

NOVEMBER 20, 1978

Pursuant to a call by the Mayor the City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in special session in the Mayor's Chamber on the 20th day of November, 1978, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of declaring an emergency so that an engine for a fire truck may be purchased without publishing invitations for bids. There were present at said meeting: Mayor Tom Campbell; Councilmen Jim Freeman, Mel Erickson, Ralph Wood, Sam Sakaguchi, and Paul Hovey. Absent: Councilman Charles Clark. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Simon Martin, Assistant City Attorney, and Doug Call, Fire Chief.

Councilman Sakaguchi, as Chairman of the Fire Department Council Committee, invited Fire Chief Call to explain the Fire Department dilemma. It was learned that one truck has had and still has transmission problems and another is in need of a new motor. Under conventional procedures it would take seven weeks to advertise for bids and select a successful bidder. Time being of the essence, Call pointed out that several suppliers had been contacted and the most applicable quotation for a new motor was received from D & J Diesel Company in the amount of \$10,600, described as a 671-T diesel motor. Call further substantiated the Fire Department's critical position on this matter by advertising that it is no longer possible to acquire parts for the motor in need of replacement. Sakaguchi concurred with Call's thinking in this regard and added that there is less maintenance on a diesel motor and, also, fuel is less costly. Sakaguchi noted that this emergency action could well be justified on the grounds that the safety of the public is at stake. Asked for comment, Assistant City Attorney Martin advised that State Statute provides for action of this nature if the governing body can justify that an emergency does, in fact, exist. It was moved by Councilman Sakaguchi, seconded by Wood, that the City Council go on record as declaring an emergency by passage of the following resolution and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign:

R E S O L U T I O N (Resolution No. 1978-24)

(Emergency purchase of motor for fire engine together with cost of installation of motor in first line fire engine.)

WHEREAS, it appears that a first line fire engine is now out of service due to engine failure and in order to maintain proper ready alert status, it is necessary to immediately purchase an engine therefor and have same installed; and

WHEREAS, it appears that an emergency exists due to the unavailability of such first line fire engine, and further, it appears that public interest and necessity demands the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health and property; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the sum of \$10,600.00 is necessary for the acquisition of an engine for the above-described first line unit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the sum of \$10,600.00 may be expended by the City in order to repair that first line fire engine now out of service due to engine failure.

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE Mayor this
20th day of November, 1978.

s/ Thomas Campbell
Mayor

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Sakaguchi; seconded by Wood, that the
quotation of D & J Diesel Company in the amount of \$10,600 be accepted for the motor as
described. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 5; No, none; carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Sakaguchi,
seconded by Wood, that the meeting adjourn at 5:20 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes
City Clerk

s/ Thomas Campbell
Mayor

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