

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Mayor



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Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, September 9, 2013
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd 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:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for September 4 – 9, 2013, total: \$391,533.70.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Overview of the Twin Falls Police Department's Animal Control Program. 2. Consideration of a request to reject all bids submitted for the Twin Falls Police Department's remodeling project. 3. Consideration of a request to approve a Cooperative Agreement between ITD and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution for installation and operation of a signal at the intersection of US-30 (Kimberly Rd.) and 3250 E. (Chobani West approach). 4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council. 5. Discussion and possible action by the City of Twin Falls on the 40th anniversary of Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon.	Overview Action Action Discussion/ Possible Action	Stf. Sgt. Chuck Garner Capt. Matthew Hicks Jacqueline Fields Travis Rothweiler
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE</u>		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

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Present: Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Gregory Lanting, Jim Munn, Jr., Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington
Absent: None
Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Community Development Director Mitchel Humble, City Engineer Troy Vitek, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Captain Matt Hicks, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Williams, Public Information Officer Josh Palmer, 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. Mayor Lanting introduced staff.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for September 4 – 9, 2013, total: \$391,533.70.

MOTION:

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

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to reject all bids submitted for the Twin Falls Police Department's remodeling project.

Captain Hicks explained the request.

On August 27, 2013, four bids were received for the remodeling project. Although the bid received from Kreizenbeck Contractors is the low bid, the lowest total bid amount came in at more than twice the amount budgeted for the project. Based on this fact, staff is requesting the City Council reject all bids and allow for City staff to pursue negotiations.

Council discussion followed.
-Conrad Architects estimate

Captain Hicks stated that staff requested from Conrad Architects of Boise an explanation as to why bids received by the City were so much higher than their projected budget price. Staff was not satisfied with their explanation and will follow up with the architects.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the process of rejecting bids received. After bids have been rejected City staff is allowed to return bid bonds to the bidders. Rejecting all bids will give City staff the opportunity to explore the option of purchasing goods and services on the open market.

He also explained that discussion was made with Chief Pike on long term solutions for the Police Department.

Councilperson Munn gave a brief history of the Twin Falls Police Department building from 1977 to 2013. He explained that the police station was built for approximately 44 people and now currently holds over 100 employees. He hesitates to spend \$500,000 on the existing police station when there is a need for a new police station.

Councilperson Talkington stated that he concurs with Councilperson Munn's comments. He endorses the concept in conjunction with the longer range plans with City Hall to find a growth facility for the cop shop. He does not want to invest \$700,000 and being unable to capture the money in the future.

Vice Mayor Hall stated he would like to see a facility plan for the City brought to the Council with recommendations for movement.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hall made the motion to reject all bids submitted for the Twin Falls Police Department's remodeling project as presented. The motion was seconded Councilperson Munn and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

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2. Consideration of a request to approve a Cooperative Agreement between ITD and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution for installation and operation of a signal at the intersection of US-30 (Kimberly Rd.) and 3250 E. (Chobani West approach).

City Engineer Fields explained that the City Council awarded a contract for the construction of a signal at the intersection of Kimberly Rd. and 3250 E (Chobani West approach). The contractor was able to start work because ITD issued a right of way permit contingent upon the completion of an agreement for the operation of the signal. ITD was endeavoring to facilitate timely construction of the signal. Since the signal is within the current City limits, the City will operate the signal. This agreement is slightly different from prior agreements in that the State has agreed to participate in repairs that are not caused by wrongful or negligent actions of a third party.

Staff recommends that the Council accept the Cooperative Agreement and adopt the proposed Resolution.

Council discussion followed.

-Funding source for signal

City Engineer Fields stated that the signal is not funded with City street dollars but by the Urban Renewal Agency.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to approve a Cooperative Agreement between ITD and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution 1908, for installation and operation of a signal at the intersection of US-30 (Kimberly Rd.) and 3250 E. (Chobani West approach). 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.

3. Overview of the Twin Falls Police Department's Animal Control Program.

Staff Sergeant Garner gave the presentation.

The City contracted with the Twin Falls County Sherriff's Office for animal control services from 2000 to 2012. The Police Department approached the Council in the spring of 2012 with a proposal to assume these responsibilities. The request was granted and the City's Animal Control Program began on June 15, 2012. On June 1, 2012, the Police Department terminated its agreement with the Transportation Security for law enforcement services at the Airport. During this time Officers Ed Guggell and Steven Nutting were employed as Airport Police Officers. They were advised of the Animal Control Program and they accepted positions as non-sworn Animal Control Officers.

The Animal Control Unit has performed above expectations while handling a workload that is greater than anticipated. Officer's Guggell and Nutting have exemplified great customer community service.

Council discussion followed.

-Function of the Department of Fish and Game

-Protocol for rabid animals

-Non emergency number for Animal Control (208) 735-4357

4. Discussion and possible action by the City of Twin Falls on the 40th anniversary of Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon.

City Manager Rothweiler explained that September 8, 2014, will mark the 40th anniversary of Evel Knievel's attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon and that over the course of several years the City and other entities have been approached by various Evel Knievel jumping enthusiasts who want to go through the process and make that jump for the very first time to complete the jump that Evel wasn't able to do. Over the years staff and the Council have attended approximately a dozen meetings with the different groups of interest and staff has steered the groups to the Idaho Department of Lands. The two reasons they are steered to the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) are: 1. a landing site is needed to be successful, and 2. the State has a process in which those lands can be leased. The City of Twin Falls and other entities on the south side of the canyon do not have a process specifically spelled out on how to move forward and use those lands. As the 40th Anniversary has approached there has been more and more interest from individuals who have expressed interest in jumping the canyon, major television networks, and major production studios. There are now five groups that have successfully completed the Idaho Department of Lands process. The IDL requires that the applicant work with all government entities and to secure approval before the lease becomes perfected. The lease will be auctioned off to the highest bidder and that highest bidder will have the soul right to the property.

The City owned jump site is not incorporated into the City's boundaries. The jump site meets the requirements for annexation. Annexation of the property assures that the City's process is to be used and that the City will oversee the jump. Public safety has been in the forefront of that conversation.

Staff is seeking guidance from the Council on how to proceed.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Talkington stated that he was the news director of a television station at that time of the spectacle. There were lessons to be learned from the jump. Both public agencies and private parties were unprepared. A fair amount of money was made by just a few people. The event left bad debts and bad feelings in the community. He explained the events that occurred at the jump.

Council discussion followed.

- Performance bonding
- Utilization of public right of way

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that the City would require bonding to take care of risks that are perceived. The City currently does not have the details of the jump as of yet.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that to ensure the event is as safe and sane as jumping the canyon can be, the event should protect the image of Twin Falls unharmed. The image of Twin Falls has an incredible value to it especially in economic development. Prior to investing staff time and money into the event, staff is seeking direction from Council.

Councilperson Talkington stated he would be in supportive if there is adequate preparation and financial backing to assure that the public is protective in any sort of friendship to any sort of venture.

Councilperson Barigar stated that the event gives the City an opportunity to be prepared for what could be, and maybe erase some of the black marks associated with the original event, a new historical iconic event. This would be an opportunity for publicity and promotion for the community of Twin Falls. The Chamber of Commerce and other organizations would be involved in the event. He would encourage the Council to direct the staff to move forward with the special events application process, for lack of a better venue, and to move forward to annex the property so it does rest with the final jurisdiction of the City.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that she is not against exploring the idea but would recommend having all event detail in writing. She agrees the image of the City of Twin Falls needs to be protected, but this should also include the citizens of Twin Falls and their investment. She would like to see no cost to the City and that there should be a financial benefit to the citizens.

Councilperson Munn stated that this is a great opportunity for the City. He would support in proceeding with the endeavor and in favor of annexing the jump site.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that he would recommend that work begin on the process.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that he is in support of annexing the jump site. He does not believe that government is in the business of making money on an event. A benefit to the City could be marketing the community and to protect the City brand.

Councilperson Hawkins stated her support for the annexation of the property.

Mayor Lanting stated his support for the annexation of the property. He stated he is in favor of recouping any City costs and would be interested in looking at a long term licensing fees. He is also requesting a very large performance bond.

City Manager Rothweiler stated he will send the Council the Idaho Department of Lands lease template. He made the Council aware that the IDOF has a different mission than the City of Twin Falls, which by constitution, is to make money for the State endowed lands which then goes to the educational system. The City's mission is paramount for public health and public safety.

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

Scott Record, Twin Falls resident, and owner of the Omega Point Productions, stated that he formed Omega Point Productions for the purpose of recreating the Evel Knievel launch of 1974 over the Snake River Canyon proposed to happen September 8, 2014. He has been intimately involved in doing this over a year and one half ago. He stated he is one of the five Idaho Department of Lands applicants. He explained that the event may involve more than one producers. The job of a producer would include ideas on how to mitigate the vehicular and pedestrian traffic, work with different organizations, and to interface with the police and fire departments to make sure the event goes smoothly. The cost may be between \$25,000 to \$30,000. He recommended that the person obtaining the lease should work together with City Council and the formation of a committee.

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Councilperson Talkington recommended staff to review the signage on Canyon Spring Road. He recommended signage indicating pedestrians to be aware of fallen rock.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that he has received citizen concern of the excessive speed on Canyon Springs Road and their recommendation for speed bumps.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary