



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2019, 5:00 PM

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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Talkington.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shane Nope, Senior Streets Supervisor Mark Thomson, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Police Chief Kingsbury, Fire Chief Kenworthy, Human Resource Director Gretchen Scott, Network Administrator Mike Plane, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:03 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Cindy Wolf from Filer spoke about the importance of a Smoke Free Idaho.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the January 2, 2019, City Council Minutes.
- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the January 7, 2019 City Council Minutes
- c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 3, 2019 thru January 9, 2019.
- d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Women's March 2019.
- e) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve a Trust Agreement for Kaitlyn Court Subdivision, placing Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Block 1 in trust.
- f) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing Kaitlyn Court Subdivision.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to expand the Sidewalk Grant Program to include Commercial Properties and increase the incentive for Residential Properties.

Senior Streets Supervisor Thomson made a request to expand the Sidewalk Grant Program to include Commercial Properties and increase the incentive for Residential Properties.

Grant proceeds given out:

2017 - \$ 7,218.00

2018 - \$11,575.00

Proposed changes:

Sidewalk install/replace:

Residential: 75% match up to \$3,000.00

Commercial: 50% match up to \$3,000.00

Right of way tree removal:

Residential: 75% match up to \$1,000.00 Commercial:

50% match up to \$1,000.00

Sidewalk Repairs:

Residential: 75% match up to \$1,500.00

Commercial: 50% match up to \$1,500.00

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Boyd: Asked for explanation of a "cosmetic upgrade" compared to the "deteriorating" replacement. Who makes the judgement call?

Mayor Barigar: \$50,000.00 is what is budgeted. Asked how the money would be used should it go back in to the sidewalk fund rather than staying in the grant program.

Council Member Pierce: Spoke in favor of the program changes.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Asked about the need of a permit to remove trees.

Public Input:

James Barrett: Spoke in favor of expanding the Sidewalk Grant Program but against expanding to include businesses.

Norene Price: Spoke in favor of the Sidewalk Grant Program.

Mayor Barigar: Would this program include money for those who do not have any sidewalks at this time?

Public Works Director Jon Caton: Explained the features of the program at this time and for the future.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke regarding the "no sidewalks" and the deferral programs.

Jon Caton: Spoke about the deferral program.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke about the deferrals. Could any funds that are left over from the grant program be used to build sidewalks where there are none?

Mayor Barigar: Explained that it is the property owner's responsibility to install & maintain their sidewalks.

Council Member Lanting: Would like to earmark \$35,000 for residential and the remaining for commercial.

Council Member Hawkins: Asked if the owners of the property must apply for the grant money and not a renter.

City Attorney Nope: Explained why it is the property owner's responsibility.

Council Member Reid: Ultimate goal is to have an accessible City. Spoke in favor of using the \$3,000 max to see how many citizens take advantage of the program.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Spoke in favor of the program as presented and then see how it goes.

Citizen Barrett: Spoke about citizens not knowing that they are responsible for putting in their sidewalks.

Council Member Hawkins: Asked the Street dept. if they could come back with quarterly updates on how the program is going.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the request to expand the Sidewalk Grant Program to include Commercial Properties and increase the incentive for Residential Properties. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rothweiler reminded every one of the upcoming Smoke Free Idaho public meetings:

January 16, 2019 from 4-7 pm at the City Hall Overflow room.

February 7, 2019 from 4-7 pm at the Twin Falls Library

Monday the City Offices will be closed. Tuesday's meeting will be cancelled. Next meeting will be held on the January 28, 2019 at 5 pm.

We will take a 15 minute recess. Meeting resumed at 6 pm

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to designate portions of Washington St. N and Washington St./6th Ave. Was an approved route for truck vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds.

City Engineer Fields presented a request to designate portions of Washington St. N and Washington St./6th Ave. W. as an approved route for truck vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of this truck route designation.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of this truck route. Spoke about the crossing of pedestrians to the park.

Public discussion ensued:

Citizen Fran Florence: Asked if the "2nds" are designated for 129,000 lbs.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to advise City Engineer Fields to bring back a resolution reflecting their desire to designate Washington St. N and Washington St./6th Ave. W. as an approved route for truck vehicle combinations up to 129,000 pounds. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:14 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Finance