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Pursuant to a call by the Mayor, the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in special session in the Council Chamber on August 26, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing to provide public participation in the formulation of the proposed General Revenue Sharing Budget. There were present at said meeting: Mayor Tom Campbell, Councilmen Art Chandler, Mel Erickson, Wes Deist, Paul Hovey, and Ralph Wood. Absent: Councilman Sam Sakaguchi. Also present, Velma Chandler, City Clerk; and Dale Storer, Assistant City Attorney.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and the place, as legally advertised, to conduct a public hearing to provide for public participation in the formulation of the proposed General Revenue Sharing Budget, as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is Hereby Given that a special public hearing will be conducted by the City Council of Idaho Falls, Idaho on August 26, 1980, at 7:00 P.M. of said day in the Council Chambers of the Electric Building at 140 South Capital Avenue in said City to provide public participation in the formulation of the 1980-81 Fiscal Year GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND BUDGET.

At the same hearing all interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the possible uses of said entitlement funds.

It has been proposed that said budget shall be as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND

Police Retirement - Unfunded Liability	\$ 120,000.
Computer - Lease Purchase	77,000.
Fire Station #4 - Lease Purchase	32,400.
Auditorium - Heating Plant	28,000.
Public Safety	137,600.
Street - Maintenance	90,000.
Drainage Projects	30,000.
Street Patching Equipment	<u>16,000.</u>
	<u>\$ 531,000.</u>

Councilman Hovey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, explained the purpose of the Revenue Sharing Hearing for the benefit of those present in the audience. He said the purpose of the hearing was to review the expenditures proposed by the City Council for the use of Revenue Sharing Funds. He pointed out that the Revenue Sharing Budget is just as the notice indicated and not an expenditure budget. He said the hearing notice included the right for any citizen to make oral or written comments concerning possible use of the funds. He stated, further, that the only changes from last year's Revenue Sharing Budget were the unfunded liability for Police Retirement contract with PERS; allocation of funds for a heating system for the Civic Auditorium; and a patching unit that could re-process asphalt which would be a money saver for the City.

Mr. Ronald Politowski, 420 Linden Drive appeared, stating he was concerned that the legal notice did not break down into detail the proposed expenditures and requested

that the Council explain, in detail, where the monies are to be spent. Councilman Erickson told Mr. Politowski that the law provides for the public to inspect revenue sharing funds as

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they have been spent and invited Mr. Politowski to go to the City Controller's office at any time for a break-down of expenditures. Mr. Politowski stated he would like to see a break-down of proposed Revenue Sharing monies expenditures, item for item, not hidden under general categories. It was explained to Mr. Politowski that this could only be done as they are expended, and this could be seen at any time in the Controller's office. At the request of Councilman Erickson, Asst. City Attorney explained the purpose of the hearing as had already been explained by Councilman Hovey. Mayor Campbell stated that the City cannot depend on the Federal Government to provide Revenue Sharing funds each year, and neither can they depend on other State or Federal funding sources, such as gas tax or State tax revenue, as these are appropriated annually.

Mr. Bob Scott, 1253 Crescent, appeared briefly to ask if some of the funds allocated to public safety would go to salaries. Councilman Erickson answered in the affirmative. Scott then asked what type of computer the City uses and was informed it an IBM System III.

There being no further questions nor comment, it was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Chandler, that the Revenue Sharing Funds, as appropriated and outlined in the amount of \$531,000., be accepted and approved. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Chandler, seconded by Wood, that the meeting adjourn at 7:30 P.M., carried.

s/Velma Chandler
City Clerk

s/ Thomas Campbell
Mayor

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