

NOVEMBER 26, 2013

The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 26, 2011, in the Council Chambers in the City Annex Building located at 680 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho at 7:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Jared D. Fuhriman
Councilmember Ida Hardcastle
Councilmember Michael Lehto
Councilmember Karen Cornwell
Councilmember Thomas Hally
Councilmember Ken Taylor

Absent was:

Councilmember Sharon D. Parry

Also present:

Elliot McMillan, Assistant City Attorney
Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk
All available Division Directors

Mayor Fuhriman requested Boy Scout Preston Howell to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fuhriman requested those to come forward who had issues for the City Council that were not otherwise listed on the Council Agenda. No one appeared.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk requested Council acceptance of the following Canvass of the Vote for the November 5, 2011 General Municipal Election:

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION				
	Mayor			
Precinct	Rebecca Casper	Timothy Kyle Downs	Brian LaPray	Sharon D. Parry
01	186	14	47	59
02	159	26	38	71
03	116	4	28	34
04	125	17	21	47
05	138	33	40	81
06	236	6	64	101
07	67	7	24	63
08	329	15	35	80
09	119	18	31	63
10	86	5	21	80
11	109	19	36	63
12	146	31	47	74
13	231	13	45	165
14	158	18	36	109
15	259	24	15	248
16	251	15	27	203
17	197	16	55	111

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	Mayor			
Precinct	Rebecca Casper	Timothy Kyle Downs	Brian LaPray	Sharon D. Parry
18	159	16	25	92
19	180	16	29	92
20	245	15	33	133
21	138	6	17	95
22	6	1	1	0
23	183	18	32	118
24	148	28	18	59
25	126	6	17	93
26	214	15	14	153
27	186	15	67	95
38	0	0	0	0
41	103	9	19	51
46	40	1	9	36
Absentee	445	39	63	258
TOTAL	5,085	466	954	2,927

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION				
	Council Seat No. 2			
Precinct	Alfred Dean Higley	Paul D. Menser	Jill Peterson	Dee David Whittier
01	17	93	65	103
02	25	83	61	88
03	16	51	50	55
04	15	75	41	66
05	17	73	66	126
06	10	133	86	153
07	7	39	35	69
08	41	139	73	150
09	11	75	58	79
10	12	46	41	89
11	14	76	40	84
12	10	141	52	64
13	20	167	61	155
14	17	143	53	83
15	15	192	63	241
16	9	151	39	271
17	18	93	68	183
18	14	106	47	101
19	7	118	55	121
20	11	152	64	169
21	9	81	47	88
22	0	4	1	2
23	13	80	54	178
24	17	90	54	84
25	12	60	58	92
26	9	170	36	159
27	12	90	42	187
38	0	0	0	0
41	7	46	31	74
46	6	21	7	36
Absentee	51	264	143	272
TOTAL	442	3,062	1,591	3,622

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CITY OF IDAHO FALLS MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION				
Council Seat No. 4				
Precinct	Evan K. Bastow	Jilene Burger	Ed Marohn	Sandra Olson (Write-In)
01	84	118	83	0
02	67	123	80	0
03	34	90	49	0
04	53	84	58	0
05	89	116	75	0
06	96	163	133	0
07	37	73	36	0
08	117	146	144	0
09	57	95	70	0
10	40	102	49	0
11	30	102	84	0
12	50	88	140	0
13	92	109	215	0
14	67	77	165	0
15	158	140	214	0
16	211	90	172	0
17	76	194	86	0
18	64	110	95	0
19	49	147	107	0
20	103	137	156	0
21	53	94	86	1
22	2	3	2	0
23	66	187	80	0
24	43	100	101	0
25	82	81	58	0
26	102	99	178	0
27	131	110	100	0
38	0	0	0	0
41	54	32	74	0
46	22	25	25	0
Absentee	180	214	340	0
TOTAL	2,309	3,249	3,255	1

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION			
Council Seat No. 6			
Precinct	Karen Cornwell	Ryan Zollinger Davis	Barbara Dee Ehardt
01	106	40	149
02	109	60	110
03	78	26	69
04	72	36	93
05	82	54	153
06	156	36	209
07	42	19	99
08	160	72	197
09	85	31	110
10	85	37	71
11	101	35	75
12	145	32	104
13	212	35	191
14	169	34	112
15	258	58	209

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Council Seat No. 6			
Precinct	Karen Cornwell	Ryan Zollinger Davis	Barbara Dee Ehardt
16	212	56	225
17	158	53	157
18	126	41	113
19	133	37	140
20	199	40	177
21	109	27	117
22	4	1	3
23	96	56	189
24	118	39	89
25	80	36	116
26	179	44	165
27	116	30	202
38	0	0	0
41	57	15	95
46	16	9	59
Absentee	330	92	348
TOTAL	3,793	1,181	4,146

VOTING STATISTICS					
Precinct	Total Number of Registered Voters at Cutoff	Number Election Day Registrants	Total Number of Registered Voters	Number of Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters That Voted
01	006	18	1014	309	30.47%
02	1038	10	1048	295	28.15%
03	599	15	614	183	29.80%
04	564	17	581	211	36.32%
05	932	15	947	295	31.15%
06	1171	13	1184	410	34.63%
07	652	17	669	162	24.22%
08	1032	20	1052	460	43.73%
09	874	9	883	233	26.39%
10	782	13	795	197	24.78%
11	772	10	782	229	29.28%
12	876	22	88	299	33.30%
13	1307	34	1341	455	33.93%
14	857	32	889	325	36.56%
15	1199	29	1228	547	44.54%
16	1104	33	1137	498	43.80%
17	1026	37	1063	386	36.31%
18	918	18	936	294	31.41%
19	811	21	832	318	38.22%
20	976	23	999	430	43.04%
21	879	21	900	260	28.89%
22	37	0	37	8	21.62%
23	1051	21	1072	356	33.21%
24	1062	33	10095	256	23.38%
25	679	23	702	245	34.90%
26	936	13	949	402	42.35%
27	991	33	1024	365	35.64%
38	3	0	3	0	0.00%
41	553	29	582	184	31.62%
46	264	2	266	86	32.33%
Absentee				815	
TOTAL	24,941	581	25,522	9,513	37.27%

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STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE)

We, the commissioners of the county and state aforesaid, acting as a Board of Canvassers of Election, convened on November 13, 2013, do hereby state that the attached is a true and complete abstract of all votes cast within this county for the candidates as they appeared at the election held on November 5, 2013, as shown by the records now on file in the County Clerk's Office.

s/ Dave Radford
s/ Lee Staker
County Board of Canvassers

(COUNTY SEAL)

ATTEST:

s/ Ronald Longmore
County Clerk

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE)

I, Ronald Longmore, County Clerk of said county and state, do hereby certify that the attached is a full, true and complete copy of the abstract of votes for the candidates therein named as they appeared on the election ballot on November 5, 2013, for the City of Idaho Falls as shown by the record of the Board of Canvassers filed in my office this 13th day of November, 2013.

s/ Ronald Longmore
County Clerk

(COUNTY SEAL)

The City Clerk requested approval of the Minutes for the November 14, 2013 Council Work Session and the November 14, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

The City Clerk presented several license applications, including BEER LICENSES to A & R Food and Beverage Company LLC, A Little Bit of Mexico, Airport Lounge, Alexandra's Musica Latina, Ameritel Inns dba Hampton Inn, Buck's, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, Copper Rill Restaurant, Eagle's Lodge, Fred Meyer Stores Inc. No. 156, Best Restaurants LLC/Garcia's, Garcia's Meat Market, Garcia's Meat Market No. 2, Gas 'N Grub, Holiday Oil, Holmes Speedi Mart, Iron Mule Saloon, Jakers of Idaho Falls, La Hildalguense, Las Pulgas Cantina and Dance Hall, Leo's Place, Los Albertos Inc. Maverik Country Store (Woodruff) No. 396, Maverik Country Store (Yellowstone) No. 185, Maverik Country Store (Broadway) No. 239, Midget Market, Morenitas, Pockets Inc., Puerto Vallarta Inc. Al Di, Sage Lakes Café, Sam's Club No. 6345, Samoa Club, Sand Creek Café, Seventeenth Street Gas and Wash, Smith's Food and Drug No. 121, Snake Bite, Speedi Corp Inc.-Speedi Mart, Stinker Stores Inc. No. 27, Stinker Stores Inc. No. 28, The Celt, The Zone, and Walmart No. 5494, all carrying the required approvals, and requested authorization to issue those licenses.

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The City Clerk requested Council ratification for the publication of legal notices calling for public hearings on November 26, 2013.

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

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Hally

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

The City Attorney submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
November 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Randy Fife, City Attorney
SUBJECT: ORDINANCE – REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached please find a draft Ordinance changing the notice of the location of Regular Council Meetings in the City Code from the old address in the Idaho Falls Power Electrical Building to its current location in the City Hall Annex Building.

This is a housekeeping measure designed to promote consistency and openness in government, and meant to act as clear notice of the City's intent to invite public participation in local government.

s/ Randy Fife

At the request of Councilmember Hardcastle, the City Clerk read the following Ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE OF THE LOCATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

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The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Hardcastle moved, and Councilmember Hally 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 waived, that the Ordinance be passed on all three readings and published by summary; and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Further, the numbering within the Ordinance needs to be corrected. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Human Resources Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls
November 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: April Collier, Director of Human Resources
SUBJECT: HRA VEBA FUNDING CHANGE – IBEW GROUP

It is respectfully requested the Council authorize the Mayor's signature on the HRA VEBA Plan Design Change Form and HRA VEBA Memorandum of Understanding, which modifies the participation of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 57 in the City's HRA VEBA Plan. As a result of a recent change to the group health insurance provider for IBEW retiree insurance, the union has agreed to have the City's funding of the \$100 per month retiree insurance subsidy (as collectively bargained for in 2001) provided for as an HRA VEBA contribution upon an employee's PERSI retirement.

Attached for your consideration is the aforementioned change forms and related policies which will amend the City's HRA VEBA plan. Once the documents are signed, HR will file the forms with the plan's third party administrator.

s/ April Collier

It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Hardcastle, to approve the HRA VEBA Plan Design Change Form and HRA VEBA Memorandum of Understanding, which modifies the participation of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 57 in the City's HRA VEBA Plan and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

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Aye: Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Municipal Services Director submitted the following memos:

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November 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director
SUBJECT: VARIOUS TYPES OF RIFLE AND PISTOL AMMUNITION

The State of Idaho has awarded and extended the contract for Various Types of Rifle and Pistol Ammunition to Salt Lake Wholesale Sports. Municipal Services respectfully requests the Mayor and Council authorize the purchase of the City's requirements for the aforementioned products per State Contract No. SBPO 1390-01. The quantity and types needed at this time will total \$58,949.66.

s/ S. Craig Lords

It was moved by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hardcastle, to purchase the Various Types of Rifle and Pistol Ammunition per the State Contract No. SBPO 1390-01 from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports in the amount of \$58,949.66. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Taylor

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: S. Craig Lords, Municipal Services Director
SUBJECT: TETON DEVELOPMENT, LLC/CHANNEL BLEND LEASE AGREEMENT

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Attached for your consideration is a proposed Lease Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Teton Development, LLC/Channel Blend, for City-owned property located in the parking lot of North Capital and B Street.

Said Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Randy Fife, City Attorney.

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

s/ S. Craig Lords

The Municipal Services Director appeared to state that no parking spaces will be lost with the placement of the generator in this location. It was moved by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hardcastle, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Teton Development, LLC/Channel Blend, for City-owned property located in the parking lot of North Capital Avenue and B Street and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memos:

City of Idaho Falls
November 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chris H Fredericksen, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1-4 – PANCHERI DRIVE BRIDGE OVER EAST LATERAL CANAL

Attached for your consideration are proposed Change Order Nos. 1-4 to the Pancheri Drive Bridge over the East Later Canal Project. These Change Orders provide for additional costs associated with pavement marking obliteration, increase in water line depth, roadway excavation, and also allow the use of self-consolidating concrete for concrete girders.

The total contract increase due to the proposed changes amounts of \$15,841.70. The Water Department's portion of this work is \$2,411.70 and the remaining \$13,430.00 will require City participation at a match rate 7.34%. The City Engineer and City Attorney have reviewed and approved these Change Orders.

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Public Works recommends approval of these Change Orders; and, authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the documents.

s/ Chris H Fredericksen

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve Change Order Nos. 1-4 to Cannon Builders, Inc. for the Pancheri Drive Bridge Over East Lateral Canal and, further, give authorization for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Hally
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Cornwell

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

City of Idaho Falls
November 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chris H Fredericksen, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: ALLEY VACATION REQUEST – WESTLAND HEIGHTS ADDITION,
DIVISION NO. 3

The adjacent property owners are requesting vacation of the alley in Westland Heights Addition, Division No. 3, Block 4, across Lots 11-16. The Public Works Division and all utilities have reviewed and approved the proposed alley vacation provided a utility easement is provided in its place. The owners have agreed with this provision and will provide a utility easement if the alley vacation is approved.

Public Works requests authorization for the City Attorney to prepare the documents to accomplish the vacation.

s/ Chris H Fredericksen

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to give authorization for the City Attorney to prepare the documents required to accomplish the alley vacation across Lots 11 through 16, Block 4, Westland Heights Addition, Division No. 3. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell
Councilmember Taylor
Councilmember Hardcastle
Councilmember Lehto
Councilmember Hally

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Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Fuhriman requested Councilmember Lehto to conduct a public hearing, as legally advertised, to establish an Infraction Fine Amount for violations of the Ordinance requiring Sidewalk Removal of Hail, Snow, Sleet and/or Ice. At the request of Councilmember Lehto, the City Clerk read the following memo from the Public Works Director:

City of Idaho Falls
November 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chris H Fredericksen, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: FEE RESOLUTION FOR CHANGES TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 10, MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS, REQUIRING REMOVAL OF HAIL, SNOW, SLEET AND/OR ICE FROM SIDEWALKS

At the November 14, 2013 Council Meeting, Council approved changes to Title 8, Chapter 10, Maintenance and Construction of Sidewalks. Permission to advertise proposed fee increases for infractions and scheduling a public hearing to be conducted on November 26, 2013 was also approved. Therefore, attached for consideration is a proposed Resolution establishing fees for failure to remove snow from sidewalks and for obstructing public ways with snow or ice.

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

s/ Chris H Fredericksen

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO ESTABLISH AN INFRACTION FINE AMOUNT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING SIDEWALK REMOVAL OF HAIL, SNOW, SLEET AND ICE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the City has recently established an Ordinance requiring removal of hail, snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, the City has provided that a violation of such Ordinance shall result in an infraction fine amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has held a public hearing in accordance with the Idaho Code to establish the infraction fine amounts hereinbelow.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho, as follows:

That the Council hereby establishes an infraction fine amount for each violation of the sidewalk hail, snow, sleet, and ice removal Ordinance as follows:

1. For a violation of Idaho Falls City Code Section 8-10-8:

First twenty-four (24) hour period of violation – Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

Second twenty-four (24) hour period of violation – Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00).

Third twenty-four (24) hour period of violation – One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
2. For a violation of Idaho Falls City Code Section 8-10-9 – Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

s/ Jared D. Fuhriman
JARED D. FUHRIMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Rosemarie Anderson
ROSEMARIE ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Bonneville)

I, ROSEMARIE ANDERSON, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO ESTABLISH AN INFRACTION FINE AMOUNT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING SIDEWALK REMOVAL OF HAIL, SNOW, SLEET AND ICE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.”

s/ Rosemarie Anderson
ROSEMARIE ANDERSON
CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

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Mayor Fuhriman opened the public hearing for consideration of the establishment of fee fine amounts for violations of the Ordinance requiring Sidewalk Removal of Hail, Snow, Sleet and/or Ice.

The Public Works Director appeared to state that this is a Resolution to establish new fees associated with sidewalk snow removal. The Ordinance was approved at the November 14, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Within that Ordinance, the change that was implemented provides the City with a means to establish an infraction for failure to remove snow from sidewalks in 24 hour increments following a storm event. It also establishes a means to issue an infraction to people who move snow from their private property onto public rights-of-way that would cause hazards to the traveling public. The proposed Resolution establishes those violations and fines.

Councilmember Lehto requested those to come forward who had comments regarding the proposed fee increases for infractions for failure to remove snow from sidewalks and for obstructing public ways with snow or ice.

Dave Olson, 1806 Charlene Drive, appeared to request how the Ordinance would be enforced. He understood that there was an exception for those being 70 years of age or older would not have to remove snow. He further questioned where snow should be moved if the building goes up to the sidewalk, and there is no other place to move the snow to.

Police Chief McBride appeared to state that this first year should provide public education in helping the public to understand what is expected from them. The Police Department will be a little lenient with citations, as the whole purpose of this Ordinance is to provide public access on all sidewalks. Each investigation into a complaint would address whether the person living at the address where the snow has not been removed will be assessed according to the requirements and exceptions within the Ordinance.

The Public Works Director re-appeared to address the concern about where to put snow when there does not appear to be a place to move the snow to. The intent of the Ordinance is to provide safe passage along sidewalks. If the snow were to be moved to the curb line, so that safe passage is provided, that would be adequate from the Public Works Division's perspective. There will be communication with the Police Department, should that be necessary, to resolve any issues found in the field. With regard to those that fit into the "exceptions", other communities have identified those properties and put them on a list. At that point, civic groups and others could be approached to assist in snow removal at those addresses.

There being no further discussion either in favor of or in opposition to this Resolution, Mayor Fuhriman closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Hally, to approve the Resolution to establish an infraction fine amount for violations of the Ordinance requiring sidewalk removal of hail, snow, sleet, and ice and, further, give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Taylor
 Councilmember Hally
 Councilmember Lehto
 Councilmember Cornwell
 Councilmember Hardcastle

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Fuhriman requested Councilmember Hardcastle to conduct a public hearing, as legally advertised, for consideration of proposed New Golf Fees and Golf Fee Increases for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. At the request of Councilmember Hardcastle, the City Clerk read the following memo from the Parks and Recreation Director:

City of Idaho Falls
November 22, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Greg A. Weitzel, Parks and Recreation Director
SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2014 INCREASE OF GOLF FEES

The Parks and Recreation Division respectfully requests the Mayor and City Council approval of the attached 2014 Golf Course Fee Increases.

The proposed new fees were advertised on November 16 and November 23, 2013 in the Post Register as required by Idaho Code.

s/ Greg A. Weitzel

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED FEES FOR GOLF RELATED SERVICES FROM CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AND REGULARLY CHARGED AS SPECIFIED BY CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALL SUCH FEES; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, City Council deems it advisable to adopt new fees for Parks and Recreation golf-related services; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has determined the revised fees included in this Resolution are appropriate and are reasonably related to the purposes and services for which the fees are charged; and,

WHEREAS, the Council held a public hearing regarding such fees, as required by Idaho Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the fees set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof be in full force and effect in all matters related to such fees from and after November 27, 2013;

2. That this Resolution amends all fees made subject of attachment Exhibit "A", charged prior to the effective date of this Resolution; and,

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3. That any Resolution or provision thereof, or fee established previously that is inconsistent with this Resolution, is hereby repealed.

ADOPTED and effective this 27th day of November, 2013.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

s/ Jared D. Fuhriman
JARED D. FUHRIMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Rosemarie Anderson
ROSEMARIE ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Bonneville)

I, ROSEMARIE ANDERSON, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED FEES FOR GOLF RELATED SERVICES FROM CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AND REGULARLY CHARGED AS SPECIFIED BY CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALL SUCH FEES; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW."

s/ Rosemarie Anderson
ROSEMARIE ANDERSON
CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Idaho Falls proposes to impose the following new fees and fee increases greater than 105% of such fees collected in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The additional fees are necessary to cover increased costs associated with the Parks and Recreation Division in the City of Idaho Falls.

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Source of Fees	Current Fees	Proposed New Fees
PARKS AND RECREATION:		
Non-Resident Green Fees:		
Weekday: 9 Holes	\$18.00	\$18.50
Weekday: 18 Holes	\$25.00	\$25.75
Weekend: 9 Holes	\$19.00	\$19.50
Weekend: 18 Holes	\$26.00	\$26.75
Out-Of-State: 9 Holes	\$28.00	\$19.50
Out-Of-State: 18 Holes	\$35.00	\$35.00
Resident Green Fees:		
Weekday: 9 Holes	\$15.00	\$15.50
Weekday: 18 Holes	\$22.00	\$22.75
Weekend: 9 Holes	\$16.00	\$16.50
Weekend: 18 Holes	\$23.00	\$23.75
Make-Up Green Fees:		
Make-Up One	\$7.00	\$7.25
*All Season Pass Categories, except for the Junior (Age 17-Under) Passes will be subject to a \$1.00 per round USER FEE. Pass Holders will have the option to avoid this per round USER FEE by paying an annual User Fee of \$60.00 per Pass Holder.		
Resident Punch Passes:		
10-18 Hole Punch	\$200.00	\$209.25
10-9 Hole Punch	\$137.00	\$143.84
20-18 Hole Punch	.00	\$395.25
20-9 Hole Punch	.00	\$272.00
Non-Resident Punch Passes:		
10-18 Hole Punch	\$227.00	\$236.25
10-9 Hole Punch	\$164.00	\$171.00
20-18 Hole Punch	.00	\$446.25
20-9 Hole Punch	.00	\$323.00
Lockers:		
Lockers Yearly Fee	\$13.25	\$13.71
Cart Usage Fees:		
Yearly Fee	\$184.00	\$190.44
Golf Cart Rentals:		
Daily Rental 18 Holes	\$11.50	\$12.00

Any person who desires to provide comments regarding such new fee or fee increases may appear at 7:30 p.m. on November 26, 2013, at the City of Idaho Falls Council Chambers, 680 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

s/ Rosemarie Anderson
Rosemarie Anderson
City Clerk

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Mayor Fuhriman opened the public hearing for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Increase of Golf Fees.

Tim Reinke, Golf Pro, appeared to share the following statement:

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The Golf Advisory Board's Price Considerations for 2014

The 2013 Golf Season was a good one. We turned a 2-year average loss of \$250,000 into a \$28,000 profit. Our implementation of the 5-year plan was a complete success.

The Idaho Falls Golf Advisory Board, who is responsible for the continued success of the golf program in Idaho Falls has made some price recommendations for this upcoming season which are before us tonight. The Golf Advisory Board made these new recommendations because down the road in the near future, we will be looking at some major projects including the possibility of a new irrigation system at Pinecrest and possibly even Sand Creek. And, yes, with our current plan we have a strong possibility that we will have a slight surplus each year; however, the Golf Advisory Board was simply looking to the future and trying to plan for future improvements when making these suggested price recommendations.

The Golf Advisory Board also analyzed our 5-Year Revenue Plan and put together a pricing plan for this coming season. This includes a 3.5% price increase in almost every category. The only categories untouched are the price of range balls and our Short Course Green Fees. The prices recommended are very competitive with green fees going up \$.50 for 9 holes and \$.75 for 18 holes. The only exception is the price of season golf passes, which includes a new pricing structure similar to Blackfoot and Pocatello. In reviewing our golf data on rounds played, we realized that our pass holders on average pay about \$9.00 per round and our Green Fee Players pay about \$17.50 per round. Our pass holders play about 65% of our total rounds with our Green Fee Players playing the balance or 35% of our rounds. The average pass holder plays around 50 rounds per season.

In addition, the Golf Advisory Board took a look at a pass holders break-even point – a question that comes up frequently. “How many rounds compared to green fees do I have to lay to break even on my pass?” For many years the Adult Pass category would need to play 30 rounds to break even. All the other pass categories have break even rounds less than 30 due to the fact that their prices are lower than the Adult Pass. This statistic is currently at 26 Adult Rounds to “break even”. The Golf Advisory Board feels this break even number is very important as it guides our customers to make their decisions on whether or not to buy a pass. If this break even number becomes too low, it becomes a bad deal to pay Green Fees; if this number were too high, we would discourage pass sales.

After much discussion about Season Pass prices, they voted to leave the base price of the pass the same and raise the pass holder's fees by initiating a \$1.00 per round Capital Improvement User Fee as the method of raising our Season Pass Rates for 2014. It was strongly felt that those who play the most (our pass holders) should pay a bit more and, more importantly, would get us closer to the 30 round break-even point. It was also discussed that most public courses do not even offer an annual Season Pass because they realize that pass holders generally take up the majority of the course times. While pass rounds are not always bad for income, if the revenue per round played on

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passes is considerably less than that of the green fee payer, it becomes more difficult to meet budgetary needs. However, it was recommended to not eliminate season passes; it is a tradition that has long been an important part of this community and it is why we have a large group of loyal customers. The Board just simply felt this \$1.00 per round User Fee was a good solution to help even the “paying” ground.

The Board also made the recommendation that should this proposal be adopted by the City Council that a person could elect to pay a one-time \$60.00 Annual User Fee and would be exempt from paying the \$1.00 each time User Fee. This would cost us a few bucks in revenue for those who play well over the 60 rounds, but it is very popular in Blackfoot and it addresses those who play many shortened rounds (early morning and late evenings) and staff's dilemma on whether we do or don't charge these individuals the \$1.00 for playing 3 or 4 holes. The Advisory Board felt strongly that we should include it in this proposal.

The bottom line for a typical pass holder who plays around 30 times will pay \$30.00 more while those who play 60+ times would pay \$60.00 more. And the percentage of increase for those who play the most (the 60+ rounds) would be between 10%-16% (depending on which pass category) and less than these percentages for those who play fewer rounds.

Most important to remember that even with these recommended price increases, the Idaho Falls Golf Courses will remain if not the BEST, but one of the BEST DEALS in the USA, especially for our pass holders. Even though some may frequent only one of the three courses, the expense of running three superb operations is not inexpensive, and a pass holder has the ability to play all three of these fine municipal golf courses.

The Advisory Board, as I mentioned earlier, feels strongly that we need to keep passes as part of the price structure, but also feel it is as important that those who use the facilities more should pay more and this User Fee is their idea to accomplish that goal.

Dave Olson, 1806 Charlene Drive, appeared to state that his understands that increases come. In 2008, there were 25,000,000 golfers and in 2012, there were 20,000,000 golfers. There has been 1/5 of the golfers lost, probably due to the cost increase in playing golf. Mr. Olson stated that he believed that golf is a “good deal” in the City of Idaho Falls.

Tom McLaughlin, 2230 Craig Avenue, appeared to state that he is an officer in the Men's Senior Golf Association, but was not appearing as a representative for that Association. He spends a lot of time around the senior golfers. A 10% to 16% increase to the seniors is a large increase for them. There is a decline from year to year of the seniors playing golf. He questioned what cost it was to the golf courses if he spends one day on the golf course compared to three days on the golf course. Mr. McLaughlin stated that if he spends 5 days on the golf course, he would spend more money on cart rental, at the cafeteria, and on the driving range each time he plays.

David Bybee, 2198 South Woodruff Avenue, appeared to state that he has lived in Idaho Falls for most of his life. The golf courses are wonderful and are probably the best deal in the State of Idaho. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Director has done

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a great job in the short time that he has been here. Mr. Bybee stated that the golf courses are now operating in the black. Sometimes it is best to let the public rest with the successes that have been achieved. He suggested that the Mayor and City Council should let the present program work for two or three years before raising fees. He stated that he opposed the fee increases that are being proposed.

Layne Isom, 3046 Disney Drive, appeared to state that the City should not increase the cost of golf at this time due to the fact that the City ran a surplus in funds in this past year. The City golf courses are finally paying for themselves. He expressed his concern that if the City continues to raise the fees for golf, at some point golfers will quit playing in Idaho Falls. That means less revenue in green fees and other golf-related purchases. Idaho Falls is a great place to raise families and affordable golf contributes to that quality of life. However, if the proposed fee increases are enacted, the cost of golf will not be such a bargain based upon his research of other golf courses in the southeastern part of Idaho. Mr. Isom requested the Mayor and City Council to leave the fees alone for this year and see what happens during the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 golf season.

Greg Crockett, 383 Spring Meadows Drive, appeared to urge support for the modest fee increases to golf in Idaho Falls. Golf needs to pay for itself. There is a growing faction in the City of Idaho Falls that become upset when the General Fund has to pay for golf when it is run in the red. Mr. Crockett stated that the City's golf courses are magnificent facilities and are very well managed. It is hard to compare golf in Idaho Falls with anywhere else. They are better facilities and they are better maintained. It is like three golf courses for the price of one.

Rick Carsons, 3460 Grove Lane, appeared to state that he is on the Golf Advisory Board. When the Golf Advisory Board meets, their first question involves what is fair. He presented the following charts:

	Current Price	18 Hole Rounds to Break Even Compared to Green Fees	9 Hole Rounds to Break Even	New Price @ Maximum of \$60.00	18 Holes Rounds to Break Even	9 Hole Rounds to Break Even	Maximum % Increase
Resident Passes:							
First Adult	\$585.00	26	37.7	\$645.00	27.74	40.3	10.26%
Second Adult	470.00	20.89	30.3	530.00	22.8	33	12.77%
First Senior 5-Day	400.00	17.78	25.8	460.00	19.78	28.75	15.00%
Second Senior 5-Day	360.00	16	23.2	420.00	18.06	26.25	16.67%
First Senior 7-Day	500.00	22.22	32.2	560.00	24.09	35	12.00%
Second Senior 7-Day	460.00	20.44	29.6	520.0	2.34	32.5	13.04%
Young Adult	370.00	16.44	23.9	430.00	18.49	26.87	16.22%
Non-Resident Passes:							
First Adult	\$625.00	24.51	33.8	\$685.00	26.1	36.05	9.60%
Second Adult	\$505.00	19.8	27.3	565.00	21.52	29.73	11.88%
First Senior 5-Day	440.00	17.25	23.8	500.00	19.05	26.31	13.64%
Second Senior 5-Day	395.00	15.49	21.35	455.00	17.33	23.95	15.19%
First Senior 7-Day	540.00	21.18	29.19	600.00	22.86	31.57	11.11%
Second Senior 7-Day	495.00	19.41	26.75	555.00	21.14	19.2	12.12%

Average Price Per Round

Junior Pass Rounds	\$5.02
Senior Pass Rounds	7.46
Adult Pass Rounds	9.65
Punch Pass Rounds	17.44
Green Fee Rounds	19.41

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Mr. Carsone invited anyone who was interested to come to the Golf Advisory Board Meetings to listen to the discussions held there. When fee increases are contemplated, they look at all segments of the community. When these fees were considered, there were nine non-staff members, eight of them were pass holders, and five of the nine were senior pass holders. Also, at that meeting, the seniors that were present were willing to take a 3.5% increase on their senior passes, along with the \$1.00 User Fee. One of the seniors present commented, "We use the facilities more, we should pay more". That was even before they put a cap on the \$1.00 User Fee. The seniors were willing to accept a \$1.00 User Fee for every round played.

There being no further discussion either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Golf Fee Increases, Mayor Fuhrman closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Hardcastle requested Tim Reinke to come forward to address the concern regarding playing one round versus three rounds by one individual.

Mr. Reinke re-appeared to state that it matters when total rounds showing green fees compared to pass holders. Pass holders will be charged for rounds every time they play. When tee times are considered, pass holders take up more of those times. There is a great amount of time spent regarding how fees should be established or increased in order to keep fees fair.

Councilmember Hardcastle requested to know how much Blackfoot charges for Season Passes.

Mr. Reinke stated that Blackfoot typically charges what the City of Idaho Falls charges. It is hard to compare the City of Idaho Falls golf courses with the City of Blackfoot golf course. With the City of Idaho Falls increasing fees a small amount, that amount can go toward Capital Improvements. Golf should pay for those capital improvements on the City's golf courses.

Councilmember Lehto requested to know how many season passes are sold this year.

Mr. Reinke stated that this year they have sold 1,500 season passes. Based on this year's numbers, the golf courses should raise approximately \$85,000.00 towards capital improvements. He stated, further, that Golf Pro John Graham and Chris Eastman have brought "First Tee" to Idaho Falls. This program teaches integrity. It's a great program for youth.

Councilmember Lehto stated that the Golf Advisory Board does a great job in evaluating all aspects of golf. That is a great place to address concerns with regard to golf fees.

Councilmember Hally stated that the reduction in golfers is in direct correlation with the economy. Many cities are doing away with golf passes, and in some instances lowering the fees. By doing that, they can continue to get more revenue. The golf courses still need to be maintained and those costs keep increasing. The City of Idaho Falls should not lower the maintenance standards of the golf courses, as more golfers would decide to leave the sport. The City of Idaho Falls has tried to be fair in all pricing.

It was moved by Councilmember Hardcastle, seconded by Councilmember Cornwell, to approve the Resolution adopting a schedule of revised fees for golf related services from City Parks and Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for services provided and regularly charged as specified by City Code. Roll call as follows:

Aye: Councilmember Cornwell
 Councilmember Hally
 Councilmember Taylor
 Councilmember Hardcastle
 Councilmember Lehto

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Nay: None

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Lehto, seconded by Councilmember Cornwell, that the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR
