



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

****SPECIAL MEETING starting at 4:00pm****
for dedication of the Veterans Recognition Plaque

Regular Meeting starting at 5:00PM

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Vice Mayor Christopher Reid, Council Member Craig Hawkins, Jason Brown, Spencer Cutler & Nikki Boyd.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, Assistant City Attorney Sam Bues, CFO Breanna Howard, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Assistant Finance Director Brent Hyatt, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Network Administrator Dee Davidson, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Class of 1966 Proclamation.

Mayor Pierce read the "Class of 1966" Proclamation.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0

a) City Council August 29, 2022, Minutes.

b) City Council Special Meeting Sept 7, 2022, Minutes.

c) Request to approve Accounts Payable for Aug 25 thru Sept 7, 2022.

d) Request to approve Travel Request for WE 9/7/22.

e) Consideration of a request to approve an amended airport lease agreement with SkyWest Airlines allowing for the placement of two self-service Delta ticket kiosks.

f) Request to approve an Alcohol License Transfer for T. F. Brickhouse LLC, dba Big Papa's Live Music & Grill.

g) Request to approve a new Alcohol License for David Woodhead, dba The Lamphouse Theatre.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) A request to confirm the mayor's appointment of Alexandra Caval to fill the vacancy for City Council Seat #3. Once the appointment has been confirmed, the oath of office will be administered.

MOTION: Mayor Pierce formally nominated Alexandra Caval to fill the vacancy for City Council Seat #3. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Breanna Howard administered the Oath of Office.

- b) Request to adopt Ordinance #2022-016 for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment for the Prosperity Hills ZDA.

Presented by P&Z Director Spendlove.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #O-2022-016 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to adopt Ordinance #O-2022-016 for a Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment for the Prosperity Hills ZDA. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Request to adopt Ordinance #2022-017 for a Zoning Title Amendment repealing and replacing Twin Falls City Code 10-4-19.

Presented by P&Z Director Spendlove.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Commented on the re-write

Council Member Brown: Asked about how this came about.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0

Mayor Pierce read *Ordinance #O-2022-017* by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to adopt *Ordinance #O-2022-017* for a Zoning Title Amendment repealing and replacing Twin Falls City Code 10-4-19. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) Consideration to approve the purchase of Heat Exchangers from Alfa Laval Inc. (\$100,146), SCADA Integration/Associated Equipment from Banyan Technologies (\$44,500), Gas valves from ATSCO Sales and Service (\$17,154), and Wiper Cylinders from Trojan Technologies (\$32,580) in the total amount of \$194,380 for maintenance and equipment improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Presented by Environmental Manager Erickson.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: What is the expected life of this purchase?

Council Member Hawkins: Asked about the walls.

Council Member Boyd: Asked about the time frame of the findings.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve \$194,380 for maintenance and equipment improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

City Manager Rothweiler gave additional information.

- e) Staff is seeking approval of an ordinance that would amend Title 7, Chapters 3 and 8 of the City Code. The amendment would hold residential property owners responsible for City utility accounts after December 31, 2022.

Presented by Assistant Finance Director Hyatt.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Thanked Staff. How would the grandfather process work?

Council Member Boyd: Comment that this will affect a small number of properties. Commented on the number of delinquents that are sent out per week. Why are we not fining the repeat offenders?

Council Member Cutler: Do new accounts have to make a deposit? What is the amount of past due accounts? Have we tried any other tactics to collect?

Council Member Hawkins: Talked about risks and that the city is providing a service and not trying to make a profit.

Mayor Pierce: Talked about renting in the past.

Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of this request.

Mayor Pierce: Commented on the other communities that are doing this.

Council Member Caval: Spoke in favor of this request. Talked about the renter applying some of the deposits to cover the delinquent utility bills.

Council Member Cutler: Are we using the point system still?

Public Input:

Citizen Patty Cameron spoke against this request.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance 2022-018 on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Failed 4 to 3.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #O-2022-018 by title only.

This ordinance will be placed on the September 19, 2022, meeting for second reading by title only.

- f) Request to reallocate \$196,000 of Parks Capital Improvement Funds for alternative parks projects and equipment purchase to include Thomsen Park Trail rebuild, splashpad resurfacing, Riverbend Trail extension and a Chipper purchase.

Presented by Parks & Recreation Director Davis.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Can we approve up to a dollar amount for Thomsen Park?

Council Member Reid: Thanked staff for using these funds

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to reallocate \$96,000 of Parks Capital Improvement Funds for alternative parks projects and equipment purchase to include splashpad resurfacing, Riverbend Trail extension and a Chipper purchase. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen David Leavitt read a message about ethics and morals.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pierce spoke about the 911 Ceremony held at the Visitor Center on September 11, 2022.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:28 PM



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

For a full account of this meeting please visit tfd.org for the recording of this meeting