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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 February 1, 1977, at 12:00 noon for the purpose of presenting several matters requiring Council consideration. There were present at said meeting: Mayor S. Eddie Pedersen; Councilmen Ralph Wood, Gil Karst, Paul Hovey, Tom Campbell, Jim Freeman, and Mel Erickson. Also present: Roy C. Barnes, City Clerk; Arthur Smith, City Attorney; Joe Laird, City Engineer; Steve Harrison, Electrical Engineer; Don Lloyd, Public Works Director; Jeff Payne from the Electrical Division and Ed Turner from the Engineering Department.

In line with the City's long range plans and program for rehabilitation of all generating facilities, Councilman Wood drew attention to the need for a feasibility study at the Eagle Rock Power Plant. He said such a study would cost \$69,000. Asked for comment, Electrical Engineer Harrison said this was in excess of similar studies for the other two plants for the reason that, in this instance, aesthetics had to be taken into consideration. Wood then continued by saying that licenses from the Federal Power Commission and other regulatory agencies may be needed for the rehabilitation or re-construction of all three plants and that this procedure would take a year or longer. It was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Campbell, that IECO be instructed to proceed with the Eagle Rock Plant Power Production feasibility study and that authorization be granted, subject to the findings of the City Attorney as to need, to contract with IECO to prepare the application document for acquiring licenses for all three plants.

Attention is drawn to Page 497 in this book of minutes and, more specifically, a proposal by the Bonneville Humane Society to extend limited animal shelter services to the City of Rigby. Councilman Erickson reported that the Committee advised the Society that the City would entertain a request from the City of Rigby that such services be rendered until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1977, as outlined in the original proposal. Erickson continued by saying that the Committee's concern, among other things, was one of man power when said services were initiated inasmuch as the Society's primary obligation was to serve the City and Bonneville County and that these services must not be jeopardized because of this increased volume. In answer to a question by Councilman Hovey, as to how the City would be properly compensated for this additional work load, Councilman Karst registered a reminder that this arrangement was only temporary and that, if it continued beyond June 1<sup>st</sup>, provisions would be made under the new contract with the Society to see that the City was properly and justly compensated. Erickson concluded his remarks by saying that the Police Chief was investigating a radio communications facility so that the operators would be in a better position to serve the public. It was moved by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Karst, that a letter of intent from the City of Rigby would be honored and that such a letter, when received, be referred to the City Attorney for review and recommendation. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Councilman Karst reported that the time has come when the full Council should be apprised of the problems facing the City with regard to installation of interceptor sewers to properly serve the area, caused, primarily by two factors: First, the City is no longer the recipient of Government grants to subsidize such projects; second, because of normal growth and urban sprawl, the City is faced with major expenditures in this field within the near predictable future. At the invitation of Karst, City Engineer Laird displayed maps, prepared by the Engineering Department, showing existing trunk lines throughout the City, and also, certain study areas in need of attention such as the west side where the trunk line crossing the river is, at times, filled to capacity, the Iona-Bonneville District, the East River Road area, the East Interceptor-Hitt Road area and two others to be reviewed in detail at this meeting. First to be discussed was the Willow Creek Interceptor from Vine to Anderson Street. It was noted that a portion of this over-all interceptor was previously constructed as part of the Anderson-

Lewisville Project. Reasons given for high priority, continued Laird, was the fact that certain commercial business establishments such as

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Remo's Restaurant, Monte Wight Lincoln-Mercury, Chad's, Continental Baking and Gas-O-Mat are in dire need of sewer service. Also, continued Laird, there is an area proposed for annexation within the near predictable future lying north of Anderson Street between Idaho Steel Products and the Lewisville Highway. Estimated cost of this sewer project would be in the amount of \$157,500. Laird concluded his remarks on this project by saying that plans and specifications are virtually completed and all that is now needed is a railroad agreement covering the sewer crossing under the railroad tracks. It was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Campbell, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids on this project, as described, as soon as possible. Roll call as follows: Ayes, 6; No, none; carried.

Laird then introduced another needed trunk line sewer project which would extend along Woodruff Avenue from the Meppen Canal to Lincoln Road, thence west along Lincoln Road to Hollipark Drive, then northerly along Hollipark Drive to the Yellowstone Highway just northeast of the Idaho Canal, then northeasterly along the Highway to St. Leon Road. Laird explained that Phase I of this project would include the sewer line along Woodruff Avenue and Lincoln Road to Hollipark Drive at an estimated cost of \$200,000, where as Phases II and III would include the interceptor line along Hollipark Drive and the Yellowstone Highway at an estimated cost of \$195,000. Laird continued by saying that, in addition to said interceptor line, there would also be various other collector lines in the affected area at an estimated cost of \$170,000. Laird said it is proposed that the cost of these collector and interceptor lines, under all three phases would be borne, in part, by a County-crested sewer improvement district and that County and City funds would be involved as well as assessments by property owners. Laird pointed out that the immediate problem facing the Council is a request for annexation of the Hollipark Addition, a large trailer park and mobile home subdivision. He said there is no permanent way to provide sewer service to said area unless the Woodruff Avenue interceptor line is constructed. The developer has proposed a temporary solution by installation of a holding tank and by pumping the sewage into an existing 8" sewer on the west side of the Idaho Canal which would necessitate enlargement of the Grand Central sewer lift station. This temporary solution would be at the developer's expense. Laird continued by saying that another temporary alternate proposed by the developer would be the installation of a large septic tank and sewage drain field near the Intersection of Hollipark Drive and Lincoln Road which, reportedly, would be approved by the District Seven Health Department on a less-than-one-year temporary basis. Laird also noted another pending annexation lying just south of the Hollipark Addition; namely, the Grant Bowen Addition. Asked for comment, Public Works Director Lloyd warned that if no solution is reached from any of the foregoing proposals, the developer might elect to locate this trailer park expansion beyond the City's jurisdiction. Lloyd continued by saying that a meeting has been held with the County Commissioners on this problem and a rough draft of a cooperative agreement is being prepared. Said agreement would define the time schedule for construction of the Woodruff Avenue interceptor and also set forth the financial obligations of the County and the City. Councilman Hovey registered an opinion to the effect that the County has a real responsibility in this regard, inasmuch as the development along Yellowstone Highway and Woodruff has been permitted, thus creating the sewer problem that presently exist. Hovey continued by saying that he would oppose annexation of the Hollipark Addition unless or until final agreement can be reached between the City and County as heretofore discussed.

Hovey was particularly concerned about the developer's proposal to install a large septic tank and sewer drain field as a temporary solution. Hovey's concern met with general Council concurrence. No official Council action was considered appropriate at this time.

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There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Karst, seconded by Campbell, that the meeting adjourn at 1:30 P.M., carried.

ATTEST: s/ Roy C. Barnes  
City Clerk

s/ S. Eddie Pedersen  
Mayor

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