



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 5, 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 (by Phone for a part), Craig Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, CFO Breanna Howard, HR Director Gretchen Scott, P&R Director Wendy Davis, 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 Boyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for March 25-31, 2021.
- b) Request to approve March 29, 2021, City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to approve an Alcohol License for Sliver's (Pressbox Property & Equipment Co. LLC) at 1749 Kimberly Rd.
- d) Request approval of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: South Estates No. 3 Subdivision Final Plat, Federation Point Annexation with a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment.
- e) Request to accept property.
- f) A request to acquire property for a portion of the Canyon Rim Trail.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to appoint members of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Hawkins requested to appoint members of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Twenty-five applications were received, and 10 applicants were interviewed.

Appointees:

- Michael Metcalf - first full, three-year term
- Ashley Squires - first full, three-year term
- Heather Muth - first full, three-year term
- Jade Titus - partial, one year term
- Kevin Jensen - partial, two-year term

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Reported on the process and outcome.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the appointment of members of the Parks & Recreation Commission. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- b) Request to adopt a Resolution declaring a 1989 ladder truck surplus and authorizing the

donation of the ladder truck to the Filer Fire Department.

Battalion Chief Aguirre requested to adopt a Resolution declaring a 1989 ladder truck surplus and authorizing the donation of the ladder truck to the Filer Rural Fire District.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of this resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve *Resolution #2021-007* declaring a 1989 ladder truck surplus and authorizing the donation of the ladder truck to the Filer Rural Fire District. **Vice Mayor Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- c) 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.

50,194 City of Twin Falls residents according to the July 2019 US Census with an estimated daytime population up to 100,000.00.

The **unemployment rate** is 3.9%.

The **tax rate** for FY 2020 was \$7.13/1000 and for FY 2021 will be \$6.83/1000.

The median home value in Twin Falls:

February 2021-\$258,776 - Now \$279,500 February 2020-\$221,703

February 2019-\$202,000 Projected to increase 8.1% in 2021.

Single-Family Permits:

First six months of FY 2021 - 306 - Project to issue 650-800 permits by the end of the year.

First six months of FY 2020 - 238

First six months of FY 2019 - 125

Commercial Permits in this period - 30 compared to 16 for the same period in 2020.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Explained our Fiscal Year starts October 1st of each year.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked if there are enough lots available to cover our projections.

Council Member Lanting: Talked about the type of housing that is currently being built.

Council Member Boyd: Explained the 4-plex process compared to a single-family home.

Council Member Boyd: Asked about the categories that we have.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about the money for property tax relief from the stimulus funds.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained the budget schedule going forward.

Mayor Hawkins: Thanked Mr. Rothweiler for his presentation.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Boyd commented on the Airport Board meeting, April 6, 2021. May 12, 2021, is the opening day for the Twin Falls to Denver Flight which will leave at 2:15 and arrives in Denver at 4:15.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT:

~~(Pulled)-Adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.~~

The meeting adjourned at 06:18 PM



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant

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