Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, September 17, 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 Suzanne Hawkins, Chris Talkington, Greg Lanting, Christopher Reid & Ruth Pierce.
Absent:	None.
Staff Present:	City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Brian Pike, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Sgt Justin Dimond, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Grant & Community Relations Manager Mandi Thompson, Public Information Officer Joshua Palmer, Information Technology Specialist Jeremiah Parent, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Barigar called the meeting to order at 05:01 PM. A quorum was present.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barigar invited the Boy Scouts Troop 180 to lead all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) PROCLAMATIONS: None

4) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT: None

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Boyd requested that the Minutes for City Council Meeting September 10, 2018 be voted on separately as she has not reviewed them.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar without the Minutes for City Council Meeting September 10, 2018. Council Member Talkington seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Minutes for the City Council Meeting September 10, 2018 as presented. Council Member Talkington seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed six members voted in favor of motion as presented and Vice Mayor Boyd abstained. Approved 6 to 0 with 1 abstained.

a) Request to approve the Accounts Payable for September 11 thru 17, 2018.

b) Request to approve the September 10, 2018, City Council Minutes.

c) Request to approve the Walk for Freedom event.

d) Request to approve the 2018 Oktoberfest event.

e) Request to hold the Trick or Treat on Bish's Street event.

f) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing Cedarpark Subdivision No. 9 Subdivision (Phases 2).

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) Presentation to City Council on the results of the 2018 National Citizen Survey.

Grant & Community Relations Manager Mandi Thompson presented to City Council the results of the 2018 National Citizen Survey.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Talkington: Asked if survey results are lower in service or satisfaction? Lower in satisfaction.

Council Member Talkington: Are the questions phrased the same from year to year? Yes they are.

Council Member Reid: Is there an opportunity for the respondents to make comments on the surveys? No there is not.

Council Member Talkington: Respondents are more likely to answer surveys if they have a bone to pick or are in some way dissatisfied. Would like to make the public aware that this is in no way a reflection of what the Council has or has not done. If 1 out of 7 have been a victim of crime this is unacceptable. Idaho wage scale is just now finally starting to come up.

City Manager Rothweiler: Further explained the difference between the vision and the results of the survey. Citizen Survey is a place to begin the conversation. Does not define the "Why". Though August of 2018 the City of Twin Falls has issued 220 single family permits. In line with what we have been for the past 3 years. We have hovered between 230-240 single family permits in that same window of time. 2005-2006-2007 City was issuing over 600 single family permits in that same amount of time. As shared during the budgeting process the value of a house in 2011 was $116,000 and today is in excess of $178,000. How do we overcome these building blocks?

Council Member Lanting: Can't excuse ourselves completely, need to keep ourselves on the forefront of approving affordable cost housing requests. Thanked Mandi for her report.

b) Request to approve an independent contractor contract with Wonderlich and Wakefield for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A.

City Manager Rothweiler made a request to approve an independent contractor contract with Wonderlich & Wakefield for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50- 208A. Month to month amount of this contract will be $14,549.50 and includes all fees.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve an independent contractor contract with Wonderlich & Wakefield for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50- 208A. Council Member Talkington seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of motion. 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL INPUT/ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Pierce: New beautiful piece of art in front of City Hall donated by the Janice Seagrave Family Foundation.

Council Member Hawkins: Last week at the Greater Transportation Committee meeting it was unanimously voted to put the 3rd bridge on the list of consideration. Today is Constitution Day.

Council Member Lanting: Revenue Sharing Committee meeting was held today - every proposal that they came up with to change the formula, there were winners and loser - Final decision was to suggest that there be no changes at this time.

Council Member Talkington: Has been attending meetings on "Dark Sky's". Asked for the Council's approval to bring back some information on this subject to share to see if this would be something that the City of Twin Falls would be interested in.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the Spanish Heritage Month.

Mayor Barigar: Gave details on the Spanish Heritage Month events coming up Wednesday September 12 from 4-9 pm at CSI.

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

9) ADJOURNMENT

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. Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.



Amy Luna, Finance Administrative Assistant