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The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 2018, in the Council Chambers in the City Annex Building located at 680 Park Avenue in Idaho Falls, Idaho at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

There were present:

Mayor Rebecca L. Noah Casper
Councilmember Thomas Hally
Councilmember Shelly Smede
Councilmember Michelle Ziel-Dingman
Councilmember Jim Freeman
Councilmember Jim Francis
Councilmember John Radford

Also present:

Randy Fife, City Attorney
Kathy Hampton, City Clerk
All available department directors

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Casper invited Braydon Beutler, Boy Scout Troop #244 and home-schooled student, to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Mayor Casper requested any public comment not related to items on the agenda or noticed for a public hearing. No one appeared.

Consent Agenda:

Office of the Mayor requested new appointment of Wendy Nobles – Board of Adjustment; Ron Johnson – Board of Adjustment; and, Krista Brower – Board of Adjustment.

Idaho Falls Power requested ratification of power transactions with Shell Energy, and approval of Non-disclosure Agreement with Tesla.

Municipal Services requested Quote Award, 18-013, Replacement Compact Track Loader for Parks and Recreation; Bid IF-18-L, Vehicle Replacement for Various Departments; and, Professional Services, On-Call Water Engineering Consultant Services.

The City Clerk requested approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2017; Expenditure Summary for the month of January, 2018; minutes from the February 5, 2018 Council Work Session and Executive Session, and February 8, 2018 Council Meeting; and, License Applications, all carrying the required approvals.

It was moved by Councilmember Radford, seconded by Councilmember Smede, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda according to the recommendations presented. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Dingman, Radford, Francis, Smede, Hally, Freeman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda:

Municipal Services

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Subject: Bid IF-18-L, Purchase of Vehicle for Airport (Addition to Fleet)

It is the recommendation of the Municipal Services Department and the Idaho Falls Regional Airport to piggyback the State of Idaho Contract with Smith Chevrolet to purchase one 2018 Chevrolet Traverse, LT, all-wheel drive (AWD) for a total of \$30,563.73. Funds to purchase this vehicle are from operational savings within the 2017/18 Airport administration enterprise budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Radford, seconded by Councilmember Smede, to authorize the purchase of one 2018 Chevrolet Traverse, LT, AWD for a total of \$30,563.73. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Radford, Freeman, Smede, Francis, Dingman, Hally. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Subject: Agency Agreement, Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership Agreement, Project Help Funds

Municipal Services respectfully requests City Council authorize the approval of the agency agreement between the City of Idaho Falls and Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) for the administration of Project Help funds. Project Help is a program that provides monetary assistance with payment of electric utility bills for income qualified individuals in the State of Idaho.

Councilmember Radford stated EICAP provides a number of non-governmental services to citizens. He expressed his appreciation to all similar non-governmental agencies. Municipal Services Director Pamela Alexander stated this particular assistance is primarily utilized during the winter months. She also stated EICAP is a third-party agency which distributes funds from the generous City residents. Councilmember Dingman expressed her appreciation for the application process.

It was moved by Councilmember Radford, seconded by Councilmember Francis, to approve the agency agreement with Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership (EICAP) for the administration of Project Help funds, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Smede, Hally, Radford, Dingman, Freeman, Francis. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Community Development Services

Subject: Final Plat and Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards, Spring Creek Addition, Division No. 3, 1st Amended

For consideration is the application for Final Plat and Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards, Spring Creek Addition, Division No. 3, 1st Amended. The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this application at its January 9, 2018 meeting and recommended approval by unanimous vote. Staff concurs with this recommendation.

Councilmember Smede stated the developer is dividing the property into two (2) lots to allow for a smaller business. She believes this fits well in the Comprehensive Plan and noted there are no additional ingress/egress onto Woodruff Avenue.

It was moved by Councilmember Smede, seconded by Councilmember Dingman, to approve the Final Plat for Spring Creek Addition, Division No. 3, 1st Amended and authorize the Mayor, City Engineer, and City Clerk to sign said Final Plat. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Dingman, Smede, Francis, Freeman, Hally, Radford. Nay – none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Smede, seconded by Councilmember Dingman, to approve the Reasoned Statement of Relevant Criteria and Standards for the Final Plat for Spring Creek Addition, Division No. 3, 1st Amended, and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Francis, Dingman, Freeman, Hally, Radford, Smede. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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Public Works

Subject: Idaho Transportation Department State/Local Cooperative Agreement for Curb Ramp Replacements

For consideration is a State/Local Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department and accompanying Resolution with respect to curb ramp improvements on State routes within the City. This agreement stipulates that construction and design work will be completed by the City and the State will contribute \$30,000.00 towards these improvements.

Councilmember Freeman stated this includes five (5) curb cuts within three (3) intersections to allow ADA accessibility. The intersections include Yellowstone Avenue and Constitution Way, Broadway and Skyline Drive, and, Broadway and Constellation Drive.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Radford, to adopt the Resolution and approve the agreement for curb ramp replacements, and, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Smede, Hally, Dingman, Radford, Freeman, Francis. Nay – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

WHEREAS, THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, HEREAFTER CALLED THE STATE, HAS SUBMITTED AN AGREEMENT STATING OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE AND THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS HEREAFTER CALLED THE CITY, FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS ON US-20.

Subject: Easement Vacation - Idaho Falls School District 91

As earlier authorized, the City Attorney has prepared the documents to vacate a utility easement on Lot 17 Block 7 of the First Amended Plat of Divisions No. 4 and 6, Skyline Terrace, owned by Idaho Falls School District 91.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Radford, to approve the Ordinance vacating the utility easement on Lot 17 Block 7 of the First Amended Plat of Divisions No. 4 and 6, Skyline Terrace, under the suspension of the rules requiring three complete and separate readings and that it be read by title and published by summary. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Hally, Francis, Radford, Dingman, Smede, Freeman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At the request of Mayor Casper, the City Clerk read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 3158

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF AN EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT TITLE TO SAID VACATED EASEMENT SHALL VEST AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Subject: Right of Way Vacation Request - Briggs Street

Sierra Properties LLC, the owner of Lots 1-18 and Lots 29-46, Block 8 of the Mayflower Addition, has requested the vacation of Briggs Street Right of Way to accommodate a proposed building remodel to their existing facility.

Councilmember Freeman stated this area currently serves as a parking lot.

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It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Radford, to authorize the City Attorney to prepare documents needed to accomplish the vacation. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Freeman, Radford, Smede, Francis, Dingman, Hally. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Idaho Falls Power

Subject: Permission to Contract with 3H Construction for Access Road to Future Paine Substation

In accordance with Idaho Code 67-2805, Idaho Falls Power solicited quotes for construction of road access. Three contractors submitted quotes. 3H Construction's quote for \$70,881.50 was the low quote. Idaho Falls Power budgeted \$124,000 in the FY17/18 budget for the work.

Councilmember Hally stated Paine Substation, located in the northwest area of the City, is needed to meet and generate additional power based on growth. He indicated Idaho Falls Power owns the land and currently has the right-of-way but needs a secure gravel access road.

It was moved by Councilmember Hally, seconded by Councilmember Radford, to authorize a contract with 3H Construction in the amount of \$70,881.50 for construction of road access. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Hally, Radford, Francis, Dingman, Smede, Freeman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Subject: Resolution in Support of the Operation of Columbia Generating Station, a Carbon-Free Source of Affordable Electricity

As a customer of Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Falls has access to carbon free energy including output from Columbia Generating Station (CGS), a nuclear power plant operated by Energy Northwest in the State of Washington. CGS provides approximately 7.24% of the power resources for Idaho Falls. Following extensive safety and environmental technical reviews and onsite inspections, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has found that CGS can continue its safe and reliable operation through 2043. Given the growing trend of premature closing of nuclear facilities, it is important that customers like Idaho Falls Power reinforce their commitment to clean, reliable, affordable electricity sources like CGS.

Councilmember Radford stated approximately 95% of Idaho Falls Power's power portfolio is based on carbon-free resources. At the request of Mayor Casper, Councilmember Radford read the Enacting Clause as follows: Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Energy Northwest should take all possible steps to ensure the continued safe and reliable contribution of Columbia Generating Station, through its lifecycle, to the northwest clean energy mix, as approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It was moved by Councilmember Radford, seconded by Councilmember Dingman, to approve the Resolution supporting continued operation of Columbia Generating Station, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Francis, Dingman, Freeman, Hally, Radford, Smede. Nay – none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION OF COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION, A CARBON-FREE SOURCE OF AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE AND INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Hally, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. which motion passed following a unanimous vote.

s/ Kathy Hampton
CITY CLERK

s/ Rebecca L. Noah Casper
MAYOR