



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, February 8, 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, Greg Lanting & Christopher Reid.

Absent: Council Members Craig Hawkins & Nikki Boyd

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Police Chief Kingsbury, Sergeant Ryan Howe, Street Superintendent Mark Thomson, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, Staff Engineer Erin Steel, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Public Information Officer Josh Palmer, Accounting Specialist Janie Higgins, Help Desk Technician 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

Council Member Lanting asked for a moment of silence for the lost National Guard Airmen that went down last week.

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 Reid 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. 5 to 0

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 28 thru February 3, 2021.
- b) Request to approve the Monday, February 1, 2021, City Council Minutes
- c) Request to approve the Final Plat for Pheasant Meadows Subdivision Phase 3.
- d) Request to approve a Trust Agreement for Fieldwood Subdivision No. 2, placing all lots in trust.
- e) Request to change the street name of El Suento Street to El Sueño Street, as platted in El Milagro Subdivision.
- f) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing South Estates No. 3.
- g) Request to change the street name of Cheney Drive to Cheney Drive East, between Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and Eastland Dr. N.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to approve to purchase a 2022 Kenworth T470 Chassis utilizing Henderson plow components for \$172,935.00 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell.

Streets Superintendent Thomson requested to approve to purchase a 2022 Kenworth T470 Chassis utilizing Henderson plow components for \$172,935.00 using of a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Pierce moved to approve the request to purchase a 2022 Kenworth T470 Chassis utilizing Henderson plow components for \$172,935.00 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell. **Council Member Barigar** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present

voted in favor of the motion. 5 to 0.

b) Sidewalk Master Plan Presentation

Staff Engineer Steel made a presentation of the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Thanked Mr. Steel for his presentation and asked if the prioritization dollar amounts could be listed on the map.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained the plan moving forward.

Mayor Hawkins thanked the presenter.

c) Sidewalk Grant Presentation & Update.

Public Works Director Caton gave a Sidewalk Grant Presentation & Update.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about Elm Street.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked if there was a minimum.

Council Member Lanting: Asked about the President Street Curbs. What is the process for the program? What if they do not have a sidewalk at all?

Council Member Barigar: Thanked Mr. Caton for the presentation. Encouraged ramping up communication about the program to the City. Is there a marketing program in the works?

Council Member Reid: Places that have missing sections, is there a way to partner with the landowners to complete these areas?

Vice Mayor Pierce: If more than one property owner involved, have they gone in together on a project?

Mayor Hawkins: Local Improvement District, could this be where this is moving to?

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained the many tools that are available for these types of projects.

d) Proposed amendments to the City's special event permit process.

Deputy City Manager Humble proposed amendments to the City's special event permit process.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Barigar: Asked about the time limits.

Police Chief Kingsbury: Explained the time limits.

Council Member Reid: Asked about setup and take downtimes.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Asked about a participation number as one of the triggers.

Police Chief Kingsbury: Explained a few options.

Council Member Barigar: Talked about this process not being simple and asked what other cities are doing in this instance?

Account Specialist Higgins: Explained that amplified sound is a trigger in other Cities.

Council Member Reid: Address the amplified noise issue.

Council Member Barigar: Asked which events the traffic control is tied to.

Vice Mayor Pierce: When other communities come in for large events, is that volunteer time?

Council Member Reid: Who determines how much city staff would be needed for an event?

Mayor Hawkins: How do we confirm that they have enough staff if they are hiring their security staff? Do we monitor this?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Is it appropriate for the City to be funding this amount for Special Events?

Vice Mayor Pierce: The amounts for Parks & Recreation must be a very large number.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about the electricity that may be used. Talked about the citizen's expectations for Special Events.

Council Member Reid: Would there be a way to go one level deeper on the costs and specific areas that cost more?

Mayor Hawkins: Have we looked at how other cities are charging for these types of events?

Account Specialist Higgins: Provided a breakdown of cost by event:

- 4th of July Fireworks \$9,100. to \$9,200.
- Christmas in the Night-time Sky \$5,900.
- Christmas Lights parade \$4,300.
- Graduation Parades \$780. to \$1,172.
- Homecoming Parade \$2,900.
- Shoshone Falls Laser Lights \$3,600.
- Twin Falls Old Town Criterium \$2,800.
- Western Days Parade \$16,519.
- St Patrick's Day parade \$4,100.

Mayor Hawkins: Asked if it would be best to invest our own money to cover the expense of traffic control.

Council Member Barigar: Talked about the traffic control process.

Mayor Hawkins: What equipment would be needed?

Streets Superintendent Thomson: Explained the equipment that would be needed to do this.

Mayor Hawkins: What are we using the barricades that we purchased for?

Council Member Reid: Does the cost of flaggers cut our costs at all and increase the event's costs?

Council Member Barigar: The need for Police involvement in traffic control would not completely go away. Talked about the expectations of the citizens. Possibly phasing in the costs over a few years. Would like to see an adjustment to the application fees.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Explained that the City is a sponsor of at least two of the major events and will most likely continue that in the future.

Vice Mayor Pierce: Is in favor of the sliding scale for the application fee.

Mayor Hawkins: Are there additional costs for the City Band?

Council Member Barigar: Should consider the strategic plan when discussing this. Would like to see a happy medium to allow for growth. Would like to see a focus group to discuss this topic.

Mayor Hawkins: City Staff are paid to do a job and some of this is just a part of the job.

Council Member Reid: Would like to see what the changes are using the correct standards. Does not want to hurt the event's purpose by sticking more fees to them. Would like to pursue communication with the event sponsors.

Mayor Hawkins: Would like to see a larger event application fee sooner rather than later.

Council Member Barigar: Would like to see an addition to the scale fee possibly using new and existing events.

Account Specialist Higgins: Asked about adding a permit fee to the application fee that we are currently charging.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy City Manager Humble explained that the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:12 PM



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant