



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 27, 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 & Ruth Pierce

Absent: Christopher Reid

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Police Captain Matt Hicks, Police Sgt Justin Dimond, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Staff Sgt Chuck Garner, Sgt Kevin Loosli, Staff Engineer Jesse Schuerman, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, City Planner Brock Cherry, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Dispatch Comm Center Manager Tami Lauda, Finance Accountant/Supervisor Bill Baxter, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Human Resources Director Gretchen Scott, Network Administrator Mike Plane, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna

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 Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Council Member Lanting 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 August 21 thru 27, 2018.
- b) Request to approve the August 20, 2018 City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to hold the Amazing Grace Fellowship Champions Rodeo Camp Reunion.
- d) Request to hold the Cove Camp-Out event.
- e) Request to hold the Rim to Rim event on September 15, 2018.
- f) Request to approve the Final Plat for the Apex Commercial Condominiums within the Riverhawk Plaza Subdivision located at 1437 Park View Drive. (App. PZ18-0060).
- g) Request to approve the Final Plat for 3-Peat Plaza Condominiums within the Riverhawk Commercial Subdivision located at 243 Cheney Drive W. (App. PZ18-0062)
- h) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing Settler's Ridge No. 3 Subdivision (Phases 9A thru 9E).

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Twin Falls Police Department Update
Police Chief Craig Kingsbury & Captain Matt Hicks, Captain Anthony Barnhart & Staff Sergeant Chuck Garner presented a Police Department update.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Related to US 93 corridor & Interstate 84 hope that our coordination efforts with other agencies is working to control the drug trade in our area. Around 50% of all citations are given to people who live outside of the City of Twin Falls. How do the officers keep up with the work load?

Council Member Hawkins: Reminded all of the upcoming Policeman's Ball on September 14, 2018. Proceeds go to Camp Rainbow Gold and the Magic Valley Fraternal Order of Police. How many of the schools have SRO's and how do they separate their time between the schools. On September 10th at 4:00 pm the City Youth Council will meet at Dairy Queen on Blue Lakes, would like to extend an invitation to any officer that would like to attend.

Mayor Barigar thanked the members of the Police Department for their update.

- b) Request to approve a bid for City Wide Traffic Signal Upgrades.
Staff Engineer Jesse Schuerman made a request to approve a bid for City Wide Traffic Signal Upgrades in the amount of \$379,044.00.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Asked about an ad that he has seen regarding the installation of the upgraded signals that help with fuel consumption and the amount of time vehicles sit at the lights. Is this something that we have found to be true?

Vice Mayor Boyd: Insurance agents have contacted her asking why all of the lights have different styles and why they are not all the same so that people understand them. Are there still intersections that still need to be upgraded?

Council Member Talkington: What is the timeline on this project?

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to approve the bid for City Wide Traffic Signal Upgrades. Vice Mayor Boyd 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

No meeting on September 3rd or 4th in observation of Labor Day. Next meeting will be held on September 10th at 5:00 pm.

Recreation Center meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at noon in the overflow room.

Fire Station **Adhoc** Committee will meet in the overflow room on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Recess until posted Public Hearing time of 6:00 pm. Resumed at 6:05 pm.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing to consider a proposed increase to the sewer fee due to an increase in the sewer cap, from 8,000 to 12,000 gallons.

Chief Finance Officer Lorie Race led a public hearing to consider a proposed increase to the sewer fee due to an increase in the sewer cap, from 8,000 to 12,000 gallons.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: How exactly do we know how much waste is going through the system.

Public Input:

Citizens James Barrett: Concerned that this increase will be skewed by the usage during the summer months when more water is used for irrigation.

Mayor Barigar: Clarified the billing process with Bill Baxter.

Council Member Lanting: Would this citizen be paying this additional fee just during the summer months?

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve Resolution 2018-008 as presented. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

Council Member Lanting: City of Twin Falls rates are quite low compared to the surrounding cities and they need to be raised.

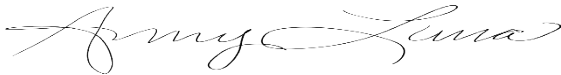
MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve an increase in the sewer cap, from 8,000 to 12,000 gallons. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Executive Session 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and 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: 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; and 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 Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm



Finance Administrative Assistant