



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 15, 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 Member Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Police Chief Kingsbury, Fire Chief Kenworthy, CFO Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Grant & Community Relations Mandi Thompson, Water Superintendent Rob Bohling, Information Technology Manager Kathy Markus, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, Staff Engineers Josh Baird & Erin Steele, WWC Superintendent Doug Gonzales, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner Steve O'Connor, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Code Enforcement Coordinator Sean Standley, UB Supervisor Bill Baxter, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, HR Director Gretchen Scott, Desktop Support Jeremiah Parent, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

Citizen Milam Crane spoke about the City of Twin Falls going smoke-free.

Citizen Morgan Crane spoke in support of a Smoke-Free Twin Falls.

Mayor Barigar gave a brief explanation of the status of the Smoke-Free Twin Falls initiative.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Barigar requested that item 5(f) be voted on separately.

Council Member Reid requested that item 5(c) be voted on separately.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the Consent Calendar items 5(a,b,d & e) as presented.

Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the Consent Calendar Item 5(c) as presented. **Council**

Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted on the motion. 6 to 0 with Council **Member Reid** abstaining.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar Item 5(f) as presented. **Council**

Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted on the motion. 6 to 0 with **Mayor Barigar** abstaining.

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for June 27 through July 10, 2019.
- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the July 1, 2019, City Council Minutes.
- c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the July 8, 2019, City Council Minutes.
- d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the 8th Annual Magic Valley Beer Festival.
- e) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to hold the Rim 2 Rim Event on September 14, 2019.
- f) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to hold the Twin Falls Chamber Mini Masters event on August 16, 2019.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to appoint nine volunteers to serve on the Source Water Protection Committee.
Water Superintendent Bohling requested to appoint nine volunteers to serve on the Source Water Protection Committee.

List of members:

Chris Talkington-Council Member
Jonathan Spendlove-City P&Z
Jon Laux-County P&Z
Brian Ahrens-Jerome City Water
Mark Holtzen-City of Twin Falls Engineer
Robert Bohling-Twin Falls City Water Drew
Foster-Twin Falls City Water
Chris Johnson-IRWA Source Water Specialist
John Kapeleris-Citizen of Twin Falls

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to appoint nine volunteers to serve on the Source Water Protection Committee. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to change the design of the Archway from Option 1 (lava rock veneer canyon walls) to Option 2 (weathering steel sculptured canyon walls) and request permission to begin the bid process.

ITC Manager Markus requested to change the design of the Archway from Option 1 (lava rock veneer canyon walls) to Option 2 (weathering steel sculptured canyon walls) and request permission to begin the bid process.

Archway Project Citizens Advisory Member Rex Lytle made a short presentation of the two options.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: What is the cost difference between the two materials? Would we get a bid price for each option before making the decision?

Vice Mayor Boyd: Would the etching add to the price?

Archway Project Citizens Advisory Member Leonard Anderson: Gave input on why the committee chose option #2.

Council Member Talkington: Are there any special needs for the base for both of the options?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Spoke about the cost of the project.

IT Director Markus: Acknowledged the individual/Business that has donated over \$1,000.00 to date.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to change the design of the Archway from Option 1(lava rock veneer canyon walls) to Option 2 (weathering steel sculptured canyon walls) and request permission to begin the bid process. **Vice Mayor Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to consider allowing Contractor to execute a full closure of the intersection of Falls Avenue East and Eastland Drive North for up to 4 weeks and closure of Falls Avenue East for an additional 4 weeks as part of the Eastland - Falls Intersection project.

Staff Engineer Baird requested to consider allowing Contractor to execute a full closure of the Intersection of Falls Avenue East and Eastland Drive North for up to 4 weeks and closure of Falls Avenue East for an additional 4 weeks as part of the Eastland - Falls Intersection project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Beet haul question. Spoke in favor of the closing of this road. Can we bank on them finishing in this time frame?

Mayor Barigar: Verified the start date of the project is August 1st.

Council Member Hawkins: Would there be cost savings to the City with this option?

Vice Mayor Boyd: Where would the detours be?

Council Member Lanting: Where are we looking to put signage?

Mayor Barigar: Spoke in favor of this shortened construction time. Asked that they include signage for visitors to get to Shoshone Falls.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the request to consider allowing Contractor to execute a full closure of the Intersection of Falls Avenue East and Eastland Drive North for up to 4 weeks and closure of Falls Avenue East for an additional 4 weeks as part of the Eastland-Falls Intersection project.

Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 6 to 1.

- d) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for nine months of the fiscal year 2018-2019. This presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater and Sanitation.

Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race made a presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for nine months of the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: What were the additional recycling dollars? (Almost \$133,000.00)

Council Member Lanting: Are the Cable funds for TV and the Internet or just TV?

Council Member Talkington: Are there any funds that are out of whack at this point?

Mayor Barigar: thanked Mrs. Race for her presentation.

Mayor Barigar called for a five in minute recess and then we will do the Public Hearing and then the Budget Item. Recess at 6:00 pm. Reconvened at 6:07 pm.

7) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to vacate platted easements and dedicated right of way within lots, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, Block 14 in the Canyon Trails Subdivision No. 5 located at 1725 Park View Drive c/o EHM Engineers, on behalf of Canyon Properties, LLC. (PZ19-0042)

City Planner O'Connor requested to vacate platted easements and dedicated right of way within lots, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10, Block 14 in the Canyon Trails Subdivision No. 5 located at 1725 Park View Drive c/o EHM Engineers, on behalf of Canyon Properties, LLC. (PZ19-0042).

Discussion ensued on the following: None

Public Input Opened (6:13 PM):

Public Input Closed (6:14 PM):

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to vacate platted easements and dedicated right of way within lots, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10, Block 14 in the Canyon Trails Subdivision No. 5 located at 1725 Park View Drive c/o EHM Engineers, on behalf of Canyon Properties, LLC., including the staff & commission recommendations, (PZ19-0042). **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION continued

- e. **PRESENTATION:** Presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2020 followed by citizen input. The presentation will focus on the Environmental Community, Prosperous Community, and Responsible Community focus areas of the Strategic Plan.

Deputy City Manager Humble made a presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2020 focusing on the Environmental Community, Prosperous Community and Responsible Community focus areas of the Strategic Plan, followed by citizen input.

Deputy City Manager Humble gave a recap of last week's information:

Council Member Lanting: The total impact to the homeowner would be \$7.03?

Council Member Lanting: What portion of our budget would be dedicated to Streets? (13% of tax-supported funds)

Council Member Reid: We are the 8th largest city in Idaho, are these the Cities shown on the slide?

(5) Environmental Community

City Engineer O'Connor spoke about the Bee City USA & Monarch City USA.

Will be presenting a resolution to the City Council at a later date.

Council Member Talkington: Asked if any other cities are doing this at this time.

Cliff Bar Rep Bill Ducommun: Spoke in favor of this resolution and explained their plans for a bee & butterfly habitat.

Water Distribution Senior Operator Dustin Petersen presented the Water Supply Budget items:

Mainline Replacement - \$250,000.00

Meter Replacement - \$332,615.00 (have 17,000 in the City, replacing approx. 1600 per year)

F-650 Line Truck - \$140,000.00 (replacement/Upgrade)

Mayor Barigar: Do we have a good estimate on how many lines are at or exceeded the 90-year life expectancy?

Water Distribution Superintendent Bohling: Gave a brief explanation of the replacement process at this time.

Council Member Hawkins: Is there an exact plan for the \$250,000.00 that is being included in this budget?

Water Distribution Superintendent Bohling: Explained what the dollars could be used for.

Council Member Talkington: Are the new meter's more accurate?

Water Distribution Superintendent Bohling presented the Water Distribution Budget Items;

Well #5 Piping - \$300,000.00

New Airport Well - \$150,000.00

Hankins Pressure Zone Expansion - \$400,000.00

Waste Water Collection Superintendent Doug Gonzalez presented the Waste Water Collections Budget:

Mainline Upgrades - \$200,000.00 (should be spending \$3.3M annually)

CCTV Van & Camera - \$215,000.00 (addition to the fleet)

Jet Truck - \$260,000.00 (addition to the fleet)

Mayor Barigar: Do the mainlines have a life expectancy as well?

Council Member Reid: What was the dollar amount that should be spent on all mainlines?

Council Member Hawkins: Retrofitting Existing Stations, is this for PSI stations?

(6) Prosperous Community

Economic Development Murray: presented on the **Economic Development** Partnerships.

(7) Responsible Community

Grant & Community Relations Officer Mandi Thompson: presented on **Responsible Community Recycling Program:**

Stay the Course or Reevaluate? What do you want to do with the recycling program?

FY 2019 - \$175/ton Market cost

\$7.5/ton surcharge for contamination levels above 15%

(Would have been \$3,971.00 first 4 months)

Mayor Barigar: When is the decrease in recycling measured?

Council Member Talkington: Asked what the potential cost of recycling plastics for road resurfacing?

Council Member Hawkins: Asked if we could just recycle certain items.

Utility Services Director Baxter: Explained which items would generate the most revenue.

Council Member Hawkins: Aluminum gets shipped to Kentucky? So the shipping costs are greater?

Council Member Reid: Asked to have a follow-up public conversation on recycling.

Council Member Lanting: Agrees with Council Member Reid on the recycling conversation. Leaning toward the cardboard and aluminum as the recycling items. Would like to hear from the public.

Council Member Pierce: Would like to have citizen input and would like to see the numbers for each recycling category.

Mayor Barigar: Clarified what the Council would like to see in the future.

Council Member Reid: Spoke about being good stewards and are we being or not?

Council Member Lanting: What about having an aluminum processing plant in Twin Falls?

Council Member Talkington: Spoke about our impact on the contribution to the landfill. What can we do to reduce use?

Economic Development Director Nathan Murray: Answered Council Member Lanting's question about an aluminum processing plant in Twin Falls.

Grant & Community Relations Officer Mandi Thompson: Presented the ways that the departments are going paperless.

Water Distribution Superintendent Bohling presented the Water Master Plan Addendum.

Council Member Lanting: Incentives to change to paperless billing?

Council Member Hawkins: Not interested in charging the elderly for not going paperless.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARDREPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Boyd talked about the City Website.

8) ADJOURNMENT

- a. Executive Session 74-206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and, Executive Session is 74-206(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.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and, Executive Session is 74- 206(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.

Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 08:05 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Finance