



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 16, 2018, 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, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Building Official Jarrod Bordi, Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Fire Marshal Tim Lauda, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Lt. Terry Thueson, Sgt Justin Dimond, Dispatch Comm Center Manager Tami Lauda, Utility Services Supervisor Bill Baxter, Airport Administrative Assistant Donna Newbry, Water Superintendent Rob Bohling, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Parks Director Wendy Davis, Parks Superintendent Kevin Skelton, Public Works Director Jon Caton, Environmental Engineer Jason Brown, Staff Engineer Josh Baird, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Planning Specialist Lisa Strickland, Information Tech Personnel Jeremiah Parent & Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:00 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: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Boyd 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. 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for July 10 thru July 16, 2018.
- b) Request to approve the July 9, 2018 City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to hold the 38th Annual Door Slammer Softball Tournament and Picnic.
- d) Request to approve the 7th Annual Magic Valley Beer Festival.
- e) Request to hold the Parktacular event on August 12, 2018.
- f) Request to hold the Family Movie Night on August 9, 2018.
- g) Request to approve the Sidewalk Improvement Deferral Agreement – 1426 Falls Avenue East for Dry Thumb Properties, LLC.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request from Liyah Babayan to consider a resolution.

Twin Falls Resident Liyah Babayan requested that the Council consider a resolution expressing the concern of the City of Twin Falls on the forced separation of immigrant families at the Southern Border.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Citizen Steve Woods: In favor of "Legal" immigration. Unsure if those immigrants bringing children are in fact bringing their own children and if we are really breaking up true families. Circumstances that are bringing the immigrants and the effects on the US. A Nation without borders is not a nation.

Citizen Linda Brugger: Spoke on the characterization of individuals from Central and South America and we have turned a blind eye to our southern regions. We should recognize their right to a better life.

Sister Rose Mary Boessen: Here to support our community. Respect to all people and those children who are being separated from their families. Need to help people who come to our borders.

Citizen Terry Edwards: Spoke on immigrants being refugees. 1-5 immigrants are not eligible to have the children that they bring with them. Criminal charges against immigrants. Have compassion for the child.

Citizen Linda Sturman: Wants to see more recognition of the migrant workers.

Citizen Sergio Larios: Our area is usually behind on implementing policies. Negative portrayal of certain groups of people. Should make change here on our level.

Citizen Gene Sennello: Wrote a paper when in high school about immigration.

Citizen Peter Richarts: Supports the resolution and keeping families together. Wording of laws should be changed.

Citizen Steve Caward: Protest does no good. Need more dialog on the issues rather than protest. Where is the outrage for homeless kids, why is it just the immigrant children that we are worrying about.

Citizen Heather Stroup: Supports people moving from one country to the US. Never been on welfare so why should we pay for those coming into this country instead of them working hard like she did.

Council Member Talkington: In favor of this resolution as it specifically targets children. Spoke on the history of immigration. Keep the children with their protectors.

Council Member Hawkins: Nation of laws. Has spoken with numerous Senators & Congressmen and they are working on laws regarding immigration. Let the federal government handle this issue. Not in support of this resolution at this time.

Council Member Lanting: Did a quick search on the number of children that have been reunited. Gave former immigrants 160 acres of land if they built a shack, we were a very giving country at one time. In support of this resolution. This comes down to the kids and let's make sure that it doesn't happen again. This allows our voices to be heard by the federal government.

Council Member Reid: Read a statement. Is not in favor of this resolution.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Hard to believe the information that you hear or read. Likes that our community can come together and discuss various issues. Dialog is important but the way to handle this is to get it to our state legislators. Passing this resolution does not accomplish anything and we need solutions and answers. This is done by getting the attention of our legislators. Not in favor of this resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to pass the resolution expressing the concern of the City of Twin Falls on the forced separation of immigrant families at the Southern Border. Council Member Lanting seconded the motion.

Mayor Barigar: This is a difficult issue and all made very valid points in the discussion of the Council's role, federal government's role, and you can't legislate morality. It's difficult to legislate compassion. Agreed with some of the comments made in this resolution, however one speaker made a comment about finding solutions instead of just continuing to express our frustrations, our disappointment, and our desire to do things differently. Commended all of the speakers and organizers and the compassion shown for the family in Boise who lost a child. This process has been a good thing for this community. Echoed Vice Mayor Boyd's encouraging all to get in touch with their senators/congressman. Is not in favor of this resolution.

However, appreciates the conversation and hope that we can continue to have these important conversations in our community, about national issues, but also do what we can to continue to make Twin Falls the best place to live, work and play.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Council Member Talkington & Lanting voted for motion. Mayor Barigar, Vice Mayor Boyd, Council Members Hawkins, Pierce & Reid voted against. Motion failed 2 to 5.

- b) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2018 was presented by Deputy City Manager Humble on areas 4 & 5. Citizen Input to follow presentation.

Airport Administrative Assistant Newbry presented the Airport's proposed budget requests:

Terminal Roof Replacement - \$230,000.

Airport Construction Projects - \$1,066,000.

Parks Superintendent Kevin Skelton presented the Parks proposed budget requests:

Trail Maintenance - \$30,000.

Sidewalk Connections in Neighborhoods - \$30,000.

Mayor Barigar asked about mileage makers on the park trails.

Parks & Rec Director Wendy Davis: Explained that yes it is in the works.

Council Member Hawkins: How many feet of sidewalks are we looking at for the \$30,000.

Just Missing connections between neighborhoods?

Kevin Skelton explained that we have 3 projects left and they feel that the \$30,000 is sufficient.

Planning & Zoning Specialist Lisa Strickland presented the proposed budget requests:

Title 10 - \$50,000.

Mayor Barigar: Happy to see this item in the budget.

Council Member Boyd: Congrats on promotion to Lisa.

How are you going to fill this position?

Lisa Strickland explained the process.

Deputy City Manager Humble expanded on this process.

Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann presented Engineering's proposed budget requests:

Locust Street Construction - \$954,000:

Council Member Lanting: Walks locations on Locust Street where there are no sidewalks on either side. Glad to see this on the budget.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Asked if this number is a rough number and will it be enough for what we want to do. Will we have choices with how this money is spent?

North College Road Construction (Impact Fees) - \$817,143:

Mayor Barigar: Will this project envision on street parking as well? Parking can become a challenge so might be something to think about.

Council Member Hawkins: Are we putting bike lanes on this project?

What about Creek Side Way - do you see it being punched through at any time soon?

Council Member Lanting: How much money do you have from impact fees?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Reported that we have a little over \$1.4 M. Addressed parking and bike lanes on new streets.

Seal Coating (Zone7) - \$993,002: No questions followed

Streets Senior Supervisor Mark Thomson presented the Streets proposed budget requests:

Air Street Sweeper - \$250,000:

Council Member Lanting: Asked if we already have a sweeper.

Sidewalk Match Program - \$50,000:

Didn't have the participation that they thought they would have.

In 2016 paid out \$1250 in 2017 paid out \$4967 & 2018 \$900.

Looking to extend this program to non-residential property

Need to expand/promote this program.

If money is left over they would like to use the funds for a bigger sidewalk area project.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Please explain the use of the Sidewalk Match Program to doing more sidewalk projects. How do we get the word out right now?

Sidewalk Construction Program - \$400,858 - Not new funding, shifted from existing budget:

Mayor Barigar: Commented that this idea is an "out of the box" approach. Commended the team for this approach.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Excited about this idea.

Council Member Hawkins: Discussed the deferrals of sidewalks that are on the books and get some of these done. The process of deferrals may need to change in the future.

Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales presented Waste Waters proposed budget requests:

Mainline upgrades - \$315,000: No questions.

Excavator - \$110,000:

Council Member Hawkins: What is the plan for the old excavator? Will we keep it or replace it?

Jet Truck - \$250,000:

Vice Mayor Boyd: How does the ramjet truck work, and are all manholes checked?

New Wastewater Operator - \$65,663. – No Discussion.

Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann presented the following proposed budget requests:

WWTP Digester Boiler - \$210,000: No discussion.

Castlewood/Perrine PI Station & PI Master Plan Piping Improvements \$315,000:

Mayor Barigar: This would be a significant expansion of the use of surface water.

Water Superintendent Robert Bohling presented the following proposed budget requests:

Hankins Pressure Zone Expansion - \$100,000:

Mayor Barigar: This \$100,000 would be for the analysis & engineering?

Hankins Pump Station - \$100,000: No discussion.

Sunway Pump Station - \$100,000:

Mayor Barigar: Does that pump serve just Sunway? Would the upgrade allow it to future developments around it?

South Well #5 (largest project) - \$750,000:

Council Member Talkington: How deep do you expect to go on that well?

Need for an additional water operator - \$66,014:

Line & Meter Replacement - \$325,000:

Council Member Hawkins: Asked for an update on the project across from office. Has been a big project and stuck with it. Have done a really nice job with it.

Council Member Talkington: Water is our biggest asset. This PI is fresh air. In favor of putting more money toward other PI projects to continue working on our water needs.

Deputy City Manager Humble:

Talked about the 4 new employees that they are requesting to be added to the budget.

Foregone Balance information was also re-iterated.

What might we do with this money should we decide to use some of it. Provided a slide on suggestions.

Council Member Talkington: Sidewalk improvements are an important safety issues should rate high. Likes that the City is directing the priorities rather than the Council. Also, the Shoshone Falls Access road is a priority.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Question on Addison E of Eastland to Hankins, has no sidewalk on the left side and big ditches on the right side. Would the widening come off of the south side of the road?

Council Member Lanting: Interested in safety items on list, also disappointing that we had to get rid of some of the road projects. Kids on the roads near new schools. Could Mandi check with Layne (?) in Boise to see if there is money out there to help us with these projects? (Microphone not used so not sure all that was said)

Mayor Barigar: Would like to see sidewalks in all 3 school locations. Agreed that the Shoshone Falls access road needs to be put on this list.

Deputy City Manager Humble explained the schedule for the next few meetings.

Mayor Barigar thanked **Deputy City Manager Humble** for his presentation.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 08:01 PM



Finance Administrative Assistant