



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2018, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls, Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Shawn Barigar, Council Members Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce.

Absent: Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Police Sgt. Justin Dimond, Airport Manager William Carberry, Fire Chief Kenworthy, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Grant & Community Relations Manager Mandi Thompson, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner Steve O'Conner, Recreation Supervisor Stacy McClintock, Aquatics Director John Pauley, Human Resource Manager Gretchen Scott, 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

- a) Hispanic Heritage Month
Mayor Barigar read proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month.

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid 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 28 thru September 10, 2018.
- b) Request to approve the August 27, 2018, City Council Minutes.
- c) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of installation of a water line in North College Road by Gary Nelson in conjunction with roadway improvements being done by the City of Twin Falls.
- d) Request to hold the 6th Annual Haunted Swamp.
- e) Request to hold the Annual Twin Falls Corn Maze.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to approve a FAA Grant Offer (AIP 41) for Airport Planning and Snow Removal Equipment in the amount of \$532,809.00.
Airport Manager Carberry made a request to approve a FAA Grant Offer (AIP 41) for Airport Planning and Snow Removal Equipment in the amount of \$532,809.00

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: How is this money broken up between local funds & FAA?

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve a FAA Grant Offer (AIP 41) for Airport Planning and Snow Removal Equipment in the amount of \$532,809.00. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- b) Discussion on the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee (GTFATC) priority list for projects. Assistant City Engineer Vitek presented information on the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee (GTFATC) priority list for projects.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Gave a brief explanation while waiting on Troy.

Council Member Talkington: If something is not put on the list it is highly unlikely that it will receive state funding.

Deputy City Manager Humble: This is a discussion item only.

Mayor Barigar: Third Crossing has not been added to the list yet.

Council Member Hawkins: Is trying to persuade them to add the Third Crossing.

Mayor Barigar: Had been on the list many years ago.

Council Member Talkington: Not opposed to it being on the list. **Council**

Member Lanting: Made a reference to the Garvey Bonds **Council Member**

Pierce: What portion of the list are we looking at? **Mayor Barigar:** Looking at the entirety of the list.

- c) Request to accept right-of-way for Meadowview Lane North from Whispering Pine Drive to Addison Avenue East.
Assistant City Engineer Vitek made a request to accept right-of-way for Meadowview Lane North from Whispering Pine Drive to Addison Avenue East.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: Is this the acceptance of the right of way for the full width or just the west half?

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to accept right-of-way for Meadowview Lane North from Whispering Pine Drive to Addison Avenue East. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of motion. 6 to 0.

- d) Request to approve a Resolution requesting the Idaho Transportation Department to re- route Highway 30 within the City of Twin Falls.
Assistant City Engineer Vitek made a request to approve a Resolution requesting the Idaho Transportation Department to re-route Highway 30 within the City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Mic not on - unable to hear what was said.

Mayor Barigar: Historically, the last time that this resolution came to the Council it was as a recommendation of a business group that was formed through the Chamber.

Council Member Talkington: Unsure if ITD would be very excited about this project unless we showed a willingness to participation costs.

Mayor Barigar: Had discussed this project about 1 year ago. Resolution is much the same as we have seen in the past.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve a Resolution requesting the Idaho Transportation Department to re-route Highway 30 within the City of Twin Falls. Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- e) Discussion on the future of the Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG) program.

Grant & Community Relations Manager Thompson presented information on the future of the Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG) program.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Important to know that these funds are down by \$25,000.00 this year.

Council Member Lanting: Spoke in favor of keeping the MPOG program.

Mayor Barigar: Feels the process is backwards and maybe should be changed to meet our Cities strategic goals.

Council Member Talkington: Agrees with the use of the MPOG.

Council Member Hawkins: Very torn on this subject. Looking at raising our own recreation fees and then looking at turning around and granting money to help someone else when we are not helping our own departments.

Council Member Pierce: Agrees with Barigar and Hawkins

Council Member Reid: Thanks all those that work in the non-profit world. Agrees with Barigar. Let's change the process to make it work better for all involved.

Community input:

Carolyn White from the Arts Council: Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG Tohna

Barton: Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG

Cathy Floyd - CASA Program - Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG

Jeanett Roe - Twin Falls Senior Center - Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG

Edie Schab - Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG

Melva Heinrich - Spoke in favor of keeping MPOG

Council Member Reid: Thanked all who spoke. Suggested a different way of going about this process in the future.

Council Member Hawkins: Agreed with Council Member Reid. Has enjoyed giving this money out to help as many people as possible. Agree that if there is some way to make the process work for all would be great.

Council Member Lanting: Thanked all the non-profits that serve the community. Need to continue with this process for at least this year and then make a decision for future years.

Council Member Talkington: Asked Mitch if we have done research on how other cities have done this process.

Mandy Thompson: Spoke on her research of this process and how unique the City of Twin Falls is.

Mayor Barigar: Spoke on honing in on the actual strategic plan

Council Member Pierce: Application process is all over the board and needs to be cleaned up.

Mayor Barigar: Asked about the time-line for this process or any changed process that they come up with.

Mandy Thompson: Gave a summary of the time-line

Mayor Barigar: Suggested a committee be formed to make the modifications.

Council Member Lanting: This process got changed mid-stream.

- f) Request for the Council to accept the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that was awarded to the City of Twin Falls by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) on August 31, 2018.

Grant & Community Relations Manager Thompson made a request for the Council to accept the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that was awarded to the City of Twin Falls by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) on August 31, 2018.

Summary of Grant:

\$655,327.00 for 5 additional Fire Fighters

First 2 yrs of the Grant will pay for 75% of their salary & benefits

Obligation of the City \$88,557.00

3rd year will pay for 35% of their salary & benefits. Obligation of the City \$230,249.00

4th Year City will be responsible for the full amount.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Thanked Ms. Thompson for applying for this grant and the work put into it, as

well as other grants she has worked on.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to accept the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant that was awarded to the City of Twin Falls by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) on August 31, 2018. Council Member Lanting 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

Council Member Hawkins:

Thanked the Fire Chief for the Fireman's Ball.

Reminded everyone about the Policeman's Ball is Friday September 14, 2018.

Helped serve breakfast at the Senior Center this last Saturday. Encouraged everyone to go see what they have done at the Senior Center.

Youth Council Meeting was earlier today, gave brief summary.

Deputy City Manager Humble:

Sept 20th is the employee picnic

Sept 24th Acting City Manager will be Lorrie Race or Gretchen Scott.

Chief Kenworthy gave a brief report on the fire that occurred on Sunday night at a local downtown business.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Request for annexation with a zoning designation of M-2 for approximately 40 (+/-) acres currently zoned M-2 and located at 630 Hankins Road South. c/o Randy Musser (app. PZ18- 0045).
City Planner O'Conner made a request for annexation with a zoning designation of M-2 for approximately 40 (+/-) acres currently zoned M-2 and located at 630 Hankins Road South. c/o Randy Musser (app. PZ18-0045)

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: Is the small section on the north end going to remain an island of land?

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve a request for annexation with a zoning designation of M-2 for approximately 40 (+/-) acres currently zoned M-2 and located at 630 Hankins Road South. c/o Randy Musser (app. PZ18-0045). Council Member Pierce seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

- b) Request to raise the Twin Falls Recreation Fees.

Recreation Supervisor McClintock made a request to raise the Twin Falls Recreation Fees.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Barigar: Fees are to cover background checks and the sales tax that has to be included.

Council Member Talkington: Spoke against this increase in recreation fees.

Council Member Reid: Clarified costs: \$12 per coach and there are 2 coaches per team, - approximately \$9,000, just in background check fees for youth sports.

Council Member Hawkins: Questioned the reason for the raise of fees.

Council Member Lanting: Are there any Scholarship program in place at this time.

Public input:

Gretchen Scott: It is hard to find people to volunteer for these programs. Spoke in support of the increase in fees to make the programs better.

Staff information:

Wendy Davis - Parks & Rec Director: Explained how the background checks work.

City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich: Gave further details on the background checks.

Stacy McClintock: Gave a run down on the background contract bid that they would like to use.

Council Member Hawkins: What is the time frame for the background check? Have we checked on the fees from other Cities?

Council Member Lanting: Would like to support the fee increase.

Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of the fee increase.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to approve the request to raise the Twin Falls Recreation Fees. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Council Member Talkington voted against the motion. Motion passed 5 to 1.

c) Request to raise the Twin Falls City Pool Fees.

Aquatics Director Pauley made a request to raise the Twin Falls City Pool Fees.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Pierce: Have you done some calculations to show how this effects the bottom line?

Public Input:

Sherry Jeff: Here to ask for the Councils support for the senior exercise program.

Council Member Talkington: What is the reason for the fee going up in the 12-17 section?

Council Member Reid: How many monthly family passes are sold? What is the reason for the increase in this area?

Mayor Barigar: How many people use a family pass?

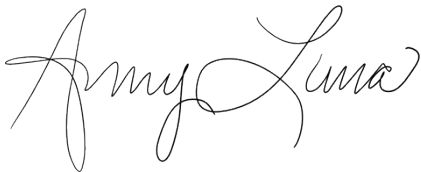
Council Member Lanting: Is in favor of this resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to raise the Twin Falls City Pool Fees. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.

9) ADJOURNMENT

a) Executive Session 74-206 (1) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to Adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Council Member Lanting seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 6 to 0.



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant