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Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, held June 16th, 1939.

There were present at said meeting Chase A. Clark, Mayor; Lee Walker, City Clerk; Councilmen Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff. Absent: Wasley. When the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for soft drink licenses were read:

Wally's Grocery	O. P. Skaggs System
Sewells United Stores	Yellowstone Dairy Products Co.
Drive-In-Market	Safeway Store #12
Tex-Burger	Bill & Johnny Grocery
Safeway #321	Sanitary Grocery
Broulim Food Stores	

It was moved by Gourley, seconded by Brandl, that the licenses be granted. Roll call. Voting aye: Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

Application for building permit No. 2053 signed by Wright Weaver was read. The Mayor referred the permit to the Building Committee for investigation.

The following applications for building permits were read:

No. 2052 signed by C. A. Miller
No. 2054 signed by R. L. Tracey
No. 2055 signed by G. W. Berggren
No. 2056 signed by Oscar Arneson
No. 2057 signed by L. W. Peterson
No. 2058 signed by Victor M. Hansen
No. 2059 signed by Tony J. Hahn.

It was moved by Fanning, seconded by Sutton, that the permits be approved. Roll call. Voting aye: Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree. Absent Wasley. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Lease Agreement covering One Model 22-36 International Tractor for a rental of \$50.00 for a minimum of fifteen days or one shift per day, which is owned by Westmont Tractor & Equipment Co. was read. It was moved by Brandl, seconded by Evans, that the lease agreement be referred to the Street & Alley Committee with power to act, as to approving the rental agreement or purchasing a

new tractor. Roll call. Voting aye: Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

City Electrician, M. P. Goudy, requested the council to place an order for a transformer for Power Plant No. 4 which will cost \$5,000.00. It was moved by Crabtree, seconded by Sutton, that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to purchase a transformer for the electric light Plant No. 4. Roll call. Voting aye: Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mehlhoff, seconded by Gourley, that the purchasing agent be authorized to purchase from the Howard Cooper Corporation 500 feet of 2 ½ " Highflex Fire Hose at \$1.20 per foot to be invoiced to the city under date of January 10, 1940, with 2% discount if paid in thirty days. Roll call. Voting aye: Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

D. J. Sweeney requested the city to grant him a 75 day extension for the completion of his contract on the Public Library, as he has been delayed on account of weather conditions, and material which was ordered. It was moved by Evans, seconded by Sutton, that the Mayor be authorized to grant D. J. Sweeney an extension of 75 days on his contract, subject to approval of the P. W. A. Portland office. Roll call. Voting aye: Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

The following Resolution was read:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGE OF PLAN OF PAVING
IN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 18; PWA
PROJECT IDAHO 1158-F STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, there has been plans drawn and approved by the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and by the Regional Office of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, of Portland, Oregon, which provide for the width of improvement from curb to curb to be forty feet on South Boulevard from Thirteenth Street to the Idaho Canal at Seventeenth Street; and,

Whereas, the property owners desire this paving to be the same width as the paving north of Thirteenth Street, which is 56 feet; and,

Whereas, the City Council believe it will serve the best interests of the public to have the paving 56 feet wide through this section; and,

Whereas, it appears that the estimated quantities set up on which the contract was set are in excess of the actual amounts for which the contractor will be paid, this making the amount set up in the "Construction Fund" higher than will be necessary to satisfy the contract.

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Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the plans be changed to include the necessary work to construct the paving the width requested, and that the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works be requested to approve a change order to this effect.

That the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, by action of the City Council authorize the payment of money appropriated to the street fund any amount in excess of the "Construction Fund" as approved by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works."

It was moved by Fanning, seconded by Mehlhoff, that the resolution be adopted and approved. Roll call. Voting aye: Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

The following Petition was read:

PETITION

Honorable Mayor and Council
City of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Your petitioner, citizen and taxpayer of Idaho Falls, humbly petitions your Council for the permission to operate an electrically illuminated and heated Burch Popcorn Machine on "A" Street near to the intersection with Park Avenue, said machine to be operated in the street, near the curb, adjacent to the sidewalk, the space required being 2 ½ ft. X 3 ft. The Burch Machine is beautifully illuminated and will consume monthly approximately \$7.00 to \$10.00 of electricity. Petitioner represents that he will at all time maintain the making in an immaculate condition.

Petitioner further represents that the Isenburg Drug Company, in front of whose premises the said machine will operate, has heretofore granted its permission for the operation of the said machine.

The said enterprise will furnish employment for two people and will be a worthwhile addition to the business section of Idaho Falls.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that authorization be granted him by this Honorable Council for the institution of the said enterprise and that space be allocated to him for the establishment of the enterprise at the above location.

Dated this 16 day of June, 1939.

M. W. Williams, Petitioner."

It was moved by Crabtree, seconded by Fanning, that M. W. Williams be granted permission to place a Burch Popcorn Machine on the corner of "A" Street and Park Avenue. Roll call. Voting aye: Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

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The following letter was read:

“Idaho Falls, Idaho.
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Mayor and City Councilmen of Idaho Falls.

Gentlemen:

Inasmuch as we are property holders and tax payers, we feel that we are within our rights in asking that something be done regarding the two places of business located in the immediate neighborhood of our property which are and have been for a long time past public nuisances.

We are referring to the place owned and operated by Benny Larsen and the one owned by Mr. Davis and operated by a bunch of negroes. Both of these places are and have been open violators of all law and decency, and are selling things forbidden by law, and maintaining houses of disorder in every respect. Women are in windows and on the streets at all hours of the day soliciting business from passersby without reserve.

The time was then nearly all the property on Eagle Rock Street was inhabited by this particular brand of rats, but as it now stands there are twelve lots on the south side of the street, and ten of the twelve are owned and operated by legitimate businesses, and the other two are doing their best to make our property worthless in order that respectable businesses will move and make more room for their kind.

In all fairness, gentlemen, we ask what you would do if it were your property? We call your attention to the fact that this street is only one block from Park Avenue and really valuable property if kept free from staggering, drunken men and women.

The remark has been made by some city officials that we have to have a place for that kind of people and it had just as well be on Eagle Rock Street as any place.

We are not of that opinion and see no need for such places in any respectable city; our city would be better off without them as they only draw undesirable people. However, if the City Council thinks such places an asset, we are of the opinion that some remote spot could be found by them and not ruin valuable business property located so close to the business district.

In all seriousness, gentlemen, we appeal to you for help on our problem. These places are public nuisances, and should be declared as such.

Yours very truly,
Westergard Transfer Company
Eagle Rock Harness Shop
Stewart Sheep Company
Mobley Building
Utah-Idaho Hatchery
Petersen Furniture Company Warehouse
Price Apartments
Westergard Apartments
J. A. Coy, Coal.”

The Mayor referred the Petition to the Police Committee for investigation.

A. O. Andelin presented the following resolution to the council:

“To the Mayor and City Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Idaho Falls Real Estate Board in regular meeting assembled this 16th day of June, 1939, made the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Members of the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board petition the Mayor and City Council to make a survey of the sidewalk conditions within the City of Idaho Falls, and make application to the government for a forty-five percent grant to bring the sidewalk facilities up to our present needs, and create improvements districts for the balance of the cost; and

Be it further resolved that the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board offer its assistance to the commission or committee that may be appointed to study this problem.

And that a copy of this resolution be submitted in writing, signed by the President and Secretary of the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board.

A. I. Royer, President.
D. V. Groberg, Secretary.”

After considerable discussion the Mayor stated that if the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board could find a purchaser for sidewalk bonds, the city would create a sidewalk improvement district.

The following bids for garbage hauling and disposal were opened and read:

Thos. E. Simmons	1st, 3rd or 4th Ward	\$2,800.00
Jim Mooney	4 wards per year	\$9,600.00
M. F. Henderson	4 wards per year	\$10,574.00
Joe Murdock	4 wards per year	\$9,000.00
Roe E. Gillespie	4 wards per year	\$8,500.00
	2nd Ward	\$3,500.00
Ray Messenger	4 wards	\$8,000.00
	1st Ward	\$2,184.00
	2nd Ward	\$3,556.00
	3rd Ward	\$2,496.00
	4th Ward	\$2,184.00
J. P. Holverson	4 wards per year	\$9,300.00

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1st Ward per year	\$2,340.00
2nd Ward per year	\$2,410.00
3rd Ward per year	\$2,340.00
4th Ward per year	\$2,340.00

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Mehlhoff, that the bids be referred to the Police, Health and Sanitation Committee. Roll call. Voting aye: Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

Freeman Hansen appeared before the council as a representative of the Plumbers Union and requested the city to amend the plumbing ordinance so a good plumbing inspector could enforce them. The Mayor referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee, and City Attorney.

It was moved by Crabtree, seconded by Gourley, that purchase of switches for Power Plant No. 4 be referred to the Electric Light and Water Committee with power to act. Roll call. Voting aye: Mehlhoff, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

The following Resolution was read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, now has under course of construction, in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, an addition to the Public Library, designated as Docket: Ida.1254-F; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has paid into the Construction Account for the said project from their 1938-39 budget the sum of \$10,000.00 and allocated an additional appropriation of \$29,000.00 in their budget for the fiscal year 1939-40 from which the sum of \$14,643.30 has been paid into the said Construction Account, leaving a balance in the appropriation of \$14,356.70;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, that the remainder of said appropriation namely; \$14,356.70, be and is hereby designed and set aside for use in connection with said project "Library Addition, Docket: Ida.1254-F" and for no other purpose whatsoever."

It was moved by Sutton, seconded by Brandl, that the resolution be adopted and approved. Roll call. Voting aye: Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

It was moved by Fanning, seconded by Brandl, that the meeting adjourn. Roll call. Voting aye: Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Brandl, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff. Voting nay: None. Absent: Wasley. Motion carried.

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Passed and approved this 7th day of July, 1939.

s/ Chase A. Clark

Mayor.

Attest:

s/ Lee Walker

City Clerk.