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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, December 8, 1994, in the Council Chambers at 140 South Capital Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho. There were present: Mayor Linda Milam; Councilmembers Gary Mills, Melvin Erickson, Larry Carlson, Ida Hardcastle, and Brad Eldredge, with Councilmember Beverly Branson being absent. Also present: Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk; Dale Storer, City Attorney; and all available Division Directors.

The City Clerk read a summary of the minutes for the November 22, 1994 Special Meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Hardcastle, seconded by Erickson, that the minutes of this meeting be accepted as written. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Erickson, Mills, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Carlson; No, none; motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mayor Milam presented Councilmember Beverly Branson's name for the ballot to serve as a representative to the ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) Board.

Monthly reports from various Division and Department Heads were presented and requested to be placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk presented several license applications, including BEER LICENSES to Alberson's (East Anderson), Eagle's Lodge, Buckies, Ford's Bar, Inc., Fred Meyer, Gas 'n' Grub, Jiffy Mart (Elm Street), La Yaquesita, Louie's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, Maverick Country Store (Woodruff Avenue and Yellowstone Avenue), Midget Market, Morgan's Westgate Amoco, Payless Drug Store (Northgate Mile), Sandpiper, Save Fast Gas (Broadway), Save Fast Gas and Grocery (First Street), Smith's Food and Drug, Weston Lamplighter, and Wright Stop Texaco, all carrying the required approvals.

It was moved by Councilmember Hardcastle, seconded by Erickson, that all items on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Hardcastle, Mills, Eldredge, Carlson, and Erickson; No, none; motion carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

The City Clerk presented the following Expenditure Summary dated November 1, 1994 through November 30, 1994, after having been audited by the Fiscal Committee and paid by the Controller:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AIRPORT</u>	<u>WATER &amp; SEWER</u>
MAT/SERV:	\$1,155,045.08	\$ 196,953.62	\$ 45,962.89	\$ 358,560.44
SALARY:	<u>1,087,171.71</u>	<u>71,369.57</u>	<u>34,559.12</u>	<u>148,351.66</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,242,216.89	\$ 268,323.19	\$ 80,522.01	\$ 506,912.10
	<u>ELECTRIC</u>	<u>SANITATION</u>	<u>RECREATION</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>
MAT/SERV:	\$1,946,845.97	\$ 122,512.22	\$ 22,121.72	\$ 38,948.41
SALARY:	<u>255,059.87</u>	<u>83,904.42</u>	<u>29,770.44</u>	<u>52,959.75</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,201,905.84	\$ 206,416.64	\$ 51,892.16	\$ 91,908.16

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	<u>BRIDGE &amp; ARTERIAL</u>	<u>AMBULANCE</u>	<u>MUN. EQUIP. REPL.</u>	<u>MCS/ADOPTION</u>
MAT/SERV: \$	1,519.52	\$ 57,623.42	\$ 8,392.00	\$ 1,800.00
SALARY:	<u>.00</u>	<u>59,389.91</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,519.52	\$ 117,013.33	\$ 8,392.00	\$ 1,800.00

TOTAL

MAT/SERV: \$3,956,285.39  
SALARY: 1,822,536.45  
TOTAL: \$5,778,821.84

It was moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Eldredge, that the payment of Check No. 12714 made payable to Ida Hardcastle in the amount of \$60.00 be ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Eldredge, Carlson, Erickson, and Mills; Abstain: Councilmember Hardcastle; No, none; motion carried. It was further moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Hardcastle, that payment of the expenditures as presented be duly ratified. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Carlson, Erickson, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Mills; No, none; motion carried.

The Mayor asked Councilmember Erickson to conduct annexation proceedings for Victorian Village Addition, Division No. 5. At the request of Councilmember Erickson, the City Clerk read the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls  
December 6, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Rod Gilchrist  
SUBJECT: FINAL PLAT AND ANNEXATION - VICTORIAN VILLAGE  
ADDITION, DIVISION NO. 5

Attached is a copy of the final plat, annexation agreement, and annexation ordinance for Victorian Village Addition, Division No. 5. This is a 10-lot, single-family subdivision which provides for the extension of the proposed street system in the northeasterly portion of the Victorian Village Addition.

This matter was recently considered by the Planning Commission and at that time they recommended approval of the final plat, annexation to the City, and initial zoning of R-1. This department concurs with that recommendation. This matter is now being submitted to the Mayor and City Council for consideration.

s/ Rod Gilchrist

The Director of the Planning and Building Division located the subject area on the map and further explained the request.

Mr. Kim Leavitt, Harper-Leavitt Engineering, 985 North Capital Avenue, appeared representing the Developer for this area. Mr. Leavitt further explained the request for annexation. There being no further discussion or questions, it was moved by

Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Carlson, to accept the Final Plat as presented for Victorian Village Addition, Division No. 5, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

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Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Erickson, Mills, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Carlson; No, none; motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Carlson, that the Annexation Agreement for Victorian Village Addition, Division No. 5 be accepted and authorization given for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Hardcastle, Mills, Eldredge, Carlson, and Erickson; No, none; motion carried.

Councilmember Erickson asked the City Attorney to read the following Ordinance Title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2164**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO; DESCRIBING THESE LANDS; REQUIRING THE FILING OF THE ORDINANCE AND AMENDED CITY MAP AND AMENDED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY WITH THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY AND STATE AUTHORITIES; AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing Ordinance was presented by title only. Councilmember Erickson moved and Councilmember Carlson 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 dispensed with and the Ordinance be passed on all three readings. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Mills, Erickson, Carlson, Hardcastle, and Eldredge; No, none; motion carried.

The Mayor declared open a public hearing to consider the initial zoning of the newly annexed area. It was moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Carlson, that the initial zoning of the Victorian Village Addition, Division No. 5 be established R-1 as recommended and that the comprehensive plan be amended to include the area annexed herewith, and that the City Planner be instructed to reflect said annexation, zoning and amendment to the comprehensive plan on the comprehensive plan and zoning maps located in his office. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Carlson, Erickson, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Mills; No, none; motion carried.

The Mayor recognized citizens from the floor who wished to address the Council regarding items that are not on the Agenda. Mr. Carl Holcolmbe, 847 Cleveland, appeared to direct his comments to those present in the audience. He wished to remind people that at the same time as this meeting, the Cultural Awareness Committee was trying to decide how to deal with racist flyers handed out this past week. He felt that we should be as concerned with the quality of life of those at whom the flyers were directed, as much as or more than the items of golf fees or ducks and geese along the Greenbelt being discussed this evening.

The Airport Director submitted the following memos:

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December 5, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO:           Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Jim Thorsen, Director of Aviation  
SUBJECT: PRIVATE HANGAR LEASES

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Mr. J. Ed Browning has sold his interest in various hangars to individual owners.

The following individuals have submitted signed lease agreements, as prepared by the City Attorney, for consideration by the Mayor and Council:

Jack Anderson  
Earl Gardner  
Steven Henderson  
Thomas Higgs and John Smith  
James Kontes  
Martin and Margaret Luther  
Charles McDonald  
David Napper  
John Sackett and Leon Walters  
Jean Seiber  
Karl Sorman  
Robert Stiger  
Paul Thurmond  
Mark Ulschmid  
Richard Wagner  
David Wilkins  
Doug Wood

The Airport Division requests authorization for the Mayor to execute the lease agreement.

s/ James H. Thorsen

It was moved by Councilmember Mills, seconded by Eldredge, that these lease agreements be approved and authorization given for the Mayor to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Erickson, Mills, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Carlson; No, none; motion carried.

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December 5, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council  
FROM: Jim Thorsen, Director of Aviation  
SUBJECT: ENGINEERING SERVICE CONTRACT - SVERDRUP FACILITIES

Sverdrup Facilities, Inc., has submitted a contract for engineering services for forthcoming work under the F.A.A.'s grant program.

The total amount of the contract is not to exceed \$160,926.00 for design and \$273,317.00 for construction management and materials testing. The proposed sub-consultant for inspection and surveying is Mountain River Engineering.

The City Attorney has reviewed the contract. The F.A.A. has approved the contract.

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The Airport Division respectfully requests authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement.

s/ James H. Thorsen

It was moved by Councilmember Mills, seconded by Eldredge, that this engineering services contract be approved and authorization given for the Mayor to execute said contract. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Hardcastle, Mills, Eldredge, Carlson, and Erickson; No, none; motion carried.

The Parks and Recreation Director submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls  
November 28, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Dave Christiansen, Director of Parks and Recreation  
SUBJECT: 1995 PROPOSED GOLF FEES

The Division of Parks and Recreation respectfully requests approval of the attached proposed 1995 golf fee schedule. These fees have been reviewed by the Golf Advisory Board and the Board concurs with the recommendations.

s/ Dave Christiansen

Councilmember Erickson explained the golf fees and the process by which the Council is addressing this item this night. He explained that the golf fees cover the maintenance and operation costs of the golf courses. Mr. Erickson further gave a history of the golf course fees, an explanation of who plays golf free and why, along with explaining that all recreational programs have their own set of fees. The golf courses are an asset to the City, in that they contribute to the economic base for the City. Councilmember Erickson then opened this item to the public.

Thomas Snouffer, 392 Sykes Drive, appeared to question the golf fees of the City in comparison with other locations. He further wanted to know why there was a shortfall of \$200,000.00 in the golf budget. Mr. Erickson explained that it was not due to the equipment purchase (giving an explanation as to how the City purchases equipment). Mr. Snouffer was concerned with the new rates being established for the senior citizens.

Terry White, 153 8th Street, appeared to question government credibility, representation, and accountability. He questioned the timing of the publishing of these fee increases, that being the Thanksgiving holiday, so that more people would be out of town or too busy to pay attention. Mr. White further questioned why the City was not able to work this out with the budgeting time frame. He felt that the City deliberately concealed the need for this increase and should be embarrassed for this major budgeting oversight. He compared our courses and prices with that of Blackfoot. Mr. White stated that the City should provide a detailed, line-by-line explanation as to why this deficit exists. Mayor Milam commented that budgets do not appear on October 1, but the process begins in May. The adoption of the budget takes place in early August, that being 3-1/2 months before the golf season ends. Total revenues were not known at that time. There were not accurate revenue projections, as the second nine holes on Sage Lakes opened late. The Council had to see what happened with the revenues at the new course before new fees could be established.

The Council did not feel it was fair to come before the public with projected amounts, and therefore, waited until the actual numbers were in.

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Leon Cook, 1000 10th Street, appeared to state that he did not understand why there was an increase for the senior citizens. He felt that as golfers get older, the less they play.

Warren Stensland, 1085 Hemlock, appeared to question why the senior citizens are taking the brunt of the requested increase. He stated that he thought the seniors may start "pay as you play", instead of buying the season pass. He further explained that the seniors may begin to go to the surrounding area golf courses, instead of staying with those in Idaho Falls, thus losing money to the City courses. Mr. Stensland stated that the City should have waited for Sage Lakes Golf Course to be open one full year to see what would happen with operation and maintenance costs. Mr. Stensland thanked the Council for listening to the concerns of the golfers, and further complimented the pros and assistant pros for their courtesy and helpfulness.

Tom Murphy, 780 8th Street, distributed a letter of his concerns to the Mayor and Councilmembers. He further protested the 72% increase over a two year period. Mr. Murphy explained his life circumstance, regarding his spendable money, being a retired person. He stated that he spends approximately \$1,000.00 per year at the golf courses and this cost is becoming an issue in his family.

George Young, 1725 Camrose, stated that he came into the City Offices and could not find an explanation of the costs and revenues for the golf courses. He further questioned that the \$200,000.00 short fall was due to Sage Lakes Golf Course being completed and could not understand why there would be another \$200,000.00 short fall again.

Homer Biggers, 1333 South Pioneer Road, stated that he has paid three times the fees charged at our courses and played on some miserable courses. He wished to commend the Mayor and Council for their good job and hard work. He is concerned for the senior citizens, but encouraged the Council to do their best.

Greg Crockett, 2034 Virginia Avenue, and representative of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, appeared to state that the Chamber of Commerce wished to go on record as supporting the decision of the City's Golf Advisory Board. Our golf courses are a very important asset of our City. The Chamber of Commerce is in concurrence with the Golf Advisory Board in that no surcharge should be imposed on visitors to our area.

Larry Park, 1557 Westland, expressed his appreciation for the wisdom to purchase Sand Creek and Sage Lakes Golf Courses. He commended the Mayor and Council for the fine job they have done. Mr. Park commented that he is on a fixed income and would appreciate the raise in golf fees be kept to a minimum.

Bryce Plesner, 264 Pinion, stated that he is a senior. He commented on the good golf courses in Idaho Falls and felt that the raise in fees should be equitable for everyone.

Tom Snouffer, 1334 9th Street, stated that the seniors play a great many 9-hole rounds as compared to an 18-hole rounds of others. He felt that by comparison, the seniors are playing less golf and being charged more for them. Mr. Snouffer further questioned where the lease money from the cafes on the golf courses go. Mr. Erickson stated that this money goes back into the golf operating fund and is used as golf revenue.

Wes Molen, 1533 Westland, stated that the fees should be alot less for the seniors. He further questioned if the seniors age limit should be changed from 65 to 60 years of age. Mr. Molen felt that more senior passes would be purchased if this age change took place, and wondered if this would take care of the short fall. Mr. Erickson explained that the age 65 was arrived at so that a discrimination of working people and early retirees does not take place.

Mayor Milam stated that approximately two-thirds of the rounds are played by season pass holders and one-third are played by those who pay a daily greens fee; however, approximately two-thirds of the revenues come from the daily pass and only one-third comes

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from the season pass. The season pass holder is playing most of the rounds, but the daily pass player is paying most of the costs. Therefore, the golf courses dig themselves into a hole and the Mayor and Council felt that this was not fiscally responsible.

Warren Stensland, re-appeared to state that on the golf round information, perhaps a new column should be added to indicate who plays a 9-hole round compared to who plays an 18-hole round.

Councilmember Erickson discussed the information on the budget sheet handed out this evening. It was moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mills, that the first ticket for Seniors be raised to \$190.00, with the second ticket being raised to \$165.00, and accept the remaining schedule of fees as presented. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Hardcastle, Eldredge, Carlson, Erickson, and Mills; No, none; motion carried.

The Police Chief submitted the following memo:

City of Idaho Falls  
November 23, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Linda Milam, City Councilmembers  
FROM: Monty G. Montague, Chief  
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CREMATION FEE INCREASE

It is requested that the following changes in fee amounts be approved for the cremation of animals at the Animal Shelter:

- \$15.00 cremation without ashes
- \$45.00 cremation with ashes - up to 25 lbs.
- \$65.00 cremation with ashes - 26 lbs. to 60 lbs.
- \$115.00 cremation with ashes - 61 lbs. and above
- Out of county cremation fees, same as above + 10 percent

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

s/ Monty G. Montague

It was moved by Councilmember Mills, seconded by Erickson, that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary resolution establishing these fees. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Carlson, Erickson, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Mills; No, none; motion carried.

The Public Works Director submitted the following memos:

City of Idaho Falls  
November 30, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works

SUBJECT: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND MOTOR  
CONTROLS - WELL NO. 3 CONTRACT

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Attached is proposed Change Order No. 1 to the Electrical Supply and Motor Controls, Well No. 3 Contract. The proposed change order is needed for repair of the pump shaft, increasing the contract amount by \$7,756.32. The faulty shaft was not apparent until the pump motor was removed during construction.

Public Works recommends approval of this change order and authorization for the Mayor to sign the documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Eldredge, seconded by Hardcastle, that Change Order No. 1 be accepted and authorization be given for the Mayor to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Hardcastle, Eldredge, Carlson, Erickson, and Mills; No, none; motion carried.

City of Idaho Falls  
December 1, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Chad Stanger, Public Works  
SUBJECT: OUTSIDE CITY SEWER SERVICE - COUNTY L.I.D. NO. 2

Attached is the proposed outside the City Sewer Service Contract for Ranch Homes, 2444 North Yellowstone Avenue. This location is within the boundaries of Bonneville County L.I.D. No. 2, an area in which the City previously agreed to provide sewer service.

Public Works recommends approval of this contract and authorization for the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

s/ Chad Stanger

It was moved by Councilmember Eldredge, seconded by Hardcastle, that this Contract be accepted and authorization given for the Mayor to sign. Roll call as follows: Ayes, Councilmembers Erickson, Mills, Hardcastle, Eldredge, and Carlson; No, none; motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Hardcastle, that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

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