

DECEMBER 8, 1961

The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular, Recessed Session Friday, December 8, 1961, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present at said Meeting: Mayor W. J. O'Bryant; Councilmen Leahy, Page, Creek, Foote. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; George Barnard, City Attorney; Don Lloyd, City Engineer; Harold Davis, Electrical Engineer; Alva Harris, Building Official.

Minutes of the last Recessed Meeting, held November 29th, 1961, were read and approved.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place for a public hearing, as advertised, for certain construction, commonly referred to as "double ending" at the Bel Aire and 9th Street substations. There were no protests, verbal or written. Thereupon, it was moved by Councilman Foote, seconded by Page, that authorization be given for this work to proceed and the Building Official be authorized to issue a work permit accordingly. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

Mr. Joe Call, local merchant, appeared before the Council, representing himself and others doing business on the south side of Broadway in the 500 block.

He drew to the Council's attention the fact that new meter heads have been installed on the south side of Broadway between Capital and the river bridge permitting one to two hour parking and that, in his opinion, this was discriminatory against merchants in this block, as other meters installed elsewhere throughout the business district permits lesser periods of parking time. He presented a petition with eleven signers asking that the eight meters involved be exchanged for the penny type meter.

Captain Forrest Perrin appeared and explained that this was only done because the supply of penny meters was temporarily exhausted. Councilman Creek suggested they be replaced, temporarily, by the old meters. This, Perrin agreed to do.

In answer to a criticism by Mr. Call that this side of the block did not have sufficient loading zones, Perrin explained that delivery trucks may park in the metered spots without inserting a coin.

Finally, Mr. Call drew attention to an alley problem, explaining that when the large liquor store trucks are unloading they block the alley. Then anyone who has driven in the alley from Broadway is hemmed in, due to the heavy Broadway traffic. Councilman Leahy proposed one way north bound traffic. Mr. Call thought this would be a satisfactory solution. No action was taken.

Mr. Lowell Jobe, chairman of the Idaho Falls Symphony Board, appeared before the Council as spokesman for a small group of symphony board members, also present, soliciting financial assistance from the City in the interests of the symphony group. He said the City Recreation Director has indicated that he would like to see the symphony organization incorporated into the recreation program. He proceeded to highlight the advantages of having a symphony group in the community.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Jobe for appearing and assured him that the symphony would be one of the many subjects for consideration in the new budget.

Bills for the month of November, having been properly audited by the Finance Committee, were presented as follows, to-wit:

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<u>FUND</u>	<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>	<u>SERVICES & MATERIALS</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
General Fund	\$91,261.62	\$59,830.99	\$151,092.61
Recreation Fund	1,458.85	672.96	2,131.81
Fire Fund	20,752.65	4,576.08	25,328.73
Electric Light Fund	21,584.75	98,938.27	120,523.02
Water & Sewer	10,780.00	39,322.17	50,102.17
Police Retirement	<u>1,710.83</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>1,710.83</u>
TOTAL			\$350,889.17

It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Creek, that the bills be allowed and the Controller be authorized to issue warrants on the respective funds for their payment. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

Reports from Division and Department Heads for the month of November were presented and, there being no objection, were ordered placed on file in the City Clerk's office.

License applications for VENDOR, PHOTOGRAPHER, DAIRY, previously approved by City Sanitarian, GROCERY STORE, previously approved by City Sanitarian, RESTAURANT, previously approved by City Sanitarian, GAS CONTRACTOR, previously approved by Gas Inspector, JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTER, previously approved by Gas Inspector, JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, previously approved by Plumbing Inspector, ROOMING HOUSE, previously approved by Police Chief, CAB DRIVER, previously approved by Police Chief, CANNED & BOTTLED BEER, NOT TO BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES, previously approved by Police Chief, CANNED & BOTTLED BEER, TO BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES, previously approved by Police Chief, and CANNED, BOTTLED AND DRAFT BEER, TO BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES, previously approved by Police Chief were presented for the following: VENDOR, John George, John R. Owen and Vern Hamilton (selling Christmas Trees); PHOTOGRAPHER, Montgomery Ward Photography Dept., Jack B. Nimble Studios; DAIRY, Rowland Bros. Dairy; GROCERY STORE, Russ's Market, Baldwin's Food King #1, #2, & #5, First Street Market, Albertson's Food Center, Saving Center, Inc., Highway Market, Inc., Murphy's Market; RESTAURANT, Liberty Café, Fred & Kelley's Broiler, Broadway Café & Tavern, Broadway Bowl, and Bon Villa Café; GAS CONTRACTOR, Jay Rowley; JOURNEYMAN GAS FITTER, Jay Rowley and Francis B. Street; JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER, Maurice Jacobson; ROOMING HOUSE, Rialto Rooms and Gem Rooms; CAB DRIVER, Don Fouts; CANNED & BOTTLED BEER NOT TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES, Baldwin's Food King, #1, #2, & #5, Albertson's Food Center, Jay's Mite-E-Mart, Aiman's Superette, Russ's Market, Murphy's Market, Saving Center, Inc., and Highway Market, Inc.; CANNED & BOTTLED BEER TO BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES, B.P.O.E. #1087, Starlite Lounge, Capital Bar, Fred & Kelley's and Broadway Bowl; CANNED, BOTTLED & DRAFT BEER TO BE CONSUMED ON PREMISES, Harry's Tavern, Robinson's Sport Shop, Broadway Café & Tavern, Dusty's and Lobby Bar. It was moved by

Councilman Creek, seconded by Foote, that the license be approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

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A proposal was presented from Cornell, Howland, & Merryfield, defining and describing the services which that firm was prepared to render in an engineering investigation of the City electrical system. Broadly speaking, it was explained, the purpose of the investigation would be to determine the most feasible size and estimate the construction cost of a new hydro-electric generating station to replace the existing City Power Plants; conduct an electric system study to establish a master plan for improvement and expansion of the electric distributing systems; develop a suggested financing program which would provide for orderly improvement and expansion of all phases of the system. It was noted the cost of this investigation would be in the amount of \$14,000 and the total time involved, including work to be done by City personnel, would be about one year. It was moved by Councilman Foote, seconded by Leahy, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the proposal. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

An architect certificate of final inspection, dated September 29th, 1961, was presented, covering construction of the control tower at the Airport. This was not accepted; instead, it was tabled, pending the return of Mr. Pete Hill who was away from the City.

The Mayor presented a request for two plaques in the interests of the Mayor's Committee for Employment of the Physically Handicapped, explaining that one of these would be awarded an employer who employs Physically Handicapped and the other to a Physically Handicapped Employee. It was further noted that total cost would be about \$30.00. It was moved by Councilman Page, seconded by Leahy, that this expenditure be authorized. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

On November 9th this Book of Minutes described two proposed locations which the City of Idaho Falls was offering as a site for an Army-Navy Training Center. The layout which was tentatively approved by the US. Army Engineering Division, Seattle, Washington, would locate the tract on the County Road on the south side of the Airport Road, extending approximately 400 feet further west along said County Road and being approximately 300 feet in depth. It was moved by Councilman Page, seconded by Leahy, that this location be acceptable as proposed. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

The following memorandum was presented:

12-8-61

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

From information submitted the writer by the Public Works Division, as well as the attached letter from Mr. Fred Sellers, it is our understanding that the Happyville water users have incorporated under the name of the Southwest Idaho Falls Water Association, that this

corporation is now in operation and has billed water from the City for November consumption under one billing, based upon the reading of the master water meter serving this area.

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The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain Council authorization to cease billing Happyville water users individually, to issue credit to those who have already been billed for November water consumption and to begin billing the Southwest Idaho Falls Water Association, using as a billing rate base the water rate schedule for metered water outside the City limits.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Page, that authorization be granted for the City Clerk to proceed as described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

Next to be presented from the City Clerk was the following:

12-8-61

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

In line with our recent policy of streamlining the City Clerk's Department and adopting, where possible and practical, labor saving devices and procedures we have conceived a plan whereby approximately 25% billing time can be saved on utility billing, by adding the flat fees of water and sewer together under the caption of W.S. If this were done it would be explained to the customer, on the first bill so affected that W.S represents a combined charge for water and sewer. To illustrate Mr. John Doe's statement to his residence would carry one W.S. billing in the amount of \$4.50 in place of one entry captioned W.A. for water in the amount of \$3.00 and another captioned S.P. for sewer project in the amount of \$1.50.

If this procedure is approved it would be our plan to retain the separate water and sewage. A new key would be added with the W.S. caption to be used only where it could apply. It would be necessary to install three additional type wheels in the billing machine at an approximate cost of \$150.00. If this can serve to cut down on overtime pay which we consistently remit to our billing operators, the expenditure would be well worth while.

Accounting-wise, as you know, revenue from water and sewer is now channeled into a combined water and sewer fund and so this change would create no conflict. This has been

presented and discussed with Controller Jenkins and Auditor Humphreys and they have both endorsed the proposal.

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Other than the above mentioned expenditure, this might appear to fall within the category of internal procedure needing no Council approval. It occurs to the writer, however, that if affects the Mayor and Council to the degree that these utility bills are mailed to our entire citizenry. If this change is made we can expect criticism from at least a relatively small segment of our people who habitually object to any given change in status quo.

Your consideration on the foregoing is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Foote, that authorization be given for the City Clerk to proceed as described and that, in this regard, the proposed expenditure be approved for the reason as stated. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

A memorandum from the City Engineer was read as follows:

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Honorable Mayor and City Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

This letter is written relative to a deep well turbine pump for Well No. 2 in conjunction with the Water Works Improvements Program.

After removing the existing pump from Well No. 2, there appears to be some questions as to the advisability of repairing and re-installing this old equipment. All costs and credits being considered, it appears that a new pump would initially cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 higher than the necessary rejuvenation of the existing pumping unit.

We are recommending to the Council that authorization be given to install a new pump at this well. The consulting Engineers concur in this recommendation, and a detailed explanation of costs are found in the attached letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Works Division
s/ Donald F. Lloyd
City Engineer

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It was moved by Councilman Leahy, seconded by Foote, that authorization be granted to acquire a new pumping unit at the #2 Well for the reasons as described, funds of which would be made available from the \$700,000 water bond issue. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

The City Engineer presented final plats on: Strobel Addition, Division #1, Poitevin Addition, and Packer Addition, Division #3 (First Amended Plat). It was moved by Councilman Foote, seconded by Leahy, that these be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign, subject to final approval by the Planning Commission and the Engineering Department. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

The Mayor declared January 19th, 1962, as the date for a public zoning hearing on the portion of the foregoing approved plat which, by then, will be in the City limits, as well as any other parcels which might properly be advertised and presented for zoning and rezoning.

The Mayor noted a request from Roberts, Idaho, that a fire film be shown to a Boy Scout group in that town on December 12th by an Idaho Falls fireman. This met with Council approval.

A City redemption tax deed in the name of Marvin R. Archibald was presented. It was moved by Councilman Page, seconded by Creek, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 4; No, None; carried.

The Mayor announced that the next Council Meeting, regularly scheduled for December 15th, would be recessed until December 21st, 1961.

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

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
CITY CLERK

s/ W. J. O'Bryant
MAYOR
