



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 22, 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, Deputy City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Aquatics Supervisor John Pauley, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Public Information Coordinator Josh Palmer, CFO Breanna Howard, Assistant City Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Transit Coordinator Maxine Durand, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Water Distribution Superintendent Rob Bohling, Airport Operations Supervisor Matt Barnes, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Human Resources Director Kristen Kohntopp, Public Works Director, Josh Baird, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Help Desk Technician Brettrick 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) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Council Member Reid 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 2024 July 15, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 11-17, 2024.
- c) Request to approve 2024 May & June Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
- d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the LaLider Community Cultural event.
- e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Annual St. Edward's Kermes event.
- f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Dani Bates Xc Meet.
- g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Gail Richardson Scholarship Fundraiser 5k.

4) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Idaho Power presentation of an Energy Efficiency incentive check to the City of Twin Falls. **Environmental Manager Erickson** presented the Idaho Power presentation of an Energy Efficiency incentive check to the City of Twin Falls.

Chris Bell from Idaho Power presented the city with a refund check in the amount of \$23,681.64.

Mayor Pierce thanked Idaho Power for the refund.

- b) Consider a request to use \$45,000 Cash Reserve Funds for the purchase of eight new starting blocks for the Twin Falls City Pool
Aquatics Supervisor Pauley requested consideration of using \$45,000 of Cash Reserve Funds for the purpose of eight new starting blocks for the Twin Falls City Pool.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: What is the life expectancy of the new blocks?

Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use \$45,000 of Cash Reserve Funds for the purpose of eight new starting blocks for the Twin Falls City Pool. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Request City Council authorize the Award for the 2024 Chip Seal Project to Emery, Inc. in the amount of \$1.88 million.

City Engineer Vitek requested authorization to award the 2024 Chip Seal Project to Emery, Inc, for \$1.88 million.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: What is the timing? Reminded that the zone information is on the website.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to award the 2024 Chip Seal Project to Emery, Inc, for \$1.88 million. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) A presentation of the City Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 budget Strategic Plan Focus Areas 4, 5, & 6.

Deputy City Manager Humble facilitated the presentation of the City Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2024–2025 budgets Strategic Plan Focus Areas 4, 5 & 6.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Focus Area 4: Accessible Community:

- **MPO by Deputy City Manager Humble**
- **Ride TFT by Maxine Durand**
- **Streets by Cody Brown**
 - **Council Member Stone:** Asked about the maintenance being covered by the CARES Act.
 - **Council Member Reid:** Asked about the cost of the street materials. Are there any delays in getting the heavy equipment that is being requested?
 - **Vice Mayor Brown:** Thanked the street department for the sidewalk projects that have been completed.
 - **Council Member Stone:** Is it our intent to just maintain it as it is now? Is the buffer adequate?

Focus Area 5: Environmental Community

- **Water by Phil Bowman**
 - **Council Member Reid:** Are we able to keep up with the meters? Whose responsibility is it to enclose the Coulees?
 - **Vice Mayor Brown:** Gave information on the enclosure to Coulees.
 - **Council Member Vollmer:** What is the timeline of the Eastland Drive project?
 - **City Engineer Vitek:** Gave a project update.
 - **Council Member Vollmer:** What does the closure expectation look like?
 - **City Engineer Vitek:** Gave the information that he has at this time.
 - **Public Works Director Baird:** Gave information on piping the Coulee waters.
- **Waste Water by Doug Gonzales**
 - **Mayor Pierce:** Asked what H2S is.
- **Waste Water Treatment Plant by Nathan Erickson**

Focus Area 6: Prosperous Community:

- **Economic Development by Shawn Barigar**
 - **Council Member Cutler:** What does Class A industrial mean?
- **Twin Falls Airport by Bill Carberry, Matt Barnes & Phil Welgel**
 - **Council Member Hawkins:** Asked about the upcoming 2025 Air Show.
 - **Council Member Stone:** Thanked all for the information they provided on getting the flights to our airport.

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave additional information to be thinking about moving forward.

Council Member Hawkins: Everyone that presented was very educational and thanked them for their presentations.

5) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

6) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) REQUEST TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

§ 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Went into Executive Session at 6:46 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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