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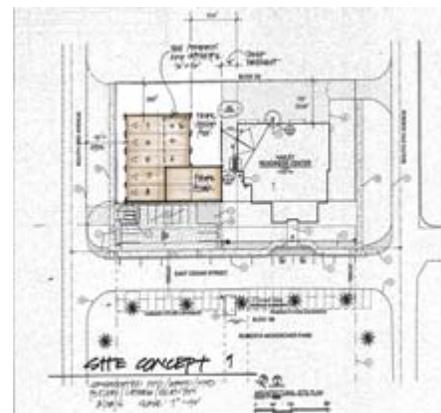
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City Leases Idaho National Guard Armory for Police Use

(Hailey, Idaho) The City of Hailey has accepted an opportunity to enter into a 5-year lease of the Idaho Army National Guard Armory building for the cost of \$3,700 per year plus utilities. The building is a secure ground-floor facility. It will serve as ideal quarters for our police department.

The Hailey Police Department will occupy the facility with few modifications. A conditional use permit is required in the GR zoning district for public service facilities. Hailey will engage the neighborhood and the public in the conditional use permit process. A public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit is scheduled for October 24, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Hailey City Hall.

The front offices of the Armory are smaller than HPD's existing administrative offices in city hall. Office space can be supplemented by adding movable partitions to one of the training rooms for patrol officer work stations. There exists a secure area for evidence storage and interrogation. The facility provides for safe transport of arrested individuals through an area separate from the public entrance. An electronic gate is planned for the west fence to allow police cars to enter that area. The gymnasium can be used as an interagency training center, a meeting room or other assembly space. Policies for community use will be developed.



The primary benefits of the Armory lease are increased public safety and safety of city staff. Our second-floor police station, within the Fox/Brown building, creates risk for police officers who bring suspects upstairs for questioning, the public at large and the other city staff who work within the building. Secondary benefits include increased parking at Hailey City Hall and potential long



term cost avoidance. Hailey's capital improvement plan estimates the need for a new police station at \$2 million. Hailey has \$60,000 for facility design of a new police station. This budgeted amount will be used for installation of a sign, gate, security cameras and any minor modifications required for this change of occupancy.

The grounds are of sufficient size for the site to be used to house both a police department and fire departments through the addition of a separate building for fire engine bays, additional administrative space, and sleeping quarters for fire personnel. This longer-term solution would retain the current gymnasium as a training room and assembly space, and allow for constructed bays designed specifically for all equipment, including fire apparatus, fire service vehicles and police cars. Conversations with Wood River Fire Protection district could continue, with the goal of determining if consolidated fire departments are a shared goal and then designing space on the site to accommodate consolidated fire and police department facilities.

Before these uses can be pursued, a long-term occupancy period would need to be established, and plans and costs considered. Although there are many benefits to the fire station use, its consideration is premature at this time.

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