



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 26, 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, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, 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

Council Member Lanting: requested that item 4-g be voted on separately.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented minus item 4-g.

Vice Mayor Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0

Sergeant Howe spoke on consent item 4-g.

Council Member Barigar: Asked for clarification of the sound competition that is being proposed.

Also asked about the COVID protocols for the events.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained the COVID protocols.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar item 4-g with the addition of the sound competition. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0

- a) Request to approve April 19, 2021, City Council Minutes.
- b) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for April 15-21, 2021.
- c) Request to approve an airport lease agreement renewal with SkyWest Airlines.
- d) Request to approve an airport ground lease with Spur Aviation Services, LC.
- e) Request to approve an airport ground lease with OGG, LLC.
- f) Request to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:
 - Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment - Concept Investors LLC
 - Platted Easement Vacation - Bach Homes
 - Platted Easement Vacation - Fieldwood Subdivision
- g) Request to approve the Annual Western Days and Western Days Parade special event application.
- h) Request to approve the 10th Annual Kermes event.
- i) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a tree donation from Nick Robbins to be placed at Benno's Point Park

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Requesting approval for City staff to seek proposals to purchase new radios for public safety and critical dispatch equipment with CARES funding at an estimated cost of \$445,000.

City Manager Rothweiler requested approval for City staff to seek proposals to purchase new radios for public safety and critical dispatch equipment with CARES funding at an estimated cost of \$445,000.00.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Are we going to be using the same group that replaced the CAD/RMS system to advise us on the new radios?

Council Member Lanting: Are these CARES funds from stimulus bill one, two, or three?

Council Member Boyd: Spoke in favor of this request.

Council Member Hawkins: Does this include all the radios in the City? Will the new radios be compatible with the old radios?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for City staff to seek proposals to purchase new radios for public safety and critical dispatch equipment with CARES funding at an estimated cost of \$445,000.00. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- b) Requesting the City Council to allocate funding for Category B expenditures as described in the City of Twin Falls' Adopted Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

City Manager Rothweiler requested the City Council allocate funding for Category B expenditures as described in the City of Twin Falls' Adopted Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification of the Phase 2 cost for the Pickle Ball Courts.

Council Member Barigar: Spoke in favor of moving forward with this request.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for additional clarification.

Council Member Reid: Spoke about his concern to move forward with this amount of funds.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about possible amendments to the budget.

Council Member Barigar: Explained that the Floral project was part of the capital funds rather than Category B expenditures.

Public Works Director Caton: Explained the Hankins Road project and how it may impact the Floral project.

Council Member Lanting: Talked about his concerns about putting millings on Floral Ave.

Council Member Reid: Asked for specifics on Category B as presented.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the Holiday Lights and asked if this is a one-time purchase.

Council Member Barigar: Explained that this list was vetted along with the budget last year and this request covers many projects.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of this motion.

Council Member Reid: Spoke about partnering with others for the holiday lights and the current times.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained our funding going forward.

Mayor Hawkins: Spoke about partnerships and that it may not be the year to ask for that.

MOTION: Council Member Barigar moved to approve the request to allocate funding for Category B expenditures as described in the City of Twin Falls' Adopted Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Vice Mayor Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 1.

- c) Requesting to utilize unbudgeted airport reserve funds to expand utility services in the airport's northeast development area.
Airport Manager Carberry requested to utilize unbudgeted airport reserve funds to expand utility services in the airport's northeast development area.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Barigar: Spoke in favor of using these funds for this type of project.

MOTION: **Council Member Boyd** moved to approve the request to utilize unbudgeted airport reserve funds to expand utility services in the airport's northeast development area for \$328,092.00 from airport reserve funds. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- d) Seeking City Council priorities on the development of the FY 2021-2022 budget.
City Manager Rothweiler sought City Council priorities on the development of the FY 2021- 2022 budget.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Boyd: When the report was giving on the sidewalks, is that complete?

Council Member Lanting: Asked for clarification on the water bond.

Council Member Barigar: Commented on the presentation.

Mayor Hawkins: Commented on the growth and the consequences related to that growth, **Council Member Barigar:** Commented on the Statutory 3% property tax revenue and where that allocation goes.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked for some messaging to educate the citizens on what the foregone balance is.

Council Member Lanting: Commented on the foregone balance not being taken by the City of Twin Falls.

Council Member Boyd: Talked about the complexity of the taxes. In favor of the messaging process.

Mayor Hawkins: Thanked Mr. Rothweiler for the presentation.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

A representative for New Journey Church spoke about the special event permit cost for the amplified sound. Requested a review of Title 3, Chapter 6, and waive the requirement for a permit for the amplified sound. Was determined that this item will be added to a future agenda for consideration.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Lanting: reported on the ITD Board tour for potential third bridge sites.

Mayor Hawkins: May 11, 2021, Back the Blue Event at the Twin Falls City Park, and Saturday, May 15, 2021, Youth Council Suicide Awareness Color Run.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:18 PM



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant

