

**AUGUST 2, 1977**

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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 Bonneville Hotel on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1977, at 12:00 noon for the purpose of considering certain personnel matters as well as any other business which might be appropriately presented. There were present at said meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen, Councilmen Jim Freeman, Mel Erickson, Ralph Wood, Gil Karst, Paul Hovey, and Tom Campbell. Also present: Velma Chandler, Deputy City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; Rod Gilchrist, City Planner; John Evans, City Controller; Jeannie Goodrich, City Librarian and all members of the Library Board.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Building Administrator Gilchrist appeared before the Council to relay certain information and/or directives received from the F.D.A.A. pertaining to settlement of claims having to do with the Teton Dam Flood. Gilchrist continued by saying that the F.D.A.A. dead-line for completion of flood projects is in December of 1977. However, claims can be filed with the Bureau of Reclamation through September of 1978. Gilchrist recommended, in the interests of time, that a lump sum claim be filed at this time with the Bureau of Reclamation. In answer to a question by Councilman Karst, Gilchrist said this would be in an amount between \$600,000 and \$700,000. Gilchrist explained that if such an amount were received in cash within the near predictable future, it could be properly invested to the City's advantage and that this would probably offset small claims which had been inadvertently overlooked or unknown at this time. In answer to a question by Councilman Karst as to whether or not the City would be within its rights to invest said funds when received, Gilchrist said that, in checking this matter with the F.D.A.A. office, they foresaw no problem. By general Council agreement Gilchrist was authorized to proceed as recommended, subject to Council review when all necessary forms are completed.

Noting the City Librarian and members of the Library Board present, the Mayor invited City Controller Evans to introduce a proposal from the Library Board having to do with computerized processing of certain library data including bookkeeping and record storage. Evans continued by saying that said proposal, involving the City, was one of several that had been considered. Councilman Karst registered an opinion to the effect that the services required by the library, having been informally discussed at an earlier date, would be easily applicable to the City's computer capabilities, due, primarily, to manpower problems. Councilman Hovey noted that outside funding was available, including surplus monies from the bond proceeds. Mr. Bill Rigby, Chairman of the Library Board appeared briefly to say that, even though the board would prefer that the City avail itself to its services, he understood the City's position on the matter. It was moved by Councilman Hovey, seconded by Karst, that authorization be granted to advertise for bids on a computerized circulatory system for the library. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

At the invitation of the Mayor, City Librarian Jeanne Goodrich presented a progress report on the new library, including the moving transition from the old to the new library which, Jeanne said, had been handled with creditable dispatch by Roche Moving & Storage. Jeanne then asked for advise from the Council on certain material and equipment within the old library not needed at the new library. It was generally agreed that the General Services Director, working with the City Librarian should prepare a complete inventory of material and equipment in this category and, working with other Division Heads, determine its proper disposition, including the possibility, in some instances of selling or donating same to nearby libraries. Asked by Hovey about the status of the agreement between the City and the Salvation Army for occupying the old library premises, City Attorney Smith said that, hopefully, it would be ready for Council consideration at the next regular meeting. It was then moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Karst, that the Mayor and City Council retire into executive session to discuss personnel matters and, more specifically, to consider

classification up-grade for certain Electric Division personnel. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

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After the executive session had been convened it was noted that the following were present: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Wood, Karst, Hovey, Campbell, Freeman, Erickson. Also present: Deputy City Clerk, Velma Chandler; City Attorney, Arthur Smith.

Councilman Wood introduced the subject of classification up-grade for certain electrical employees, explaining that, at the time negotiations were taking place between the City and I.B.E.W. said up-grade would be reviewed and considered at a later date. During the discussion that followed, Steve Harrison, Electrical Engineer and Lee Mundell, Personnel Director were invited into the meeting. The subject matter of this executive session, as heretofore indicated, was thoroughly discussed.

Finally, it was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Freeman, that this executive session adjourn at 1:40 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Velma Chandler  
Deputy City Clerk

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen  
Mayor

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