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**Twin Falls City Council
Minutes**

Monday, October 9, 2023, 4:00 PM

*****Special Meeting*****

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM - 4:00 PM

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, Deputy City Attorney Nicole Swafford, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Fire Marshall Gabriel Hammett, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Desktop Support Analyst Kim Hafer, Network Administrator Mike Plane, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Caval moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206§ 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - 5:00 PM

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

4) PROCLAMATIONS

a) Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Pierce read and presented the **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** Proclamation.

b) Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Pierce read and presented the **Fire Prevention Week** Proclamation.

5) 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, 7 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2023 October 03, Minutes.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for September 28 through October 4, 2023.

c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event.

d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Public Library, Read & Treat event.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) A request to approve a lease with KC Williams to farm 90 acres of city-owned property.

Deputy City Manager Scott requested approval of a lease with KC Williams to farm 90 acres of city-owned property.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Boyd: Spoke about the background of this issue.

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification on the calculation and amount being charged.

MOTION: Council Member Brown moved to approve the lease with KC Williams to farm 90 acres of city-owned property. **Council Member Boyd** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Approval of Resolution 2023-015, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code § 46- 1011 as a result of the finding of Quagga Mussel veligers in the Snake River near the City of Twin Falls.

City Manager Rothweiler requested approval of **Resolution 2023-015**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code § 46-1011 as a result of the finding of Quagga Mussel veligers in the Snake River near the City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Reid: Asked about the cost related to this issue.

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification of the declaration.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Commented on the resolution wording.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to amend **Resolution 2023-015**, by replacing the word declaration in two locations, with resolution. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Caval moved to approve the amended **Resolution 2023-015**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls declaring a state of emergency in the City of Twin Falls in accordance with Idaho Code § 46-1011 as a result of the finding of Quagga Mussel veligers in the Snake River near the City of Twin Falls. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Present an update on sidewalk projects recently completed in the City of Twin Falls.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel presented an update on sidewalk projects recently completed in the City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Wished that members of a previous council could have been here to witness this.

Vice Mayor Reid: Thanked all staff involved.

Council Member Brown: Asked for clarification of the projects.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Hawkins commented about the Diversity Dinner held a few nights ago.

Council Member Boyd commented on the things happening at the Airport and working with Delta.

City Manager Rothweiler mentioned the following items:

- Veterans Memorial Wall Dedication - Monday, October 16, 2023, at 4:00 pm.
- Fire Station #2 Grand Opening -Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00pm.
- Annual Cross Town Rivalry Football Game, October 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Boyd moved to adjourn to Executive Session §74206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; and § 74-206(1)(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. Vice Mayor Reid seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

11) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 05:48 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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