



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 12, 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:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, City Engineer Mark Holtzen, City Planner Steve O'Connor, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Staff Engineer Erin Steel, Building Official Jarrod Bordi, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Lt. John Wilson, Fire Chief Kenworthy, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Code Enforcement Coordinator Sean Standley, Utility Billing Supervisor Bill Baxter, Human Resource Director Gretchen Scott, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Network Administrator Mike Plane, 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 Mona Weeks asked about the Recycling Contract - notified that the 6 pm public hearing is where these questions can be addressed.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for August 1-7, 2019.
- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the August 5, 2019, City Council Minutes.
- c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the 9th Annual Optimist Club Wings and Things Ultimate Tailgate Challenge.
- d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: Perrine Point #251 PUD Amendment and Fieldwood Subdivision Final Plat.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to consider the Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution to become a BEE CITY USA® and Monarch City USA® affiliate.

City Planner O'Connor requested to consider the Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution to become a *BEE CITY USA® and Monarch City USA® affiliate*.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Have you had any other dealings with cities who have had experience with this?

Mayor Barigar: Thanked Mr. O'Connor for his work on this item.

Council Member Pierce: Would parks & rec have any budget impact regarding the pest control and weed control along with the Tom Courtney Park?

Council Member Hawkins: Commented on the Tom Courtney Park that is becoming overgrown and asked what the plans with that park are.

MOTION: **Council Member Talkington** moved to approve Resolution-2019-10, the request to become a Pollinator Friendly Community Resolution (R-2019-10) to become a *BEE CITY USA® and Monarch City USA® affiliate*. **Council Member Lanting** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to accept a financial guarantee for work being performed on Lot 4 Block 1 WS&V Subdivision First Amended.

Assistant City Engineer Vitek requested to accept a financial guarantee for work being performed on Lot 4 Block 1 WS&V Subdivision First Amended.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: **Council Member Pierce** moved to accept the request to accept a financial guarantee for work being performed on Lot 4 Block 1 WS&V Subdivision First Amended. **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 award the Caswell Avenue Sidewalk Improvement project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in the amount of \$243,100.85

Staff Engineer Steel requested to award the Caswell Avenue Sidewalk Improvement project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in the amount of \$243,100.85

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: What is the timeline for this project? (Must be completed by December 6, 2019)

Council Member Talkington: Asked about the distance of these sidewalks. (About 1200 feet of sidewalk)

MOTION: **Council Member Hawkins** moved to approve the request to award the Caswell Avenue Sidewalk Improvement project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in the amount of \$243,100.85. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 7 to 0.

- d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to amend the 2018-2019 budget and use funds currently designated for a gun range study to purchase additional capabilities in TimeClock Plus, the digital time keeping software, for the Police Department.

Police Chief Kingsbury requested to amend the 2018-2019 budget and use funds currently designated for a gun range study to purchase additional capabilities in TimeClock Plus, the digital time keeping software, for the Police Department.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the request to amend the 2018-2019 budget and use funds currently designated for a gun range study to purchase additional capabilities in TimeClock Plus, the digital time keeping software, for the Police Department, up to but not to exceed \$25,000.00. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

- e) **DISCUSSION:** Discussion on Vehicle Parking.

Code Enforcement Coordinator Standley and Deputy City Manager Pike started a discussion on Vehicle Parking in the City of Twin Falls.

2018: 601 violations - 401 were citizen complaints.

2019 (to date): 432 violations - 357 citizen complaints.

Code Enforcement Coordinator Standley: Explained some of the current codes.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Pierce: Is the load and unload limit, during a specific time frame?

Council Member Talkington: Spoke in favor of the current code. Has seen trucks with an attached trailer and sees this as a way around the current code and is in favor of the 24-hour limit.

Council Member Reid: Thanked everyone for the presentation.

1. What are some of the options that have been looked at?

2. 24 hours is a decent period, but could it be extended to accommodate those that are cleaning out their RV's prior to storage.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke against having a code or rule that causes the citizens to break the rules. Suggested more like 48 hours.

Mayor Barigar: If you are not doing something with the vehicle then you need to move it, if you are actively doing something then you are OK.

Council Member Reid: What response is giving to the citizen that makes the call of complaint? **Vice**

Mayor Boyd: This code has served the City well for a long period of time. Not in favor of more code policing.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of putting in the 24-hour limit.

Mayor Barigar: Please bring back the amendment with the 24-hour limit only.

- f) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2020 followed by citizen input.

City Manager Rothweiler made a presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2020.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Is the listing of the foregone only required for the first year?

Council Member Talkington: Do not wish to use any of the foregone.

Council Member Hawkins: Asked for clarification of the Homeowners Exemption.

Mayor Barigar: Asked for clarification of the budget amount? We will be seeing changes to the tax rate, but do we anticipate any in the next few weeks?

Public Input: Opened at 6:25 Public

Input: Closed at 6:26

Will hold a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 to adopt the proposed Budget.

- g) **ACTION ITEM:** Update on the "Pilot Program" to determine whether to expand or discontinue the program.

Utility Billing Supervisor Baxter gave an update on the "Pilot Program" to determine whether to expand or discontinue the program.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Pierce: Asked about the prices of the recycling carts?

Council Member Lanting: Which areas of the City are we servicing currently?

Council Member Talkington: What impact would limiting the types of recyclables have on the program?

Mayor Barigar: Spoke about the number of citizens taking part in this program.

Vic Mayor Boyd: Commented on the 2-year testing of this program.

Council Member Pierce: Commented on the type of advertisement that was used.

Council Member Hawkins: Is there a greater cost to the users using the 95-gal carts? Is there a downside to offering this program to the entire city?

Mayor Barigar: Explained the new pricing contract for this program.

Council Member Talkington: Why did we not use the City billing to notify the citizens of this program?

Council Member Pierce: Contact is not dependent on the number?

PSI Rep Mike Doyle: Explained the price break.

Mayor Barigar: Asked for further clarification of the operational costs.

MOTION: **Council Member Hawkins** moved to continue the "Pilot Program" throughout the City, at the proposed cost. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the m. Approved 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Lanting spoke about the fireman ball on September 7th, 2019.

Mayor Barigar called for a short recess: Recess started at 6:45. Resumed at 6:55.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** A public input session of the City Council to gather feedback from the citizens of Twin Falls on the direction of recycling.

Chief Financial Officer Race initiated a public input session of the City Council to gather feedback from the citizens of Twin Falls on the direction of recycling.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Talked about the carbon footprint in previous conversations, is there anyone here that can talk some more about this?

Jason with PSI: Explained the carbon footprint.

Council Member Talkington: Are you familiar with any Cities in the west that are recycling?

Public Input Opened: 7:10 pm.

Citizen Mona Weeks: Why have we not looked at other alternatives? Understanding that we have not had recycling for the last two years. And if we have, why can't we get the statistics for the past two years.

Citizen Kathy Hanson: Spoke about keeping the recycling program. Has the City looked at the possibility of getting a company in our area that would use our recyclables?

Citizen Josh Bartlome: Spoke about the pros and cons of the recycling programs. Believes there could be a good solution in the next 3 to 5 years.

Citizen Cheyan Sheen: Spoke about the benefits of the recycling program.

Citizen Ahnna Brossy: Asked that the City continue with the recycling program.

Citizen Wade Allred: Talked about the cost increase of the recycling program. Suggested changing the question to "How do we look at this differently?"

Citizen Sherry Olsen-Frank: Commented on keeping the recycling program.

Citizen Karen Winslow: President of the Twin Falls School Environmental Group. Talked about the benefits of recycling.

Citizen Linda Brugger: Spoke about a proposal on recycling that she sent to the City about 6 months ago.

Citizen David Moore: Talked about all of the discussions related to the recycling program and the large carbon footprint involved in recycling.

Citizen Jonathan Huddleson: Spoke on the need for recycling.

Public Input Closed: 7:48 pm.

Council Member Talkington: Spoke in favor of keeping the recycling program. Option #2 looks the best currently.

Council Member Reid: Asked to have answers to some of the questions posed by the citizens.

City Manager Rothweiler: Provided some of the answers.

Mayor Barigar: Spoke on the efforts of Twin Falls to bring in businesses to handle the recycling.

Council Member Hawkins: Talked about the previous discussions on recycling. Key is reducing opposed to recycling which is up to the citizens to do.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of option #2.

Mayor Barigar: Spoke in favor of option #2.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 08:13 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant