Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, October 29, 2018, 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 Members Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting Christopher Reid.

Absent: Council Members Suzanne Hawkins & Ruth Pierce

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Captain Anthony Barnhart, Detective Jonathan Wilson, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Building Safety Eck Senivongs, Utility Services Supervisor Bill Baxter, Human Resources Director Gretchen Scott, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Parks & Rec Director Wendy Davis, Help Desk Technician Kim Hafer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:00 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: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Boyd moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 5 to 0.

a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for October 18 thru 24, 2018.

b) Request to approve the October 22, 2018, City Council Minutes.

c) Request to approve the October 22, 2018 Special City Council Minutes.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Recognition of Kortnie Kent's ICC Certifications.

Building Official Eck Senivongs asked the Council to recognize Kortnie Kent's ICC Certifications.

Mayor Barigar: Congratulated Kortnie on her achievements and dedication.
Vice Mayor Boyd: Thanked Kortnie for asking questions and getting answers.
Council Member Talkington: Stated that Kortnie has really raised the performance bar in that department.

b) Presentation by Rick Thompson on potential improvements to Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake.

Citizen Rick Thompson presented potential improvements to Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Lanting: How far does the road drop?

Council Member Talkington: Thanked Mr. Thompson for looking forward. Asked if Mr. Thompson has received any cost estimates to do any of these proposals.
Vice Mayor Boyd: What is the number of parking places there currently?
Parks & Rec Director Davis: Stated that there are currently 280 parking spaces.
City Manager Rothweiler: Shows a lot of initiative on Mr. Thompson's part to bring these ideas to the Council. Explained some of the Cities ideas that were addressed during the budget process.
Mayor Barigar: Asked Parks & Rec Director Davis about previous concepts for improving this area.
Parks & Rec Director Davis: Will locate previous concepts and bring back to the Council.
Council Member Lanting: Asked Ms. Davis is there was any income that is sitting out there from the ticket sales.

Mayor Barigar thanked Mr. Thompson for his proposal.

c) Update on the current state of the recycling program and market.

Utility Services Supervisor Baxter introduced representatives from PSI Waste who gave a brief overview of the Recycling program.

Looking to pull 140 tons out of the landfill this month. Last year they ran an average of 150 tons per month.
Current rate is $163.00 per ton for the previous 5 months or so. China will not be accepting any mixed paper.
3 mills in Washington State that are that are planning to expand their facilities, but they are 6-12 months out.
Biggest problems with recycling at this time are: plastic bags and yard waste in the recycling bins.
Need to get contamination down to 10% thru community education, currently at about 25%. Youth education opportunities.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Thanked the presenters asked about what was acceptable.
Council Member Lanting: Asked about offenders and how this issue is handled.
Mayor Barigar: Thanked the presenters for their information.
Mayor Barigar: (for citizen) Asked for clarification of "contaminates." We will look forward to the future information on recycling.
Mr. Baxter: talked about the insert that went out with this month's utility billing.

d) Repeal of Employee Resolution No. 1897 and authorization to implement an Employee Handbook

Human Resources Director Scott requested to repeal the Employee Resolution No. 1897 and authorization to implement an Employee Handbook.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Talkington: Asked if ICRMP is on board with this.
Mayor Barigar: Explained the concept that is being proposed.
Vice Mayor Boyd: Liked the idea that the employees will have a handbook that they can refer to.

MOTION: Council Member Lanting moved to repeal the Employee Resolution No. 1897 and authorization to implement an Employee Handbook. Council Member Talkington seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 5 to 0.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Public Input: None

Advisory Board Reports: None

City Managers Announcements:

City Manager Rothweiler informed the council that the meeting on November 12, 2018 will be moved to Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 5pm in observance of Veterans Day.

Council Member Talkington asked about a payable that was approved to be paid in the amount of $650,000.00 and if it was verified that this was done to spec.

Assistant City Engineer Vitek explained the process.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing is set to begin no earlier than 6 pm so the Council chose to go into Executive Session and return to the meeting.

a) Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace City Code 10-11-9 Floodplain Regulations (A through E). c/o City of Twin Falls-Troy Vitek, Assistant City Engineer (Application PZ18-0056)

Assistant City Engineer Vitek made a Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace City Code 10-11-09 Floodplain Regulations (A through E). c/o City of Twin Falls-Troy Vitek, Assistant City Engineer (Application PZ18-0056).

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Boyd: Would this effect any projects that are in motion at this time?

Mayor Barigar: Asked City Attorney Wonderlich if there was an actual ordinance that they needed to vote on.

Public Input:

Citizen Florance: Spoke about the proposal and would like to actually see the new Ordinance.

Council Member Talkington: Asked Citizen about his concerns with this proposal.

Mayor Barigar: Advised presenter to get this ordinance on a future Council Agenda for possible approval.

The meeting adjourned at 06:16 PM.

9) ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a) 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: Vice Mayor Boyd 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. Council Member Reid seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 5 to 0.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 5:45 pm. Returned from Executive Session at 6:05 pm.

Amy Luna

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