Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019, 5:00

PM City Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East- Twin Falls,
Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Shawn Barigar, Vice Mayor Nikki Boyd, Council Member Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting (called in), Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Shayne Nope, CFO Lorie Race, Grants & Community Relations Mandi Thompson, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Fire Marshall Tim Lauda, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Lieutenant Terry Thueson, Information Technology Manager Kathy Markus, Utility Services Supervisor Bill Baxter, Desktop Support Analyst Jeremiah Parent, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3) PROCLAMATIONS

a) National Energy Month & Weatherization Day 2019 - Ken J. Robinette, Chief Executive Officer, South Central Community Action Partnership

Mayor Barigar read the proclamation for "*National Energy Month & Weatherization Day 2019*".

b) City of Twin Falls/Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Ruth Pierce, City Council

Council Member Pierce read the proclamation for "*City of Twin Falls/Breast Cancer Awareness Month*".

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Craig Hawkins, Twin Falls resident, expressed his appreciation of the City's participation in American Planning Association Conference.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Talkington requested that Consent Item 5(b) be voted on separately.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5(a) & (c) as presented. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar Item 5(b) as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion with **Council Member Talkington** abstaining. 6 to 0 to 1

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Accounts Payable for September 26 thru October 2, 2019.
b) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the September 30, 2019, City Council Minutes.
c) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Walk for Freedom event.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **PRESENTATION:** Presentation by Jason Kirschenmann of PSI on their "Pink Cart Program". This program is designed to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer.

Jason Kirschenmann of PSI presented their "*Pink Cart Program*".

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Hawkins: Is the $50 donation a onetime thing or monthly? (*One time*)
Council Member Reid: Can people donate more than the $50? (*Yes*)
Council Member Pierce: Spoke in favor of this program.
Council Member Lanting: Lives in a condo, so can they participate as well? (*Yes)*

Mayor Barigar thanked Mr. Kirschenmann for his presentation.

b) **PRESENTATION:** The Twin Falls Fire Department would like to recognize their newest promoted Captain Tom McCully, and their new Driver Scott Wyatt, and have each take their oath of office, and pin their new rank badges.

Fire Chief Kenworthy presented their newest promoted **Captain Tom McCully**, and their new driver **Scott Wyatt**, and had each take their oath of office, and pin their new rank badges.

c) **PRESENTATION:** Fire Chief Les Kenworthy would like to take this opportunity to thank four individuals for their outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens and visitors of the City of Twin Falls and recognize them for their following accomplishments.

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Fire Fighter of the Year: Kyle Eldridge
Fire Officer of the Year: Dave Owens

New Training Officer: Josh Kliegl
Fire Fighter 2 Certification: Kody Lewin

Council Member Talkington: Spoke about the importance of having a qualified fire department.
Council Member Lanting: Congratulated the fire fighters.

d) **ACTION ITEM:** Request approval to enter into contract negotiations with Lytle Signs for the completion of the "Archway with Message Boards Proposal #IT201901".

Information Technology Manager Markus made a request for approval to enter into contract negotiations with Lytle Signs for the completion of the "Archway with Message Boards Proposal #IT201901".

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Is there a reason that we only had one bid?
Council Member Hawkins: What is the exact amount that this contract will be done for? (*Estimated to be $347,353.00*) Will the actual contract be brought back to Council? (*Yes*)
Council Member Reid: Asked about the in-kind donations.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to enter into contract negotiations with Lytle Signs for the completion of the "Archway with Message Boards Proposal #IT201901". **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

e) **ACTION ITEM:** Request approval to enter into contract negotiations with Central Square for the implementation of a Public Safety Software System that includes CAD, Mobile and Records Management.

Deputy City Manager Pike made a request for approval to enter into contract negotiations with Central Square for the implementation of a Public Safety Software System that includes CAD, Mobile and Records Management.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Thanked the staff for the information that was presented.
Mayor Barigar: Spoke in favor of moving forward with this software.
Council Member Talkington: What was the differences between the two company's presentations that caused the participants to choose Central Square?
Council Member Hawkins: What are the editing abilities of the software?
Vice Mayor Boyd: Spoke in favor of this software.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the request to enter into contract negotiations with Central Square for the implementation of a Public Safety Software System that includes CAD, Mobile and Records Management. **Vice Mayor Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

f) **ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of the City of Twin Falls accepting the status to become a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program recipient for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

City Manager Rothweiler made a request for consideration of the City of Twin Falls accepting the status to become a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program recipient for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

Appropriation is Estimated to be around $342,000.00
Estimate to build a plan is $25,000.00

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Is the program driven by the fact that we have reached the 50,000 in population? (*Yes*)
Mayor Barigar: Made clarifying comments on the requirements for this program.
Mandi Thompson: Spoke about how some of the other Cities use their CDBG funds.
Mayor Barigar: Asked for clarification of the timelines. If they were to say October 1, 2020 as the starting date of the program, would that be the current year or for the following physical year?
Council Member Hawkins: Currently we are getting a grant for ADA, would accepting the entitlement take these funds away? Spoke in favor of looking at this program but feels that it has happened to quickly and that they should take the year to get things figured out.
Council Member Pierce: There is a potential of losing both Federal or State funds no matter which option that they choose. What is the amount that we have funded over the last few years? With the two pending projects would there be a problem?
Council Member Lanting; Are there any guarantees, that the money that we would be applying for, will be granted to us? (*No*)
Council Member Talkington: Would this money be available for the hiring of Police/Fire officers? (*No*)
Council Member Hawkins: If the federal government does not fund this program, then we would be left with the debt, but if we stay with the State funding, we would receive the money and would not have any debt? (*Correct*)

Mayor Barigar: Spoke in favor of going forward rather than being subjected to the grant procedures through the State, and then have them decide not to grant us the money.
Council Member Pierce: Where would the two projects be, if they do not get the funds, and would they even qualify?
Vice Mayor Boyd: Ultimately, this money really comes from the same place, however there is no guarantee that we would get the grants continually.
Council Member Hawkins: Spoke against going forward for this year. Would like to go forward with the two projects and allow them time to apply for their funds.
Mayor Barigar: Do we have any ideas what the funds would be used for? Would the entitlement funds be allowed to be used for their projects?
Council Member Hawkins: Has anyone reached out to the two entities? Could we reach out to them and then decide at next week's Council Meeting?
City Manager Rothwieler: Explained the complexity of reaching out to the entities.
Council Member Lanting: Gem State Dairy, is this going to be an urban renewal district? (*Depends on what the Council decides*) Do we have an estimate on how much this building is going to be? (*Do not have that available*)
Mayor Barigar: Wants to be supportive of these two projects but we can't sit around waiting for them. Would prefer to get the CDBG process going.

MOTION: Council Member Talkington moved to approve the City of Twin Falls accepting the status to become a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program recipient for the 2020 Fiscal Year. **Vice Mayor Boyd** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted with **Council Member Hawkins** voting no. 6 to 1.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Council Meeting is next Monday at 4 p.m. at Dairy Queen on Blue Lakes.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

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.

§ 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.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved 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. Executive Session 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. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 06:58 PM

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant