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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, held July 2nd, 1937.

There were present at said Meeting: Chase A. Clark, Mayor; Lee Walker, City Clerk; Councilmen Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley; Absent: None; Motion carried; when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Minutes of the last Regular Meeting were read and approved.

The following Resolution was read:

"RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Frank A. Randall, was one of the early pioneers of the Snake River Valley and lived a long and useful life among us; and,

WHEREAS, he unselfishly devoted four years of his time as Councilman of the First Ward of the City of Idaho Falls to the progress and betterment of the City; and

WHEREAS, we have lost a valued member of our community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls in Meeting assembled, this second day of July, 1937, that our expression of profound regret be recorded and sincerest condolences and sympathy be extended to his bereaved wife and family and that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the family, a copy given to the press and a copy spread upon the Clerk's minutes of the City of Idaho Falls."

It was moved by Sutton, seconded by Evans, that the Resolution be adopted. Roll call voting Aye: Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans; Nay: None; Motion carried.

The following monthly reports were read and approved: City Clerk, City Electrician, Waterworks Superintendent, Sanitary Inspector, Chief of Fire Department, Street and Park Commissioner.

The following applications for licenses were read:

O.A. McCune	Soft Drinks
Vern Davis	Soft Drinks
Yellowstone Dairy Products	Soft Drinks
Mayflower Dairy	
Henry McCabe Dairy	
Wallace Dairy	
Raymond Dairy	

It was moved by Gourley, seconded by Sutton, that the licenses be granted. Roll call voting Aye: Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree; Nay: None; Motion carried.

The following applications for building permits were read:

No. 1654 signed by Geo. Gruenfelder

No. 1655 signed by Fred Colson

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No. 1656 signed by James Warren
No. 1657 signed by Adolph King
No. 1658 signed by Donald M. Jones
No. 1659 signed by Relva Spriggs
No. 1660 signed by D. J. Sweeney
No. 1661 signed by D. J. Sweeney

It was moved by Wing, seconded by Crabtree, that the permits be approved. Roll call voting Aye: Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing; Nay: None; Motion carried.

The following Resolution was read:

"RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, is the owner of the following described real property:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 46, Block Five (5), Dwight's Addition to the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and running thence West 40.5 feet; thence South 124 feet; thence East 3.2 feet; thence N. 36 degrees 25' E. 59.9 feet; thence North 75.8 feet to the point of beginning; being all of said Lot 46 lying North and West of U. S. Highway No. 191.

WHEREAS, said property was not acquired or used as a public park, playground or public building site and is not needed for municipal purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said property be offered for sale at private sale and that the Clerk publish notice of intention to sell said property, as provided by law."

It was moved by Gourley, seconded by Mehlhoff, that the Resolution be adopted. Roll call voting Aye: Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning; Nay: None; Motion carried.

The following claim was read:

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To S. A. Johnson, Trustee for West Side Power Company
RFD. #7, Idaho Falls, Idaho

To purchase price of approximately two miles of electric power line extending along U. S. Highway No. 91 Westerly from the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, together with all wires,

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poles, and easements made or owned in connection therewith-----\$1500.00"

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Wasley, that the claim be allowed when all stockholders sign the Bill of Sale for the West Side Power Company. Roll call voting Aye: Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning, Gourley; Nay: None; Motion carried.

Bill of Sale covering one 1936 Ford Sedan, Motor #2553014 which was traded in on new Packard Sedan to Gem State Auto Sale, Inc., for \$478.00 was read. It was moved by Gourley, seconded by Sutton, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Bill of Sale. Roll call voting Aye: Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff; Nay: None; Motion carried.

Application for water extension signed by H. L. Rees was read. The Mayor referred the petition to the Water & Light Committee.

Contract for garbage removal from June 25th, 1937, to June 25th, 1939, for \$6874.00 between the City of Idaho Falls and Roe E. Gillespie was read. It was moved by Sutton, seconded by Mehlhoff, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract. Roll call voting Aye: Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans; Nay: None; Motion carried.

The following letter was read:

“Boise, Idaho
June 28, 1937

Honorable Mayor & City Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Gentlemen:

Mr. Evans and Fire Chief Jackson recently visited this office and discussed several matters regarding a program designed to improve the fire protection system of Idaho Falls. Quotations were desired on the following points:

1. Acquisition of a new 750 G.P.M. Pumper, placing the old one in reserve.
2. Later acquisition of a second 750 G.P.M. Pumper, to be located east of the U.P.R.R.
3. Erection of a 500,000 gal. steel water storage tank.
4. Addition of one full paid man to the personnel of the Fire Department.
5. Addition to two full paid men to the personnel of the Fire Department.
6. Addition of three full paid men to the personnel of the Fire Department.

As our representative doubtless informed these gentlemen and as letter from us to the City which should be in the City Clerk's file will show, Idaho Falls, has for years enjoyed a fire insurance rate base which cannot be supported by the protection available. We have been reluctant to make a general increase in rates in Idaho Falls, as is incumbent upon us under these circumstances, because of the occasional improvements in protection which have been

made, and our desire not to insist on improvements which might require some capital outlay during a period of financial depression.

Even giving consideration to all of the known features of improvement which has been made there is still a very severe handicap to be overcome before any reduction whatever can be quoted. We believe it will be agreed that Idaho Falls has shown considerable growth in the

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past few years, and accordingly the fire protection requirements have also advanced, so that it is possible - indeed it is known in one or two respects - that some of the previous improvements have been offset entirely by changes in the opposite direction.

It is with regret therefore, that we inform you that no single one of the improvements noted above will result in a reduction in basis rates; nor will all of them, together result in a reduction. This latter statement must be qualified, however, by saying that the effect of the elevated storage tank is very difficult to evaluate, as its installation will have effect on the operation of pumps which we cannot forecast. Under the most favorable conditions this improvement, in conjunction with three additional men and two pumpers, should produce a slight reduction in the rate base; under less favorable conditions it is certain that it would not. It can be said with reasonable certainty, however, that the water tank, two pumpers, and three additional men will virtually justify our present treatment and enable us to remove the rate discrimination which now exists in favor of Idaho Falls. It may be of interest to know that should the rates be increased to their proper basis an increase in rate between 15% and 20% would result; the avoidance of this penalty through these improvements is accordingly a matter of some importance.

We feel, however, that the time element is not as important in these circumstances as the adoption of, and adherence to, a definite program of steady improvement. It is not our desire to insist that sufficient improvements be made all at once to overcome a deficiency which as this; many times such a program would prove impossible of accomplishment. We do believe, however, that a serious effort through adequate budgetary assignments over a period of years will bring about the desired result without undue hardship, and where such programs have been undertaken we have been content to let the rates alone. Our experience with Idaho Falls in the past has been unfortunate in that cooperation from the City has been notably lacking, although, because of general financial reasons, we have not pressed the matter; but it seems, nevertheless, proper to say at this time that unless some definite assurance is given that an improvement program will be adopted and followed, we shall have to rate Idaho Falls on the present merits of its available protection.

In addition to the water tank, additional pumping equipment and personnel, all of which are highly desirable, two other important items should be included in an improvement program. One is metering the water system; the second is the provision of a municipal fire alarm system. Without the former, a heavy drain is placed upon the water supply works during periods of maximum domestic consumption, leaving too small or no reserve for emergency use at fires; and no town the size of Idaho Falls can expect to have very low insurance rates without the latter.

One further point which is of increasing importance is the adoption and enforcement of an adequate Building Code and Fire Prevention Ordinances, Idaho Falls' present code is not

adequate for the size of the town, and we have observed over the last few years that such laws as have been adopted are more honored in the breach than in the observance. Neither the basis rates for the town as a whole, nor the rates for individual risks can be effectively reduced which such a condition prevails.

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We assure you of our desire to cooperate with you in making Idaho Falls safer from the standpoint of fire, and we shall be glad to have your comments or inquiries in regard to any program of improvement which you may undertake.

Very truly yours,
Idaho Surveying and
Rating Bureau
s/ R. C. Stevenson
Assistant Manager"

It was moved by Gourley, seconded by Sutton, that the Water Regulation Proclamation published on June 25th, 1937, be published in one more issue of the Post Register, and the Police Department be instructed to enforce the same without fear or favor. Roll call voting Aye: Wing, Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree; Nay: None; Motion carried.

It was moved by Mehlhoff, seconded by Evans, that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to return the fire siren that was received on trial from W. S. Darley Company of Chicago. Roll call voting Aye: Fanning, Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing; Nay: None; Motion carried.

It was moved by Wing, seconded by Fanning, that the Meeting recess until Wednesday, July 7th, 1937. Roll call voting Aye: Gourley, Mehlhoff, Wasley, Evans, Sutton, Crabtree, Wing, Fanning; Nay: None; Motion carried.

Passed and approved this 16th day of July, 1937.

ATTEST: s/ Lee Walker
CITY CLERK

s/ Chance A. Clark
MAYOR
