



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 23, 2018, 5:00 PM

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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd, Council Members Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce

Absent: Mayor Shawn Barigar

Staff Present:

City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, Grants & Community Relations Mandi Thompson, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Building Official Jarrod Bordi, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Fire Marshal Tim Lauda, Captain Tom Bloxham, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Staff Sergeant Brent Wright, Lt. Terry Thueson, Lt. Craig Stotts, Sgt Justin Dimond, Detective Jonathan Wilson, Police Officer Adam Dixon, Police Officer Tyler Kraft, Dispatch Comm Center Manager Tami Lauda, Library Director Tara Bartley, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Planning Specialist Lisa Strickland, Code Enforcement Officer Sean Standley, Parks & Rec Director Wendy Davis, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Human Resources Director Gretchen Scott, Wellness & Safety Corrdinator Katy Touchette, Tech Personnel Jeremiah Parent & Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Discussion ensued on the following: The resolution expressing the concern of the City of Twin Falls on the forced separation of immigrant families at the Southern Border.

Diantha Leavitt - spoke in favor of the resolution.

Brian Tanner - Immigration Attorney - spoke in favor of the resolution.

Martha Escandon - spoke in favor of the resolution

Richard Aldama - spoke in favor of the resolution

David Moore - spoke against the resolution

Rick Naerebout - spoke in favor of the resolution

Omar Huerta - spoke in favor of the resolution

Peter Rickert - spoke in favor of the resolution

Angela Mooney - spoke in favor of the resolution

Cary Moore - spoke against the resolution

Max Newlan - spoke against the resolution

Sergio Larios - spoke in favor of the resolution

Patricia Greia - spoke in favor of the resolution

Winnie Christinson - spoke in favor of the resolution.

Council Member Talkington: spoke in favor of this resolution and thanked those that spoke tonight. Asked for a reconsideration of this resolution.

City Manager Rothweiler: Explained to the Council that this item could not be acted upon, as it was not properly added to the agenda, and that they could instruct staff to put this resolution on a future agenda for additional consideration should they agree.

Council Member Talkington: Agreed that he would like to see this item on the next meeting agenda.

Council Member Lanting: Voiced his wording idea for this resolution should it be put up for reconsideration and he would be willing to put it on a future agenda.

Council Member Reid: Voiced his concern over the information that is being received from the media, and does not feel that he KNOWS all the facts that are required to make the correct decision. Not in favor of this information.

Vice Mayor Boyd: Reiterated her opinion on this matter, but remains against this resolution.

City Council will not give the go ahead to put this item on a future agenda.

Outburst made by Liyah Babayan, who was escorted out of the building.

The Council will take an 8 minute break starting at 6:02 pm returning at 6:10 pm

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. 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for July 17 thru 23, 2018.
- b) Request to approve the July 16, 2018 City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to approve the Purple Heart Ceremony.
- d) Request to approve the 8th Annual Kermes event.
- e) Request to approve the Fill the Boot fundraising event to be held on August 3, 2018.
- f) Request to approve a Curb-Gutter & Sidewalk Improvement Deferral Agreement – 198 Clinton Drive for Molly Waters.

6) **ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION**

- a) Request to accept right of way on the south side of 3600N between Harrison St. S and Phase 1 of the Sundance Subdivision.

Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek requested that the City Council accept the right of way on the south side of 3600 N between Harrison St. S and Phase 1 of the Sundance Subdivision. Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Is this about a 1/4 mile that is needed? Are you personally familiar with any other area within the City that kids have to walk on unimproved roadway or sidewalk?

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to accept the right of way on the south side of 3600 N between Harrison St. S and Phase 1 of the Sundance Subdivision. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- b) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2019 followed by citizen input.

Deputy City Manager Brian Pike made a presentation of the *City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2019* on focus areas 2 and 3, followed by citizen input.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Focus Area 2: Learning Community:

Library Director Tara Bartley: spoke on the Library Highlights:

Gave some statistics related to the library

Goals: Increase usage of Tutor.com

Investigate ESL classes to be held at TFPL

Partner with CSI STEM studies

Grow online digital resources

Promote Early Literacy

Provide community resources & information to the community

Network Infrastructure - \$7,600

Security Camera Update - \$20,000

Vice Mayor Boyd asked what ESL stands for = English as a Second Language.

Council Member Talkington complemented Tara on the ceremony that was held at the City Park on Saturday.

Council Member Lanting asked about the audio books being downloaded onto his phone, if he came by would somebody help him.

Vice Mayor Boyd thanked Tara for her presentation.

Council Member Pierce mentioned that Tara has done a excellent job of thinking outside of the box.

Council Member Hawkins echoed Ruth's thought. Tara does an excellent job in leading the employees.

Focus Area 3: Secure Community:

Code Enforcement Officer Sean Standly spoke about Code Enforcement Highlights:

Gave some statistics related to Code Enforcement.

26,159 Code Enforcement calls for service since 2014 June 10

948 calls for service in the month of May 2018

Code Enforcement Admin Asst - \$64,761

Lisa Strickland spoke on the Admin Asst position:

Council Member Lanting asked for a list of items on the code enforcement call list.

Lisa Strickland explained the list of codes that calls are received on

Vice Mayor Boyd thanked Lisa for her information.

Council Member Talkington: Commented that this position couldn't be a computerized system

Council Member Lanting thanked Sean for his hard work and quick response to calls.

Vice Mayor Boyd thanked Sean as well.

Communication Center Manager Tami Lauda presented the Communication Center Highlights:

Gave some statistics related to the communication center:

180,000 calls in the center last year.

Approximately 35,000 more calls than SIRCOM per year.

2 Dispatchers - \$109,311 - needed for customer service, dispatcher retention & basic coverage.

2019 Training Increase - \$3,000

Lumilinc - \$14,545

Staff Sergeant Brent Wright presented the Police Department Capital Expense Highlights:

5 Replacement Patrol vehicles - \$272,000 - Replacement of existing vehicles.

2 CID Special Investigations Unit Vehicles - \$108,000 - Replacement of existing vehicles.

SWAT - Night Vision and Rifle Suppressors - \$50,000

Exterior Video Camera System PS Campus - \$48,000

Firearms Simulator (CSI Partnership) - \$25,000 - CSI is moving forward with their portion and they believe they will be awarded their funds

Electronic Control Weapon Rotation - \$33,918 - Not every officer is equipped with the latest version. 5 year equipment rotation contract with new equipment in year 1 & 5.

Victim Notification/Survey Software - \$22,000

Vice Mayor Boyd asked about the 5 replacement vehicles and what happens to the old ones? -

Go to auction. Can you tell us about the very colorful patrol cars?

Council Member Pierce asked about the replacement of the CID vehicles as well.

Council Member Lanting asked about the dodges and if we are getting rid of all of them.

Police Chief Kingsbury spoke about the very colorful patrol vehicles, and explained the reasoning behind the choices.

Council Member Hawkins asked about the "dial" wording rather than "call" on the vehicles.

Corporals Upgrade - \$38,186

Vice Mayor Boyd thanked Chief Kingsbury for his presentation.

Battalion Chief Aguirre presented the Fire Department Highlights:

SCBAs for Hazmat Team - \$23,150 - gets them 4 units, will look for grants to get the desired additional 6 units to get to 10 units total.

Drager X-Dock Air Monitor Bump Test Station - \$19,500

Body Armor for Critical Incident Response - \$6,000

Council Member Pierce asked how many body armor's can be purchased for the \$6,000 -

About 10 and are pursuing grant options as well.

Fire Captain Bloxham presented information on the Increase in Training Overtime

(Fire Certifications) - \$50,000

Vice Mayor Boyd asked about fire ops in Boise and Meridian, are these the ones that this would be for?

Council Member Talkington asked about how the amount was reached.

Battalion Chief Aguirre spoke about the fire departments 5 year "ish" plan.

Fire Marshal Lauda & Building Official Bordi presented on the Fire/Electrical Inspector - \$81,976

Vice Mayor Boyd asked about training cross over potential

Vice Mayor Boyd asked about us being the #1 fire sprinkler systems installer in the state of Idaho for the last 4 of 5 years - how many times have they been needed?

Council Member Talkington asked about the city having some liability if people are using their equipment, or delaying the business from opening, because they have not had their inspections in a timely manner?

Vice Mayor Boyd commented that this is all about the inspections to get these businesses up and running in a timely manner.

Deputy City Manager Brian Pike asked about the foregone balance and what the Council would like to do with that fund:

Presented the breakdown numbers once again.

Discussed the projects that were shown an interest in at the previous meeting.

City Engineer Jackie Fields presented on the estimated \$'s requested for the proposed projects:

Road Overlays are returns to the budget and she did not make any adjustments to them.

Eastland & Hillcrest - \$707,784.00 + \$350,000 in right-of-way acquisitions.

Falls Ave Project - \$1.0 M

Elizabeth Sidewalks - between Eastland & Madrona - \$446,000

Grandview - \$180,000 - not quite 1/4 mile - without right-of-way acquisitions.

3600 N & Harrison St S - \$272,856

Council Member Lanting asked a question without mic on - Jackie answered that it was just the Skyline portion.

Council Member Talkington mentioned that Orchard crossing has no painted crossing, signal, flashing light or safety signs. There are safety signs and crosswalks were put in a few months ago but may need more work

Vice Mayor Boyd asked if they could get these project information sent to them in an organized way.

Council Member Pierce asked about \$ amounts for the Shoshone Falls access road.

Council Member Hawkins asked about the \$ amounts for the gun club path.

City Manager Rothweiler explained

Council Member Lanting asked when do they need to give a complete budget #?

City Manager Rothweiler explained the Calendar and the budget requirements

Council Member Talkington reiterated the requirements.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizen Max Newland: Asked about the Rec Center Survey results timeline

Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble explained the timeline

Council Member Lanting gave an update about the Golf Course fund raiser that went on this last weekend.

Council Member Hawkins thanked the search and rescue for their efforts in finding the missing Filer citizen and expressed her condolences to the family.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM



Finance Administrative Assistant