

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

SHAWN	DON	SUZANNE	GREGORY	JIM	REBECCA	CHRIS
BARIGAR	HALL	HAWKINS	LANTING	MUNN, JR.	MILLS SOJKA	TALKINGTON

*Vice Mayor*

*Mayor*



**MINUTES**

Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council  
**Monday, April 29, 2013**  
 City Council Chambers  
 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East -Twin Falls, Idaho

**5:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM  
 INTRODUCTION OF STAFF  
 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:  
 PROCLAMATIONS: None

AGENDA ITEMS		Purpose	By:
<b>I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b>		<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u>
1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for April 23-29, 2013, total: \$1,080,846.57 Prepay, April 23, 2013, total: \$645.56 Payroll, April 26, 2013, total: \$114,172.41			Sharon Bryan
<b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b>			
1. Discussion on solid waste.		Discussion	Chris Talkington
2. Consideration of funding the maintenance portion of the Hanging Flower Basket project along Shoshone Street, in a partnership with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.		Action	Travis Rothweiler
3. Brief presentation by the City Manager followed by a general discussion about the City Council's FY 2014 Budget priorities and philosophies.		Presentation/ Discussion	Travis Rothweiler
4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.			
<b>III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u></b>			
<b>IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 P.M. - None</b>			
<b>V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>			

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**5:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Jim Munn, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington  
**Absent:** None  
**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Frtiz Wonderlich, Chief Finance Director Lorie Race, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Mayor Lanting called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He then invited all present, who wished to, to recite the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him and Boy Scouts from Troop 68. Mayor Lanting introduced staff.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None**  
**PROCLAMATIONS: None**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

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#### **MOTION:**

Councilperson Munn made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hall and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

#### **II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Discussion on solid waste.

Councilperson Talkington explained that the Solid Waste District is composed of seven counties, each with their own area of jurisdiction costs. The Idaho Constitution lays out a division between counties and cities. The counties are the taxing authorities and the cities are vehicles of convenience and have very few rights.

Information provided is in regards to the personnel side of the Solid Waste District and the participating counties. The intent is to provide general information and education to the Council, discuss and review how the District is running, and how the City of Twin Falls may achieve to get a voice on the Board.

On overhead projection Councilperson Talkington reviewed handouts entitled, "Twin Falls City (TFC) Solid Waste District (SWD) & PSI" and Solid Waste Tonnages."

The City of Twin Falls recycling program from 2010, 2011, 2012, and the first 3 months of 2013 has reduced the City's contribution to the landfill by 4,888 tons. The SWD is tax-supported by the seven Magic Valley Counties (185,000 residents) that make up the Magic Valley. In 2012, 171,000 tons of waste was sent to the landfill. The City of Twin Falls provides 1 out of 4 tons, 24% of the tonnage, and in Twin Falls County represents 60% of the total landfill. The City is a major contributor to the landfill.

The Solid Waste District Director gave a presentation to the City Council at a previous meeting. The Director explained the four principles guiding the SWD. Councilperson Talkington asked how the fourth principal, "The opportunities to reuse, reduce and recycle, is reflected in the rates paid by the City, which have decreased over the 3.4 years.

A conversation has taken place with PSI Manager Kevin Malone on Green Waste.

Councilperson Talkington reviewed the 2013 SISWD and 7 other counties personnel costs and expressed concern over SWD Director's compensation of over \$100,000 and the Chief Financial Officer's compensation of over \$103,000. An audit on SWD from a CPA firm for year 2012, states, "We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency and also to be a material weakness. The District does not have the skills and competency necessary to prepare their financial statement and accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or prevent, detect, and correct material misstatements in the financial statement prepared for them."

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Munn stated his concern of the information presented on the audit. The presentation made by SWD and the County did not clearly explain the reason for the increasing operational costs.

Mayor Lanting asked if the Director and the CFO oversee responsibilities over the seven counties.

City Manager Rothweiler stated he is not familiar how the SISWD is structured or organized. Josh Bartlome is the SWD Director of the facility and the SWD Board is represented by each county. The City is not involved on the board or decision making process, therefore is not familiar with the SWD structure.

Councilperson Hawkins, SWD Ad Hoc member, stated for clarification that the City of Twin Falls does not have a vote.

Mayor Lanting stated that he understood from Commissioner Urie that the proposed increases were due to the fact that not enough was charged in the past to keep up with their collections.

Councilperson Munn stated that 24% of the solid waste tonnage is manifested by the City of Twin Falls. The City of Twin Falls does not have a vote in regards to planning, organizing, leading or correcting in the SWD. The City of Twin Falls negotiated a voting position on the SIRCOMM Board because of the extraordinary amount of work the City of Twin Falls generated and participated.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that the City of Twin Falls is represented by the County Commissioners and it would be beneficial to voice the City's concerns with the Commissioners.

Councilperson Munn stated that when working with SIRCOMM, it became a challenge when the City of Twin Falls had different interests than the County of Twin Falls and other rural agencies. Finally, the City of Twin Falls was able to negotiate a voice on the SIRCOMM Board and have a vote.

Councilperson Barigar asked if the City paid the County or SISWD.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the City is billed by the County.

Councilperson Hawkins stated that SISWD has stated that costs are fixed and recycling does not affect what the City pays.

Councilperson Talkington requested that SISWD be approached and request them to strike a portion of their Mission Statement relating to the opportunities to reuse, reduce and recycle. He stated the importance to get the Green Waste down. He stated that the City of Twin Falls is penalized for recycling.

Mayor Lanting stated that he will work with the City Manager to seek a course of action.

Councilperson Barigar recused himself from discussion on the following item at 5:39 P.M.

2. Consideration of funding the maintenance portion of the Hanging Flower Basket project along Shoshone Street, in a partnership with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the request. He reviewed the expenses involved in funding the project.

Council discussion followed.

-Non budgeted item

-Budget impact

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the expenditures will be placed in the Park Fund.

Councilperson Barigar gave a history of the hanging baskets. The Chamber is ready to solicit sponsorships. The sponsorship costs will be used to cover hard expenses and labor costs to solicit sponsorships.

Council discussion followed.

-Additional Parks & Recreation Department employee

Councilperson Hawkins asked if the Chamber of Commerce would be willing to split the cost of labor and if the parking meter money had been considered to put towards the maintenance portion costs.

Councilperson Barigar stated that the Chamber's role is to solicit sponsorships.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the parking meter money is one time money.

Vice Mayor Hall asked for a history of the last five years of the part-time employees hired in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer stated that the Parks & Recreation Department has 9 full time and 13 to 15 seasonal employees, of which 10 employees work 40 hours a week. Increase in seasonal employees the past five years is approximately two.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Munn made a motion to approve funding the maintenance portion of the Hanging Flower Basket project along Shoshone Street, in a partnership with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, not to exceed \$8,950. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Recess at 6:05 P.M.  
Reconvened at 6:22 P.M.

3. Brief presentation by the City Manager followed by a general discussion about the City Council's FY 2014 Budget priorities and philosophies.

City Manager Rothweiler gave the presentation. The following statement reflects the City's overall mission: "Our mission, as stewards of the public trust, is to meet current and future needs of the community, promote citizen involvement, preserve our heritage, conserve and protect our social and physical resources and enhance the quality of life in Twin Falls."

Budgeting is the life blood of government that describes the key strategic priorities that will help the community move forward; it allocates precious and scarce resources, and revenues that otherwise would have been given to other purposes. Every year it is the City's goal to have a budget that is balanced, a budget that is fiscally prudent, completely sustainable and a budget that lives up to the City's mission statement. The City is transforming resources into programs and resources into services. Tonight's conversation is not to balance the budget but to begin a higher level of conversations. In the following week the City team will construct the budget that meets the needs of the Council and the operational demands of the City, and one that implements the Strategic Plan.

On an annual basis, staff wants to make sure the budget is providing high quality efficient core governmental services and allocating resources in a manner that is fitting the citizens' needs. It is important to recognize there is a direct correlation between the levels of services that the City is able to provide and a level of funding that is captured and provided by our citizens.

He reviewed the following:

Adopted budget of 2012 and 2013	Municipal Cost Index
Taxation	Building Permits
Salary Table	Strategic Plan Objectives

City Manager Rothweiler stated that on June 10, 2013, at the City Council Meeting, he will present an in progress budget.

On August 19, 2013, the Council will have a public hearing on the adoption of the budget.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Barigar

Employees needs to move forward  
Strategic Plan to be sorted by priority number  
When will the revenue for the offset for the Personal Property Tax Revenue be received from the State?

Mayor Lanting

Importance moving forward on Phase II of the Compensation Plan  
Maintaining roadways

Councilperson Mills Sojka

Continue to pursue more strategies and find more efficient outcomes  
Rebidding contracts and reassessing contracts  
In favor of taking the Statutory 3%  
Affordable rates for water and wastewater

Vice Mayor Hall

Limit tax increases to statutory minimums  
Continue to fund a compensation strategy  
Develop funding solutions to make improvements to infrastructure

Continue to pursue innovative strategies and find more efficient outcomes

Councilperson Talkington  
Wastewater bond

Councilperson Hawkins stated she concurs with the comments made by Council.

Councilperson Mills Sojka  
Priority should be made on a dog park  
Provide an educational map on bike friendly routes

4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.

City Manager Rothweiler presented the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Chief Finance Officer Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Patricia Lehmann, and Assistant to the City Manager Mike Williams.

City Manager Rothweiler presented the Council on behalf of Zion's Bank, plaques illustrating the partnership of the City of Twin Falls and Chobani on the cover of the Bond Finance (The Daily Newspaper of Public Finance), February 20, 2013.

### **III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilperson Mills Sojka gave an update on the final week of the Magic Valley Arts Council Art & Soul.

Councilperson Hawkins reported on the Dispatcher and Communications Luncheon and Arbor Day Celebration.

### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:            **6:00 P.M. - None****

### **V. ADJOURNMENT:            The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.**

Leila A. Sanchez  
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary