



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023, 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 Members Craig Hawkins, Jason Brown, Spencer Cutler, Nikki Boyd & Alexandra Caval.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Staff Engineer Jesse Schuerman, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Desktop Support Analyst Kim Hafer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. A quorum was present.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to waive the resolution requirement for City Council meeting streaming due to technical difficulties. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Request to approve City Council 2023 March 20, Minutes.
- Request to approve Accounts Payable for March 16-22, 2023.
- Request to approve March 22, 2023, Travel Requests.
- Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the St. Edward's Variety Show.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- Presentation of Certificates to Sherry Murray and Kevin Jensen for service on Parks and Recreation Commission

P&R Director Davis presented Certificates to Sherry Murray and Kevin Jensen for services on P&R Commission.

- Confirm Mayor Pierce's Recommendation to appoint Todd Shaw and Christiana Sipe-Pauley to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

P&R Director Davis presented Mayor Pierce's recommendations to appoint Todd Shaw and Christiana Sipe-Pauley to serve on the P&R Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Commented on their willingness to serve and they look forward to having them on the commission.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to confirm the appointment of Todd Shaw and Christiana Sipe-Pauley to serve on the P&R Commission. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Consider a Request to Adopt a Resolution to Declare Surplus Property, ie: faux ice panels, skates and skate sharpener, and Authorize the Donation to the City of Rupert.
P&R Director Davis requested approval to a request to Adopt **Resolution 2022-005** to declare surplus property, ie: faux ice panels, skates and skate sharpener and Authorize the Donation to the City of Rupert.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to Adopt **Resolution 2022- 005** to declare surplus property, ie: faux ice panels, skates and skate sharpener and Authorize the Donation to the City of Rupert. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) Request to adopt Ordinance #2023-004 for the Annexation of property located 1881 Pole Line Road East. (PZ22-0171)
P&Z Director Spendlove requested to adopt **Ordinance #2023-004** for the Annexation of property located at 1881 Pole Line Road East. (PZ22-0171)

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2023-004** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Cutler** 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 #2023-004** by title only.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the request to adopt **Ordinance #2023-004** for the Annexation of property located at 1881 Pole Line Road East. (PZ22-0171). **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) A request to use \$188,253 of Water Reserve Funds to re-construct a portion of Shoshone Street, east of the Rock Creek Bridge.
Staff Engineer Schuerman requested to use \$188,253 of Water Reserve Funds to re-construct a portion of Shoshone Street, east of the Rock Creek Bridge.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the request to use \$188,253 of Water Reserve Funds to re-construct a portion of Shoshone Street, east of the Rock Creek Bridge. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- f) Presentation to recognize Twin Falls Fire Department's newly promoted Battalion Chief Corey Beam, take his oath of office, and pin his new rank badge.
Fire Chief Kenworthy made a presentation to recognize Twin Falls Fire Department's newly promoted Battalion Chief Corey Beam, take his oath of office, and pin his new rank badge.

- g) Presentation to the City Council from Twin Falls Firefighters IAFF Local 1556 of the negotiation item of the IAFF Health and Wellness Trust health insurance.
Local 1556 Union President Eldridge made a presentation to the City Council from Twin Falls Firefighters IAFF Local 1556 about the negotiation item of the IAFF Health and Wellness Trust Health Insurance.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on the turnouts that the firefighters wear causing medical issues and what is being done about it.

Vice Mayor Reid: Thanked the presenters and asked for a copy of the presentation.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Arnell Cullen asked the Council to consider conducting a BLM survey where the city water pumps are located near Blue Lakes Country Club.

Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification on what the benefit would be to city taxpayers.

Mayor Pierce: Asked if this property was owned by the Blue Lakes Country Club.

City Attorney Nope: Gave clarification on the property ownership and the city's easement.

Council Member Caval: Asked Arnell Cullen if he has any financial interest in the outcome of this survey.

Council Member Cutler: "What I am piecing together is that we would be paying for a survey to verify a right-of-way in order to allow the public at large access to a private body of water that we pump our drinking water out of, and if I understand that right, I would not be in favor of putting that on a city agenda."

Council Member Brown: Agreed with Council Member Cutler.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins spoke of the Joint Forces Meeting of the Veterans Group and the things that they support. Please contact him if you need any information.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 74-206(1)(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; and § 74- 206(1) (j) To consider labor contract matters authorized under section [74-206A](#) (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code.

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74-206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; and 74-206(1)(j) to consider labor contract matters authorized under section [74-206A](#) (1)(a) and (b), of the Idaho Code. **Vice Mayor Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned into Executive session at 6:09 p.m., and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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