor Fuhriman, for your service to our community.

Very Respectfully,

s/ Scott Grimm

Petty Officer Scott Grimm, USCGR

Mayor Fuhriman stated that the award reads "The National Committee of Employers Support of the Guard in Reserve for contributing to the national security protecting the liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force."

Mayor Fuhriman requested Police Chief Livsey to come forward to honor three of his officers. The Police Chief introduced Officer Steve Poulter, Officer Gabe Klepich, and Lieutenant Royce Clements. On July 19, 2007, a sixteen-year old girl was in the river just below where the Brownstone Restaurant is. She was unable to get out of the river on her own. Her friends were only able to hold onto her by offering her a stick to cling to. The call to the 911 Dispatch Center came in at 4:36 p.m. At 4:38 p.m., Officer Poulter and Officer Klepich were at the river. Officer Klepich tied a rope to a tree. Officer Poulter was given a life jacket from a Bonneville County Deputy who arrived shortly after the Idaho Falls Officers had arrived. Officer Poulter went into the river to help this young lady. The current was so swift that the officers were unable to get the young lady out of the water at this location. Officer Poulter kept her head above the water and managed to maneuver her and himself around large rocks to a better location so that she was able to be removed from the river. Officer Clements showed up on the scene at this particular time and assisted in removing the young lady from the river. Police Chief Livsey stated that if it had not been for the three brave officers, the young woman would not be with us today. He stated, that he appreciated what these officers have done, not only on this day, but what they do every day. The Police Department has awarded Lieutenant Royce Clements, Officer Steve Poulter, and Officer Gabe Klepich with the Life Saving Award. Chief Livsey stated, further, that when Officer Poulter was descending on the rope, he literally tore the flesh from his hands in order to get to this girl.

Mayor Fuhriman expressed his appreciation for the officers and stated that they had his utmost respect for their accomplishment. He, then, presented each officer with a plaque.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The City Clerk requested approval of the Minutes from the August 7, 2007 Work Session and the August 9, 2007 Regular Council Meeting.

The City Clerk presented several license applications, all carrying the required approvals, and requested authorization to issue those licenses.

The City Clerk requested Council ratification for the publication of legal notices calling for public hearings on August 23, 2007.

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the Consent Agenda in accordance with the recommendations presented. Roll call as follows:

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Aye: Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Lyon

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

The Municipal Services Director submitted the following memos:

City of Idaho Falls  
August 14, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director  
SUBJECT: LIFE, INC. LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT

Attached for your consideration is the proposed Lease Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and LIFE, Inc. for City owned property located at 2110 South Rollandet Avenue.

The Assistant City Attorney has reviewed and approved this lease agreement. The City does not anticipate using this property for public purposes during the term of the lease.

It is respectfully requested that Council approve the Lease Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

s/ S. Craig Lords

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and LIFE, Inc. for City owned property located at 2110 South Rollandet Avenue and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Cornwell

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director  
SUBJECT: BID IF-07-17, SALE OF ABANDONED, IMPOUNDED,  
UNCLAIMED OR SURPLUS FIREARMS

Attached for your consideration is the tabulation for the above subject bid.

It is the recommendation of Municipal Services to accept the high bid of Ski's Guns. Evaluation was per group and he was the high bidder for each Group "A" through "N". The total selling amount is \$22,065.00.

s/ S. Craig Lords

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to accept the high bids from Ski's Guns to purchase Groups "A" through "N" of Abandoned, Impounded, Unclaimed, or Surplus Firearms. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Cornwell

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Police Chief submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls  
August 15, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: J. K. Livsey, Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

I respectfully submit the attached 2007-2008 School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Idaho Falls School District No. 91 for your approval at the City Council Meeting of August 23, 2007. This agreement is specific to the number of School Resource Officers, their duties, schedules, and compensation. It has been updated from the previous Agreement to reflect the dates of the new school year and has been signed by the Chairman of the Board for School District No. 91.

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Thank you for your consideration.

s/ J. K. Livsey

It was moved by Councilmember Cornwell, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the 2007-3008 School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Idaho Falls School District No. 91 and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Hally

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls  
August 21, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director  
SUBJECT: EASEMENT VACATION

As previously approved, the City Attorney has prepared documents to vacate a portion of a utility easement located in the Eagle Rock Town Center.

Public Works recommends approval of this vacation; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

At the request of Councilmember Lyon, the City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2714**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; PARTICULARLY DESCRIBING SAID EASEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING THE VACATED EASEMENT TO THE OWNER OF THE ADJACENT LAND, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

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The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Lyon moved, and Councilmember Lehto seconded, that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 requiring all Ordinances to be read by title, and once in full, on three separate dates be dispensed with, the Ordinance be passed on all three readings, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

At the request of Councilmember Lyon, the City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2715**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; PARTICULARLY DESCRIBING SAID EASEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING THE VACATED EASEMENT TO THE OWNER OF THE ADJACENT LAND, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Lyon moved, and Councilmember Lehto seconded, that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 requiring all Ordinances to be read by title, and once in full, on three separate dates be dispensed with, the Ordinance be passed on all three readings, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Cornwell

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

At the request of Councilmember Lyon, the City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2716**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; PARTICULARLY DESCRIBING SAID EASEMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING THE VACATED EASEMENT TO THE OWNER OF THE ADJACENT LAND, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Lyon moved, and Councilmember Lehto seconded, that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 requiring all Ordinances to be read by title, and once in full, on three separate dates be dispensed with, the Ordinance be passed on all three readings, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Hally

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

City of Idaho Falls  
August 21, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works Director  
SUBJECT: TABULATION AND AWARD OF BID FOR SOUTH YELLOWSTONE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

On August 7, 2007, bids were received and opened for the South Yellowstone Improvements. A tabulation of the bid results is attached.

Public Works recommends award to the low bidder, TMC Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$248,604.00; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

Shirley Chastain, 119 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, appeared as a representative from the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation. She explained that the City of Idaho Falls Engineering Department designed the improvements for South Yellowstone Highway, which

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includes trees and lighting. The Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency has approved the bid amount, as they will be funding this improvement project with tax increment revenues.

Councilmember Groberg stated that the downtown area was brought into the Redevelopment District. This allows the tax increment revenues to be used in the downtown area. These funds have been generated from the west side of the Snake River. The Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency decided to approve this because the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation felt that they needed to do something quickly to show that there is some benefit from having come into the district.

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Lehto, to accept the low bid from TMC Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$248,604.00 to complete the South Yellowstone Highway Improvements and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lyon  
Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Fuhriman requested Councilmember Groberg to conduct a public hearing, as legally advertised, to consider fee increases greater than 105% for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. At the request of Councilmember Groberg, the City Clerk read the following memo from the Municipal Services Director:

City of Idaho Falls  
August 20, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director  
SUBJECT: 2007-2008 PROPOSED FEE INCREASES

Municipal Services respectfully requests the Mayor and Council to approve the 2007-2008 proposed fee increases. The proposed increases were advertised August 12, 2007 and August 19, 2007 as required by Idaho Law.

s/ S. Craig Lords

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Idaho Falls proposes to increase existing fees beginning October 1, 2007 by amounts that exceed one hundred five percent (105%) of respective fees from the current fiscal year. The fee increases are necessary to cover increased costs associated with these programs.

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<b>SOURCE OF FEES</b>	<b>CURRENT FEES</b>	<b>PROPOSED NEW FEES</b>
<b>Zoo</b>		
Admission Fees – Non City Rate		
Children (4 Years – 12 Years)	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
Adults (13 Years – 62 Years)	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.00
Seniors (62 Years and Over)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
Admission Fees – City Rate		
Children (4 Years – 12 Years)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.75
Adults (13 Years – 62 Years)	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50
Seniors (62 Years and Over)	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
Group Rate (20 or more people)		
Child	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.00
Adult	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00
Seniors	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.50
Education Programs – Regular		
45 Minute Class – Tots	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.50
90 Minute Class – Kindergarten – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	\$ 12.50	\$ 15.00
3 Hour Class – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$ 17.50	\$ 20.00
3 Hour Week Class – 7 Years – 9 Years	\$ 55.00	\$ 75.00
7 Hour Day Week Long – 10 Years – 12 Years	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
Overnight Safari	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
Group Overnight Safari	--	\$ 40.00
Education Programs – Member		
3 Hour Week Class – 7 Years – 9 Years	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00
7 Hour Day Week Long – 10 Years – 12 Years	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00
Overnight Safari	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
Group Overnight Safari	--	\$ 30.00
Junior Zoocrew	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00
<b>Aquatic Center</b>		
Admission Fees		
Aerobics Senior Punchcard	\$ 26.35	\$ 28.00
School Group Lessons	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.50
High School PE Classes	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.50
High School PE Aerobics	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00
Group Rates		
10 to 19	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.75
20 to 40	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
40+	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.25
Instructor Fee	\$ 8.50	\$ 10.00
Kayaking Open Boat	\$ 5.55	\$ 6.00
Room Rental	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.50
<b>Recreation Programs</b>		
Tennis Instruction	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.00
Start Smart Camps	\$ 32.00	\$ 35.00
Ice Skating Fees		
4-12 Years of Age	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.50
Ice Rental Fees for Tournaments and Events	\$ 85.00	\$ 105.00

Any person who desires to provide comments regarding such fee increases may appear at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2007, at the City of Idaho Falls Council Chamber, Second Floor at the Idaho Falls Power Building, 140 South Capital Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

s/ Rosemarie Anderson  
 Rosemarie Anderson  
 City Clerk

Publish: August 12 and August 19, 2007

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There being no further discussion either in favor of or in opposition to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget, Mayor Fuhriman closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Groberg, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the fee increases greater than 105% for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Lehto  
Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Groberg

Nay: Councilmember Lyon

Motion Carried.

Mayor Fuhriman requested Councilmember Groberg to conduct a public hearing, as legally advertised, to consider the adoption of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget:

City of Idaho Falls  
August 20, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director  
SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Attached for your consideration is a copy of the proposed annual 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget that was tentatively approved on August 9, 2007 by the Mayor and City Council and has been advertised as required by Idaho Code.

Municipal Services respectfully requests the adoption of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$151,033,279.00 and the attached appropriation Ordinance, appropriating the monies to and among the various funds.

s/ S. Craig Lords

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**  
**CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO**

A public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The hearing will be held at the City of Idaho Falls Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Idaho Falls Power Building, 140 South Capital Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2007. All interested persons are invited to appear and provide comments regarding the proposed budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Idaho Falls City Controller's Office during regular office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays). City Hall is accessible to

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persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities in order to allow access to the budget documents or to the hearing should contact the City Controller's Office at 612-8230 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The proposed FY 2008 budget is shown below as FY 2008 proposed expenditures and revenues.

<b>PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>FY 2006 Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2007 Budget Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2008 Proposed Expenditures</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Mayor and Council	\$ 160,409	\$ 155,513	\$ 173,517
Legal	157,316	204,013	212,091
Municipal Services	3,746,721	7,911,412	8,042,214
Planning and Building	1,571,635	2,093,484	2,274,010
Police	10,021,880	10,503,509	11,386,081
Fire	8,671,375	8,070,720	9,246,496
Parks	5,961,764	10,657,244	6,447,936
Public Works	<u>1,594,172</u>	<u>1,952,144</u>	<u>1,975,542</u>
General Fund Total	<u>\$ 31,885,272</u>	<u>\$ 41,548,048</u>	<u>\$ 39,757,887</u>
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>			
Street Fund	\$ 2,686,979	\$ 3,433,948	\$ 3,557,478
Recreation Fund	1,014,542	1,130,931	1,113,326
Library Fund	1,790,437	2,184,059	2,886,947
Passenger Facility Fund	549,123	490,000	600,000
Municipal Equipment Replacement Fund	3,369,995	1,389,750	1,568,000
Electric Light Public Purpose Fund	445,525	550,000	550,000
Business Improvement District	52,616	60,000	60,000
Golf Fund	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,790,015</u>
Special Revenue Funds Total	<u>\$ 9,909,217</u>	<u>\$ 9,238,688</u>	<u>\$ 12,125,766</u>
<b>Capital Projects Funds</b>			
Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,015,954	\$ 100,000	\$ -0-
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	2,168	3,000,000	3,500,000
Street Capital Improvement Fund	2,899,350	4,300,000	-0-
Bridge and Arterial Street Fund	5,559	1,000,000	1,000,000
Water Capital Improvement Fund	368,078	550,000	500,000
Surface Drainage Fund	1,488	40,000	200,000
Traffic Light Capital Improvement Fund	<u>315,276</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Capital Projects Funds Total	<u>\$ 5,607,873</u>	<u>\$ 9,990,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,200,000</u>
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>			
Airport Fund	\$ 8,623,202	\$ 6,567,713	\$ 8,914,839
Water and Sewer Fund	10,439,435	11,821,471	12,536,549
Sanitation Fund	3,204,318	3,687,241	3,734,860
Ambulance Fund	2,746,621	2,618,034	2,787,893
Electric Fund	<u>52,839,295</u>	<u>58,778,270</u>	<u>64,975,485</u>
Enterprise Funds Total	<u>\$ 77,852,871</u>	<u>\$ 83,472,729</u>	<u>\$ 92,949,626</u>
<b>Total Expenditures - All Funds</b>	<u>\$125,255,233</u>	<u>\$144,249,465</u>	<u>\$151,033,279</u>

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<b>PROJECTED REVENUES</b>			
<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>FY 2006 Actual Revenues</b>	<b>FY 2007 Budget Revenues</b>	<b>FY 2008 Projected Revenues</b>
<b>Property Tax Levy</b>			
General Fund	\$ 16,656,069	\$ 17,556,006	\$ 19,486,308
Recreation Fund	361,780	391,851	425,327
Library Fund	1,330,116	1,405,017	1,525,046
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	533,243	563,031	611,130
Fire Retirement	843,287	843,287	843,287
Liability Insurance	670,000	670,000	580,000
Property Tax Levy Total	<u>\$ 20,394,495</u>	<u>\$ 21,429,192</u>	<u>\$ 23,471,098</u>
<b>Revenue Sources Other Than Property Tax</b>			
General Fund	\$ 15,610,249	\$ 15,278,755	\$ 16,118,252
Street Fund	3,238,803	3,284,258	3,186,854
Recreation Fund	680,708	761,350	714,350
Library Fund	699,999	804,587	816,806
Passenger Facility Fund	549,123	490,000	600,000
Municipal Equipment Replacement Fund	336,800	150,000	200,000
Electric Light Public Purpose Fund	475,425	550,000	550,000
Business Improvement District Fund	65,109	60,000	60,000
Electric Rate Stabilization Fund	624,222	200,000	400,000
Golf Fund	-0-	-0-	1,782,700
Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	283,865	198,750	216,750
Municipal Capital Improvement Fund	88,433	25,000	25,000
Street Capital Improvement Fund	38,151	3,505,000	1,000
Bridge and Arterial Street Fund	294,960	180,000	255,000
Water Capital Improvement Fund	325,216	243,750	283,750
Surface Drainage Fund	63,246	45,000	50,000
Traffic Light Capital Improvement Fund	601,062	346,000	281,900
Airport Fund	7,428,929	6,389,309	8,481,409
Water and Sewer Fund	12,544,933	11,414,500	12,478,000
Sanitation Fund	2,496,796	2,538,500	3,605,000
Ambulance Fund	2,531,031	2,519,392	2,661,239
Electric Fund	61,395,968	54,663,257	53,356,060
Fund Transfers	1,746,712	2,010,500	1,889,500
Fund Balance Carryover	22,694,091	17,162,365	19,548,611
Other Revenue Sources Total	<u>\$134,813,931</u>	<u>\$122,820,273</u>	<u>\$127,562,181</u>
<b>Total Revenues - All Funds</b>	<u>\$155,208,426</u>	<u>\$144,249,465</u>	<u>\$151,033,279</u>

I, Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed expenditures by fund and the entire estimated revenues and other sources of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008; all of which have been tentatively approved by the City Council on August 9, 2007 and entered at length in the Journal of Proceedings.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

s/ Rosemarie Anderson  
Rosemarie Anderson  
City Clerk

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The Municipal Services Director presented pie charts explaining the expenditures and revenues of the City.

Ray Ellis, 2940 Sawtooth, appeared to state that he is a builder and does business in the City of Idaho Falls. He stated that he understood that the Planning and Building Division will spend over \$2,000,000.00. He did not understand where the revenues were coming from to support this expenditure. He suggested that it be more clearly defined where the fees are generated, where the fees are expended, and where tax dollars are expended for capital expenditures.

Councilmember Groberg stated that the Planning and Building Director has made a careful analysis of her budget. The policy has been that fees collected for permits and inspections should not pay for the entire cost of the Division, as there should be a separate tax funded allocation to maintain its independence from ongoing building. The targeted amount is between 2/3 and 75% of the cost of the department would be paid by fees. The balance would be paid by tax revenues.

Mr. Ellis stated that, as builders, they believe that growth should pay for itself. If that is not happening, then that needs to be adjusted according. Planning should be a function of tax dollars as it is a benefit to all citizens.

The Municipal Services Director stated that approximately \$200,000.00 comes from platting fees and plan checks. The Community Development Block Grant is a large item in the Planning and Building Division budget in the amount of \$650,000.00. There is also \$95,000.00 in grants administered through the Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Councilmember Cornwell stated that during the budgeting process, she expressed her opinion that the levy be left alone. Following a discussion with the Municipal Services Director, he indicated that by not dropping the levy rate, it would cost every person in Idaho Falls approximately \$2.00 per month. That would allow for approximately \$200,000.00 to be used for infrastructure. She stated, further, that in her opinion, the City is approaching crisis mode with maintenance of the infrastructure. She stated that she supported the proposed budget, but wished that more thought had gone into what could have been provided to the residents of Idaho Falls.

Councilmember Hally stated that he appreciated working with the City Council in the give and take process. One person's excess is another person's necessity. Some of the issues addressed by Councilmember Cornwell will have to be addressed by an adjustment in fees. This past year, there was a considerable expense with Melaleuca Field. This new facility will benefit the community. There was also an opportunity to finish Sunnyside Road. There are some discretionary funds remaining in the budget that would allow for some street improvements.

Councilmember Lyon stated that the first two years on the City Council, he saw significant reductions in the levy. That was the largest two year consecutive levy reduction in the last twenty-five years. He stated that he was proud of that accomplishment. The money that we take in taxes is not the City's money. It belongs to the people that earn it. In looking at the numbers, it would appear that there are some reductions. Having sat in the budget sessions when the growth factor was at approximately 4%, the City Council was going to hold the line on spending. Now that the growth factor has come in at 12%, the flood gates are open. It was just spend, spend, spend. Councilmember Lyon stated that if he had to give this process a motto, that motto would be, "What can we get away with? How much can we spend without making the people too mad and really riling them up?" He stated that he was disappointed in the promise to cut taxes and not just lower the levy. That promise has apparently been abandoned by the Mayor. Councilmember Lyon stated that he believed that taxes can be cut, but he did not believe that they can be cut without a painful process of an efficiency audit. Government is one of the most inefficient institutions that there is. There is inherently a lot of waste. In

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giving the City government the benefit of the doubt, by saying that it is 90% efficient, there would be approximately \$15,000,000.00 in waste and inefficiency. If the City were able to capture half of that amount, \$7,000,000.00 and save that for five years, that would be \$35,000,000.00 toward infrastructure improvements that are needed as Councilmember Cornwell pointed out. This City is not run like a business. The most valuable asset that the City has, is its employees. He stated that he respected the work that they do. Councilmember Lyon stated that he would love to vote "yes" on this budget, but he stated that he could not. In every budget, there are things that are agreed with and things that are not agreed with. As long as the balance tips in favor of things that he could agree with, he would be more than happy to vote "yes" and play the game. This year, in good conscience he could not do that. Councilmember Lyon stated that there is a foregone amount of money that has been tapped this year. He stated that to go into that foregone money, without making a real Herculean effort to find savings through eliminating waste and inefficiency in our systems, is unacceptable.

Mayor Fuhrman stated that if there is \$15,000,000.00 in inefficiency, he requested Councilmember Lyon to identify those areas.

Councilmember Lyon stated that he could identify one at this time. That would be to put out, wherever possible, competitive bids. The sacred cows are still sacred. He expected the legal council contracts to be rubber stamped again this year without going out for competitive bid. That is just one example.

Councilmember Lehto stated that there have been significant reductions in the levy three and four years ago. That was due to some significant projects that were added to the tax base, which were the Grupo Modelo project and the hospital expansion. Last year, the City was dealing with initiatives passed by the Idaho State Legislature with regards to tax reform. This year, some of that has worked itself out. Councilmember Lehto stated that he is grateful that the levy is being decreased. That levy reduction gives the taxpayers good value for their money and moving forward with infrastructure. Councilmember Lehto stated that he is happy to vote for the proposed budget.

There being no further discussion either in favor or in opposition to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget, Mayor Fuhrman closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Groberg stated that he appreciated all of the comments. In the State of the City speech in January of this year, the Mayor stated, "The City Council and I are committed to lower the property taxes and we anticipate a decrease this coming year." He stated that he believed the Mayor meant to lower the levy. Most of the City Council realizes that with growth in the City and inflation, that the amount of revenue that the City is going to need to sustain the services and move forward, will probably have to increase. Based on the efforts made in the budget process this year, the Mayor was sincere and made every effort to bring the levy down. It appeared that this might not be possible if there were not a larger increase in property valuation. It is not easy to come up with a budget that satisfies everyone. Compromise becomes necessary. The City was blessed with a large increase in the overall valuation of 12.7%. That is the largest on record. Even so, there are still many needs. There has been a wide range of opinion regarding what, if any decrease, should be made to the levy. Councilmember Groberg stated that he supported the 2007-2008 proposed budget. Within that budget, there was an allocation of approximately \$500,000.00 that would be spent on capital projects. There will be an upcoming Council Work Session to decide on those projects. This will reserve an amount for badly needed infrastructure and improvements. Last year, the State Legislature dramatically increased the homeowner's exemption, which resulted in almost a short fall. It was good to be able to recover that in one year. He appreciated the Mayor's efforts in doing that.

At the request of Councilmember Groberg, the City Attorney read the following Ordinance by title only:

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2717**

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, APPROPRIATING AND APPORTIONING THE MONIES OF SAID CITY TO AND AMONG THE SEVERAL FUNDS OF SAID CITY AND DESIGNATING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID MONIES MAY BE EXPENDED; SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID BY PROPERTY TAX TO BE APPROPRIATED TO SAID FUNDS; PROVIDING WHEN THE ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Groberg moved, and Councilmember Hally seconded, to approve the adoption of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$151,033,279.00 and that the provisions of Idaho Code Section 50-902 requiring all Ordinances to be read by title, and once in full, on three separate dates be dispensed with, the Ordinance be passed on all three readings, and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell  
Councilmember Hally  
Councilmember Groberg  
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: Councilmember Lyon

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Cornwell, that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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MAYOR

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