AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston and Linda Leeuwrik. Council member Beena Mannan was excused. Also present were Ruth Newsom, City Clerk and Lisa Smith, Community Development Block Grant Administrator. Mark Dahlquist, Neighborworks Pocatello, Executive Director; and Heather Pimentel, Home Ownership Center Manager; were present to facilitate the tour.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Council left City Hall by bus to tour areas of Pocatello where the City and its affordable housing partners have been working to remove blight and create affordable housing for the area’s low to moderate income residents. Ms. Smith explained the City of Pocatello Lead Safe and Healthy Homes project.

Mr. Dahlquist explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding is used in acquiring properties, including demolishing blighting and substandard homes to make suitable places to build new homes.

Along the route, Mr. Dahlquist and Ms. Pimentel explained their agency’s work in providing affordable stable housing, pointing out current and past projects. General discussion about the program and individual projects among those present on the bus took place along the route.

The homes/properties scheduled for the tour are listed below. Because of time constraints, not all properties listed were viewed and Council was invited to view the properties on their own.

117, 161 and 171 Wilson
540 East Poplar
659 Wayne
747 Washington (corner of East Cedar Street and Washington Street on Cedar Street side)
770 and 776 Grace Drive
761 and 767 Richland
323 Richland
143 Hawthorne Avenue
149 and 141 Rosewood
934 North Grant
454 North Garfield
124 South Johnson
500 block of South Johnson
406 South 6th Avenue
344 South 10th Avenue
Caldwell Park (corner of 7th and Lewis) NeighborWorks Pavillion
127 North 8th Avenue
Bonneville School (320 North 8th Avenue)
822 North 8th Avenue

The bus returned to City Hall and the Special Council meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.