



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, June 17, 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, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, City Planners Lisa Strickland & Kelli Ebersol, Library Director Tara Bartley, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Waste Water Collection Supervisor Doug Gonzales, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Norm Hatke, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Public Information Coordinator Josh Palmer, Desktop Support Analyst Kim Hafer, 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 June 10, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for June 6-12, 2024.
- c) Request to approve June 12, 2024, Travel Requests.
- d) Request for approval of the final plat for Prosperity Hill approximately 34 acres consisting of 306 lots located along the 1200 and 1300 block of Harrison Street South, c/o David Thibault, EHM Engineering on behalf of Dennis Hourany (PZ24-0053)
- e) Request for approval of the final plat for The Villas on Falls approximately 7 acres to develop 31 lots on property located along the 1700 and 1800 block of Dora Drive South. c/o Dave Thibault on behalf of Clint Schnoor (PZ24-0061)

5) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Presentation to recognize Twin Falls Fire Department's newest Firefighters Brennon Billings, Katlin Porter, and Joshua Stagge for their completion of TFFD's Fire Recruit Academy, take their firefighter oath, and the pinning of their badges.

Fire Chief Kenworthy made a presentation to recognize Twin Falls Fire Department's newest Firefighters, Brennon Billings, Katlin Porter, and Joshua Stagge for their completion of TFFD's Fire Recruit Academy, take their firefighter oath, and the pinning of their badges.

- b) Presentation to recognize Twin Falls Fire Department's newly promoted Captain Kyle Eldridge along with taking his oath of office and pinning his new rank badge.

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- c) Request to donate a City of Twin Falls Fire Department brush truck to Castleford Fire Department.

Deputy Fire Chief Brooks requested to donate a City of Twin Falls Fire Department brush truck to Castleford Rural Fire Department.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Is this a 1991 vehicle? Hats off for keeping this alive for a very long time.

Council Member Stone: Do we have an MOU in place for this?

Mayor Pierce read the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve **Resolution 2024-005** to donate a City of Twin Falls Fire Department brush truck to Castleford Rural Fire Department. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) Request to use contingency funds to cover potential extra costs associated with an engine repair to Fire Engine 3.
Deputy Fire Chief Brooks requested to use contingency funds to cover potential extra costs associated with an engine repair to Fire Engine 3.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use up to \$16,000.00 in contingency funds to help cover potential extra costs associated with an engine repair to Fire Engine 3. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) A presentation regarding the Twin Falls Public Library's Request for Reconsideration policy and form.
Library Director Bartley made a presentation regarding the Twin Falls Public Library's Request for Reconsideration policy and form.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Did we look at what other libraries are doing, and how do we compare?

Council Member Hawkins: Has Twin Falls ever had a complaint or issue related to this?

Council Member Cutler: Thanked the board for their hard work.

- f) Request to utilize \$3,885.69 in capital savings to replace signage at Fire Station 1
Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested to utilize \$3,885.69 in capital savings to replace signage at Fire Station 1.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to utilize \$3,885.69 in capital savings to replace signage at Fire Station 1. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- g) Center for Community Health presentation and request for funding
Assistant to the City Manager Thompson introduced a Center for Community Health presentation and request for funding.

Executive Director Contraras gave a brief presentation about the Center for Community Health.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked if they are a 501C entity.

Council Member Reid: Are we looking at capping the funds at \$10,000?

Vice Mayor Brown: Do they have a specific use in mind for this money?

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of this for this year but would not be in favor of moving forward in the future.

Council Member Stone: IMPOG funds are reset yearly?

Council Member Reid: Do we have a relationship with any other entity or community partners?

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave father information.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke along the same lines as Council Member Cutler.

Council Member Hawkins: Will there be a future update on how things are going?

Council Member Stone: Do the unused IMPOG funds roll over to next year?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to reallocate \$55,000 of IMPOG funds to hire a Community Health Worker for the Center for Community Health. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- h) Request to use \$1,200,000 from water and wastewater reserves to fund the public works site improvement project.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel requested to use \$1,200,000 from water and wastewater reserves to fund the public works site improvement project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Thanked the staff for being very prepared and working together to get to this request!

Mayor Pierce: Thanked the staff as well.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use \$1,200,000 from water and wastewater reserves to fund the public works site improvement project. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen Brandon Wilkinson asked about the water curtailment that is being proposed by the state. Asked for any information that the city might be able to provide.

City Manager Rothweiler gave additional information related to this topic.

Vice Mayor Brown also gave some information.

7) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rothweiler reported that he and Mayor Pierce would be in Washington DC next week for the Select USA Conference.

July 1, 2024 - will start the Budget presentations.

July 8, 2024 - No Council Meeting.

July 15, 2024 - Budget presentations.

June 19, 2024 - City offices will be closed for "Juneteenth". All offices will return to normal business hours on June 20th.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 06:35 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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