

**February 14, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Idaho Falls met in Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, February 14, 2019, 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:

All available department directors  
Michael Kirkham, Assistant City Attorney  
Kathy Hampton, City Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Casper requested Chris Canfield, Assistant Public Works Director, to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Casper requested any public comment not related to items currently listed on the agenda or not related to a pending matter. No one appeared.

**Consent Agenda:**

Municipal Services requested approval of Bid IF-19-15, Electrical Conductor for Idaho Falls Power; and, Bid IF-19-H, Replacement Street Sweeper for Public Works.

Public Works requested approval of Bid Award – 9th Street Bridge Over Moody Canal.

The City Clerk requested approval of minutes from the January 28, 2019 Council Work Session; and January 31, 2019 Special 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 Freeman, Francis, Hally, Radford, Smede, Dingman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

**Regular Agenda:**

**Municipal Services**

**Subject: Municipal Services City Investment Policy**

During the Monday, December 17, 2018, City Council Work Session, the Municipal Services Department presented a draft City investment policy. Based on feedback received from the Council during the December 17 presentation and from the Investment and Finance Committee members, the attached policy has been finalized to

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establish best practices for managing the City's investment portfolio. It is being presented tonight for City Council approval.

Councilmember Radford stated this policy will ensure taxpayer funds are used in the most beneficial way. Councilmember Hally believes this policy will allow the City to reconcile fund balances almost instantly. Councilmember Francis requested the addition 'of Council' for clarity on Page 7, Section 10 – Adoption. Councilmember Radford expressed appreciation for Municipal Services Director Pamela Alexander for her leadership on this policy. Investment Policy Committee members were recognized: Councilmember Hally, Director Alexander, Idaho Falls Power General Manager Bear Prairie, and Public Works Director Chris Fredericksen. Councilmembers Francis and Radford stated this policy has been discussed over the course of time.

It was moved by Councilmember Radford, seconded by Councilmember Smede, to approve the City Investment Policy with the changes mentioned by Councilmember Francis. Mayor Casper clarified insertion of the phrase 'of Council' at the end of the paragraph in Section X. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Dingman, Radford, Francis, Smede, Hally, Freeman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

### **Public Works**

#### **Subject: Broadway Streetscape Improvements Construction Project Agreement with the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency**

For consideration is a construction agreement with the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency (IFRdA) for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements Project. The project involves upgrading the sidewalks, landscaping, and irrigation along Broadway between Yellowstone Avenue and Memorial Drive. This agreement formalizes a \$525,000.00 financial commitment toward the project by the IFRdA and stipulates that the City will provide design engineering and construction administration of the project, to be reimbursed by the IFRdA. This agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Freeman stated there have been multiple changes in the downtown area although Broadway has been controlled by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Councilmember Hally stated the downtown area was added to the IFRdA District in 2005/2006. He stated the estimation of funds for this project will be generated from the closure of the District. He, as well as members of the IFRdA Council, believes Broadway is a main entrance to the City and has been neglected for a long period of time. He also believes these improvements will add value to the core of downtown. Councilmember Francis stated the Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation recognizes this is a key piece to unify the downtown area. Mayor Casper stated typically a City's downtown area yields more property tax per square foot so this is a good investment for development. She also stated Idaho Falls is very fortunate to have a viable downtown. Councilmember Freeman believes the downtown improvements are unprecedented.

It was moved by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Francis, to approve the Construction Agreement with the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements Project and give authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Roll call as follows: Aye – Councilmembers Radford, Freeman, Smede, Francis, Dingman, Hally. Nay – none. Motion carried.

### **Announcements and Adjournment:**

Mayor Casper stated City offices will be closed on February 18 for Presidents' Day. She also stated Engineers Week will be held February 17-23, she briefly reviewed several activities related to this event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

s/ Kathy Hampton  
CITY CLERK

s/ Rebecca L. Noah Casper  
MAYOR