



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024, 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 Jason Brown, Council members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Cherie Vollmer, Grayson Stone & Spencer Cutler joined late.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Administrative Assistant Morgan Mitchell, Help Desk Technician Brett Barker, Deputy City Clerk 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

4) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a) Request to approve City Council 2024 May 13, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for May 9-15, 2024.
- c) Request to approve new Alcohol License for Sodexo America, LLC.
- d) Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene Centennial Celebration
- e) Hawks Corn Hole Tournament
- f) Consideration of a request to approve a ground lease termination agreement (Blk 4 Lot 9) with Doug McFall and authorize the mayor to sign.
- g) Consideration of a request to approve an airport hangar ground lease (Blk 4 Lot 9) with Zhihneng Cao and authorize the mayor to sign.
- h) Consideration of a request to approve an airport ground lease assignment between Brian Fortuin and Cameron Evans and authorize the mayor to sign.
- i) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 4th of July fireworks display.
- j) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of The Summer Carnival event.

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Consider a request to waive court fees for the 6th Annual Twin Falls Father's Day Pickleball Tournament on June 13-15, 2024.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested consideration to waive court fees for the 6th Annual Twin Falls Father's Day Pickleball Tournament on June 13-15, 2024.

Requester Jill Skeem spoke about the request.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: What is the tax status of the association?

Council Member Stone: Do you think that the association would be able to pay the court fees with your entry fees moving forward?

Council Member Vollmer: How many players do you have, thus far, for this year?

Council Member Reid: Shared his thoughts on this request. I am in favor of approving this request for this year, but not for next year.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification on the agreement with the lights. Both sets of courts now have lights.

Council Member Stone: Agreed with Council Member Reid on going ahead for this year and not for next year.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to waive court fees for the 6th Annual Twin Falls Father's Day Pickleball Tournament on June 13-15, 2024. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted and the motion passed, 4 to 2.

- b) Review and consideration of the 2024 Municipal Powers Outsource Grant (MPOG) applications.

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested consideration of the 2024 Municipal Powers Outsource Grant (MPOG) Applications.

Applicants:

Magic Valley Arts Council - \$9,700

Volunteers Against Violence, dba Voices Against Violence - \$10,000

Wellness Tree Community Clinic - \$10,000

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Vollmer: Asked if the funds were all used from last year, prior to the end of the year.

Council Member Reid: Thanked all the applicants for their applications.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the 2024 Municipal Outsource Grant Applicants as presented, for a total of \$29,700. **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 the City Council to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,790,411 for the construction of a training building at the Jim Bierri Regional Fire Training Center and the use of \$75,458 in general fund reserves for Construction Manager (CM) fees.

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,790,411 for the construction of a training building at the Jim Bierri Regional Fire Training Center and the use of \$75,458 in general fund reserves for Construction Manager (CM) fees.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Excused himself from this item as he has family that works for the contractor.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about the schedule.

Mayor Pierce: Asked about the timeline.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request for the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,790,411 for the construction of a training building at the Jim Bierri Regional Fire Training Center and the use of \$75,458 in general fund reserves for Construction Manager (CM) fees. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0, with **Council Member Cutler** abstaining.

- d) A request to use \$39,000 from the FY 2024 contingency budget to remove City structures located at 310 Canyon Street.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to use \$39,000 from the FY 2024 contingency budget to remove City structures, located at 310 Canyon Street.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification.

Council Member Stone: If the Fire Department does the training, will that include the debris?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to use \$39,000 from the FY 2024 contingency budget to remove city structures located at 310 Canyon Street. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) Consideration of Resolution 2024-004 authorizing the Lease of Water Shares

City Attorney Castleton requested consideration of **Resolution #2024-004** authorizing the Lease of Water Shares.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve **Resolution #2024- 004** authorizing the lease of excess water shares and authorizing City Officials to negotiate the lease terms. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Brown spoke about the MPO's presentation at the ITD meeting last week. ITD decided to move forward with the Hansen Bridge project, the Blue Lakes Blvd & Pole Line Intersection project, and the Third Bridge Environmental Study.

Council Member Stone: Asked if there was a timeline for these three projects.

City Manager Rottweiler: Gave some clarification on the projects.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke positively about these projects.

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke about the Association for the Education of Young Children and Head Start.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about the Library Board Meeting held last week.

City Manager Rottweiler: Reported that there will not be a meeting next week due to the Memorial Holiday. The next meeting will be June 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Council Member Reid: Reminded all to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:01 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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