



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 2, 2021, 5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Suzanne Hawkins, Vice Mayor Ruth Pierce, Council Member Shawn Barigar, Craig Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Breanna Howard, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Assistant Finance Director Brent Hyatt, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Captain Matt Hicks, Lt. Terry Theuson, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Shop Supervisor Norman Hatke, Water Superintendent Rob Bohling, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Streets Operator Jarrod Bordi, P&Z Administrative Assistant Kelli Ebersole, City Planner Ian Zollinger, City Engineer Josh Baird, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Recruitment Coordinator Kristen Kohntopp, Wellness & Safety Coordinator Katy Touchette, Recruitment Coordinator Cailin Gibson, HR Director Gretchen Scott, Desktop Support Analyst Kim Hafer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hawkins invited all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 22-28, 2021.
- b) Request to approve July 26, 2021, City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for the VistaRim Townhomes, ZDA Final Plat.
- d) Request to approve the "Twin Falls Old Town Criterium."

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) A presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the third quarter of the fiscal year 2020-2021. This presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater, and Sanitation.

CFO Howard made a presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the third quarter of the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Asked for clarification on the cable franchise fees.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke about the franchise fees.

Mayor Hawkins: Talked about the state looking into the franchise fees.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about pressurized irrigation.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about the 4th quarter of 2020.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke on the overage amount. What is the breakdown of the pressurized and metered water?

Mayor Hawkins thanked **CFO Howard** for her presentation.

- b) Request to increase compensation plan for the Mayor and City Council by Ordinance.
City Attorney Nope requested an increased compensation plan for the mayor and City Council by Ordinance.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of the increase of 15%.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Spoke on the increases over the years.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke on the increase and the amount of time they put in.

Council Member Reid: Spoke about fair compensation. In favor of an 8% increase.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of the 10 or 15% increase.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about a split increase.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the 10% and the amount of time since any increases. In favor of the 10-15% increase.

Vice Mayor Pierce: The increase over the last 14 years is about 41%.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke in favor of the 10%

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to increase compensation for the Mayor and City Council with a 7.5% increase in 2022 and a 7.5% increase in 2023.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke against this motion.

Motion: Council Member Barigar moved to amend the motion to be 10% for 2022. The roll call vote showed all members present voted on the amended motion. Approved 5 to 2.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the request for an increased compensation plan for the Mayor and City Council by ten percent (10%) effective 2022. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted on the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting made a motion to suspend the rules and place *Ordinance 2021-014* on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted on the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

Mayor Hawkins: Read *Ordinance 2021-014* by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve *Ordinance 2021-014*, a request for a 10% compensation increase for the Mayor and City Council for 2022. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 1.

- c) A request to consider entering a memorandum of understanding with Twin Falls County regarding building department permitting.
City Manager Rothweiler requested consideration of entering a memorandum of understanding with Twin Falls County regarding building department permitting.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Asked if this was just for the building fees and not any others.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked if this has changed from the posted version.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to enter a memorandum of understanding with Twin Falls County regarding the building department permitting. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2022 followed by citizen input.
City Manager Rothweiler made a presentation of the recommended budget for FY 2022.

Streets Superintendent Thomson presented the Street Department requests.
Shop Supervisor Hatke presented the Shop Department requests.
Water Superintendent Bohling presented the Water Department requests.
City Engineer Baird presented the Wastewater Treatment plant requests.
Public Works Director Caton presented the Wastewater Department request.
P&Z Administrative Assistant Ebersole presented P&Z fee information.
City Manager Rothweiler requested guidance on Category B Capital Requests.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Barigar: Asked if we have infrared cameras in place at this time?

Mayor Hawkins: Talked about the signals on Kimberly Road.

Council Member Reid: How many vehicles/equipment are you responsible for keeping running?

Mayor Hawkins: Asked about increased personnel.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the mainline replacements and the plans.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the equipment at the plant and its replacement.

Council Member Lanting: Do you do something to get rid of the roots?

Council Member Barigar: Asked about the printouts.

Council Member Reid: Asked if the building community has seen the proposed figures.

Council Member Barigar asked for more information on the OpenGov Permitting Software. Blue Lakes Corridor Study vs. the Master Transportation Planning and what is different.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked about the streaming issues that we have had over the past year. Asked about the City Park bathrooms.

Citizen comment: None.

Mayor Hawkins thanked the staff for their presentations.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Pierce spoke about "National Night Out" in City Park on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 5-8 p.m.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:35 PM



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant

For a full account of this meeting please visit tfd.org for the recording of this meeting