



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 1, 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, CFO Breanna Howard, City Attorney Shayne Nope, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Network Administrator Mike Plane, 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) Arbor Day, May 4th, 2023

Mayor Pierce read and presented the **Arbor Day Proclamation**.

Parks & Recreation Director Davis spoke about the **Arbor Day Celebration** to be held on May 4th, 2023, at 10:00 am.

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar 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.

a) Request to approve City Council 2023 April 24, Minutes.

b) Sign an LHTAC grant agreement.

c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 12th Annual Magic Valley Beer Festival.

d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Refugee Day event.

e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Cinco De Mayo celebration event.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Confirm Mayor Pierce's Appointment of Ashley Squires to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee as the Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison

P&R Director Davis requested approval of Mayor Pierce's appointment of Ashley Squires to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee as the Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the appointment of Ashely Squires to serve on the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee as the Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Request to award the Wendell Street Sidewalk project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in the amount of \$215,944.10 and authorize a contingency in the amount of \$25,000 for potential change orders.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel requested to award the Wendell Street Sidewalk project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, for \$215,944.10 and authorize a contingency in the amount of \$25,000 for potential change orders.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid: Thanked the presenter for their work on this project.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the request to award the Wendell Street Sidewalk project to REG Contracting, of Twin Falls, Idaho, in the amount of \$215,944.10 and authorize a contingency for \$25,000 for potential change orders. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Initial Budget Presentation

City Manager Rothweiler made a presentation of the Initial Budget for FY 2024.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Asked about the personnel strategy salary table adjustment. Appreciates the budget strategy.

Vice Mayor Reid: Commented on the uncertainty of the budget process. Would like to ask for other projects that would benefit the entire community.

Council Member Brown: Would like us to do projects that may have been put on the back burner previously but may not cost as much as some others.

Council Member Caval: What is the feeling of the management team on our outlook? Commented on the interest rates to combat inflation. How much of what we do is dependent on the interest rates? Asked about increased public input during the budget process.

Mayor Pierce: Commented on keeping our employees and being cautiously optimistic.

Council Member Boyd: Commented on the amount of time that we spend on the budget and encouraged the citizens to come listen and participate.

Council Member Hawkins: Is grateful for Twin Falls and the work that the staff does in the background. We should be proud of the way that we work together.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen David Woodhead asked that the cut-off time for the sale of alcohol be extended from 1:00 am to 2:00 am as he would like to show some midnight movies.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked about the intent of this request. Could this be done with a Special Use Permit?

Council Member Brown: Asked if this has always been this way or if it has always been 1:00 am.

Council Member Caval: Not opposed to putting it on an agenda and getting citizen input.

Vice Mayor Reid: Would like to remember what happened recently with late closure.

Council Member Boyd: Likes the idea of a midnight movie but is unsure what strain this would put on our police department.

Council Member Caval: Agreed with Nikki.

Council Member Hawkins: Commented on the witching hour and would request that we get input from the Police.

Council Member Brown: Not in favor of doing this globally, if that is possible.

Mayor Pierce: Would the law allow any kind of special request to do something once a month as opposed to the whole town?

City Attorney Nope: Commented on the legal aspects.

The council chose not to add this request to the future agenda.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the CSI Open House and the number of people that attended.

Council Member Boyd spoke about the Airports 75th Anniversary Celebration being held on June 17th, 2023. All is free to the public.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:23 PM



Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant

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