



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

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 & Alexandra Caval.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Breanna Howard, Captain Matt Hicks, Human Resources Director Ida Clark, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Norm Hatke, Battalion Chief Eric Schmitz, Assistant Finance Director Brent Hyatt, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Budget Coordinator Mathew Farnes, City Planner Ian Zollinger, Public Works Assistant Director Erin Steel, Network Administrator Mike Plane, 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:

Mayor Pierce read the "*National Clean Energy Week*" Proclamation.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve 2022 September 12, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for September 8 thru 14, 2022.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Request to Award the Madrona Street Sidewalk Contract to REG Contracting for a total amount of \$488,178.77 including a 10% contingency, as presented.

City Engineer Vitek presented the request to award the Madrona Street Sidewalk contract to REG Contracting for a total of \$488,178.77, including a 10% contingency.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification of the amounts.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to award the Madrona Street Sidewalk contract to REG Contracting for a total project cost of \$488,178.77, which includes a 10% contingency plus \$40,000.00 for JUB's construction oversight. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Motion to declare city equipment #5116 Tender 3 surplus and authorize its sale by online auction.

Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Hatke presented a request to declare city equipment #5116 Tender 3 surplus and authorize its sale by online auction.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to declare city equipment #5116 Tender 3 surplus and authorize its sale by online auction. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-013 declaring city equipment #5117 Fire Engine 7 surplus and authorizing its donation to Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District.

Battalion Chief Schmitz requested approval of Resolution No. 2022-013 declaring city equipment #5117 Fire Engine 7 surplus and authorizing its donation to Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request of Resolution No. 2022-013 declaring city equipment #5117 Fire Engine 7 surplus and authorizing its donation to Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District Chief thanked the Council for the donation.

- d) A request to adopt ordinance number 2022-018 amending City Code Title 7, Chapters 3 and 8 regarding residential property owners being responsible for City utility rental accounts after December 31, 2022 (second reading).

Assistant Finance Director Hyatt made a request to adopt *Ordinance #2022-018* amending City Code Title 7, Chapters 3 and 8 regarding residential property owners being responsible for City utility rental accounts after December 31, 2022 (second reading).

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Brown: Asked for clarification on the request.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Gave directions on how to proceed.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid made a motion to suspend the rules and place 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. Approved 5 to 2.

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

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about the leverage that the renter has over the property owner.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke about larger deposits to off-set these costs.

Council Member Brown: Commented about trying to get the tenant to be more

responsible. The city should not be financing these types of things. He has struggled with this decision.

Mayor Pierce: Clarified the write-offs for the City due to this issue.

Vice Mayor Reid: Spoke on the feedback received on this subject. Explained that the "City" is all the tax payors of the City of Twin Falls.

Council Member Brown: Asked about the "Skip the Line" program which will allow the property owners to monitor their water usage.

Assistant Finance Director Hyatt: Explained the "Skip the Line" program involving cellular meters.

MOTION: **Vice Mayor Reid** moved to approve Ordinance #2022-018 amending City Code Title 7, Chapters 3 and 8 regarding residential property owners being responsible for City utility rental accounts after December 31, 2022. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. The motion passed 5-1-1, with **Council Member Boyd** voting no and **Council Member Cutler** abstaining.

- e) Information on State Statute 67-4614, Historic Property.

P&Z Director Spendlove presented information on State Statute 67-4614, Historic Property.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification on the area.

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Mayor Pierce: Clarified the process.

Vice Mayor Reid: Talked about the removal of an ordinance,

Council Member Caval: Asked about the National Registry. How is this process different from cities such as Boise?

Deputy City Manager Humble: Clarified that this is an informational item only.

Mayor Pierce: Would like to see the process to adopt fees on a future agenda.

- f) A request to provide direction regarding potential improvement and funding options for Floral Avenue.

Deputy City Manager Humble made a request to provide directions regarding potential improvement and funding options for Floral Avenue.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked how many properties are on this road. And how many attended the meetings?

Council Member Boyd: Gave a suggestion that the city cover 1/3 of the project to get it to move forward.

Vice Mayor Reid: Is in favor of the city covering a portion of the cost but would like to see something worked up. Clarified how the LID would work. Asked about the SLFRF fund possibility.

Mayor Pierce: Asked if any that did not participate in the meetings had made additional comments to staff.

Council Member Cutler: Talked about the reduced property taxes for these property owners.

Council Member Caval: Spoke about the low participation of the property owners.

Mayor Pierce: Have asked for participation and does not feel that we need to go any further at this time.

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the previous input and the fact that it has diminished over time.

Mayor Pierce: Clarified that some participants have withdrawn over time.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of not moving forward.

Council Member Caval: Asked about budgeting over a few years to save to participate in this project.

Decided that no further action will be taken at this time.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins reported on the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Deputy City Manager Humble reported on some vacancies that are coming up on several of our advisory boards. The meeting on September 26, 2022, will begin at 4:00 pm with an executive session and the regular meeting will commence at 5:00 pm.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Public Hearing to amend the FY 2021-2022 budget.

Budget Coordinator Farnes presented the amended FY2021-2022 budget

Discussion ensued on the following: None

Public Hearing Opened: 6:30 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 6:31 pm

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance #2022-019 on third and final reading by title only under suspension of the rules. **Council Member Caval** 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 #2022-019 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the amended FY 2021-2022 budget. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Request for an annexation with a zoning district of R2 for property located at 1288 Eastland Drive North c/o TD&H Engineering on behalf of Mark Ellis. (PZ22-0109)

P&Z Director Spendlove requested an annexation with a zoning district of R2 for property located at 1288 Eastland Drive North c/o TD&H Engineering on behalf of Mark Ellis. (PZ22- 0109)

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked what the R1 & R2 designation differences are.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification of the surrounding areas.

Council Member Brown: Asked if there is a subdivision process that still needs to happen.

The applicant spoke on the request.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:52 pm

Citizen Aimee Nay spoke against the R2 zoning.

Citizen Kyle Nay spoke against the R2 zoning.

Citizen Mike Ryan spoke against the R2 zoning.

Citizen Derrick Ellis spoke for the applicants' proposal.

Citizen Karl E. Nelson spoke against the R2 zoning. Recommended R1.

Citizen Bart Brandell spoke against the R2 zoning.

The applicant's representative responded to the citizen's concerns.

P&Z Director Spendlove clarified the lot size requirements.

Council Member Caval: Asked if the current property owners can add a duplex to their property. Is the applicant obligated to ask for annexation due to the sewer issue?

Council Member Boyd: Asked who owns the adjoining lot.

Council Member Cutler: Asked about the sewer issue requirements.

Vice Mayor Reid: Clarified that the zoning is currently R2 with the County and that they can go to them to move forward if not annexed.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:24 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke against the request to annex.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of the annexation.

Council Member Brown: Spoke about the challenge of annexation and which zoning district. OK with the annexation, just unsure what zone it should be.

Council Member Boyd: Clarified that the surrounding property is currently within the City. Is this a way to get the corner of Eastland and Carriage Drive improved?

Vice Mayor Reid: Spoke in favor of the annexation. Unsure which zone it should be.

Council Member Caval: Spoke in favor of the annexation. Also, unsure which zone it should be.

MOTION: **Council Member Caval** moved to approve the annexation & a zoning district of R2 for property located at 1288 Eastland Drive North c/o TD&H Engineering on behalf of Mark Ellis. (PZ22-0109) **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. The motion passed 5 to 2, with **Vice Mayor Reid** and **Council Member Cutler** voting against.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 07:33 PM



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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