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Pursuant to a call by the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Special Session in the Bonneville Hotel, in the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, on May 14, at 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of considering several items of business in need of official Council action. There were present at said Meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Page, Parish, Freeman, Keller, Leahy, Nelson. Also present, Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Ralph Albaugh, City Attorney; Luther Jenkins, City Controller; Donald F. Lloyd, Public Works Director.

This memo from the Controller was presented by Councilman Parish:

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS
MEMORANDUM
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TO: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen and City Council
FROM: Luther Jenkins, Controller
SUBJECT: PERSONNEL POLICY - COMPENSATORY TIME

In order to alleviate the tight situation regarding payments it has been proposed to amend the Personnel Policy regarding compensatory time off in lieu of cash payments. Therefore, it is suggested that the Personnel Policy, Para. VII, Item 2D, be amended to read as follows:

“Compensatory time off will be administered by the Division Director and granted in a manner and at such times as will not interfere or curtail the normal execution of departmental assignments. Compensatory time off may be used to extend allowable time off for other paid benefits such as, personal sickness, sickness in the family, death in the family, and vacation. “

Your favorable consideration of this proposal, will in part serve to relieve the cash drain on the City's Personal Service Fund. Please note, however, this provision will not apply to the Electrical Department to the extent of those employees under union contract.

cc: P. Leahy
K. Page
D. Parish
G. Nelson
R. Keller
J. Freeman

It was explained that this amendment to the Personnel Policy, if approved, would serve to correct an ever mounting overtime problem. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Leahy that this amendment be approved but that it be preceded with the following, “Compensatory time off will normally be granted and taken within the pay period in which the overtime is worked; however -“; also, that this is made effective May 24, 1964. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

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It was then moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Leahy, that throughout Paragraph VII, the title "Division Director" replace the title of Supervisor. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

Councilman Freeman and Leahy gave a report on the Fire Improvement program. It was learned that there is a July 13th deadline on application for Federal participation toward construction of the west side fire station providing the City qualifies. Various tentative west side locations were reviewed. Preliminary plans and cost estimates are necessary for bonding purposes. It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Keller, that the Fire Committee be authorized to negotiate with Keith Sundberg in this regard. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

It was generally agreed that the bond issue should provide for an alarm system at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

The Mayor continued the appointment of Robert Pollock as acting Police Chief. It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Freeman, that this be confirmed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Keller, that \$3,300.00 be authorized for revision of a transformer at the 15th Street substation for purposes of conversion. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried. It was understood that this amount would cover the cost of supervision, material and equipment.

It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Keller, that the City become a member of the NW Public Power Association with the understanding that no dues would be payable until 1965. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried. It was understood that dues are based upon the number of residential and commercial customers which, at the preset time, would amount to \$577.05.

Public Works Director Lloyd reported on a request by the Downtown Improvement Association, that the City intercede at this time to provide a means of integrating many reports and studies of the City as pertains to over-all City development. As illustrations, Lloyd cited a few of these that have been made and are available; namely, electric, sewer, water, street, storm sewer, library, parks, etc. Lloyd advised that there are expert City planners, that could be engaged toward this end, if the Council deemed it advisable. The Mayor noted that the Downtown Improvement Association is prepared to pay the costs of such a project but would want it City sponsored.

It was moved by Councilman Keller, seconded by Page, that the Mayor, the Public Works Director and Councilman Parish be authorized to initiate this investigation to determine the most qualified agency, the services they would perform and their fee for said services. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

Councilman Keller discussed various means of raising additional revenue; namely, a tire hauling charge by the Sanitation Department, ceasing the practice of sprinkling unimproved streets, increasing garbage rates. No Council action was taken.

Councilman Leahy reported on various subjects as discussed and reviewed at a recent Electrical Committee Meeting. It was learned that all major components for modification of the Electrical system are now out for bid, totaling \$151,000. Further, the Electrical Engineer is making a study on underground electrical service for new developments, the primary advantage being one of less maintenance. Also, there is a feasibility and cost study being made of floodlight service for commercial and residential area which if initiated, would probably be on a flat rate cost per fixture.

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Finally, from Leahy, it was learned that a rate study is being made of the City's over-all rate structure by B.P.A. technicians at no cost to the City.

Certain appeals for variances were considered. It was noted that, in each instance, the Council has the benefit of a Board of Adjustments recommendation as a result of their meeting, held May 12, 1964. First to be considered was a request from the Bonneville Improvement Company to construct a residence on Lots 6 and 10, Block 4, with a portion of the back yard to be 22'6" instead of 25'0", and to construct another residence on Lot 7, Block 6 with a portion of the back yard 22'0" instead of 25'0", both of these residences located in Kelsey Estates Division #2. It was noted that, in each instance, the total back yard area exceeded minimum requirements. It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Nelson, that these variances be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

Next, was an appeal from Arnold C. Weed to construct a single family dwelling on Lot 21, Block 1, Home Ranch Addition, Division #1, with a front setback line of 25 feet. It was moved by Councilman Parish, seconded by Leahy, that this be approved as recommended by the Board. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

The third appeal to be considered was by Theron Tolley, requesting a variance to permit construction of a garage within three feet of the property line on Lots 31 and 32, Block 23, South Park Addition. It was moved by Councilman Freeman, seconded by Keller, that permission be granted accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, None; carried.

Finally, from Dean Denning, a request was presented to build a carport attached to a dwelling on Lots 11 and 12, Block 22, Broadbeck Addition, within 6 inches of the property line. It was noted that denial had been recommended by the Board of Adjustments. It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Parish, that this recommendation be honored and the request be denied. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, None; Freeman abstained; Carried.

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

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen
MAYOR
