

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

LANCE CLOW	TRIP CRAIG	DON HALL	DAVID E. JOHNSON	WILLIAM A. KEZELE	GREG LANTING	REBECCA MILLS SOJKA
<i>Mayor</i>			<i>Vice Mayor</i>			



**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council**  
**August 15, 2011**  
**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. CONSENT CALENDAR:</b>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u>
1. Consideration of accounts payable for August 9 – August 15, 2011.		Sharon Bryan
2. Consideration of the August 1 and August 8, 2011 Council Minutes.		L. Sanchez
3. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the right-of-way agreement for Parcel Number 42 of the Washington St. N Phase III project, Key 08469.		Troy Vitek
4. Consideration of a request by Debbie Urrutia, owner of The Cove, to approve the fourth annual "The Cove Camp Out" in remembrance of Charlotte Meyers to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011.		Dennis Pullin
5. Consideration of a request to approve the Special Events Application submitted by the Perrine Bridge Festival (Non-Profit)-Saint Luke's Magic Valley Foundation for the annual Perrine Bridge Festival to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.		Dennis Pullin
6. Consideration of a request to approve the Twin Falls High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. The parade will be held on Main Avenue.		Dennis Pullin
<b>II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</b>		
1. Presentation of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business is Blooming Industrial Division Award to Gem State Paper located at 1801 Highland Avenue East.	Presentation	Chamber of Commerce
2. Consideration of a request by Grace Silva of the Folclorico Filhos de Portugal (Sons of Portugal) Group for approval of Twin Falls' First Portuguese Folklore Festival to be held at the City Park on Saturday, September 3, 2011.	Action	Dennis Pullin
3. Consideration of a Concession Agreement with the YMCA of Twin Falls for the professional management and operational oversight of the Twin Falls Swimming Pool, effective September 1, 2011.	Action	Dennis Bowyer
4. Consideration and presentation of Twin Falls City Long Term Planning Document.	Action	Brandi Turnipseed/ Chairman
5. Consideration of a request to select Trojan Technologies as the equipment supplier for the Twin Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project. The initial equipment cost is \$480,200.	Action	Mike Trabert
6. Consideration of a request to award a contract for Eastland: Bowlin to Cheney Dr. Roadway Reconstruction to Gordon Paving Inc. in the amount of \$424,187.35.	Action	Jacqueline Fields
7. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.		
<b>III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>		
<b>IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – None.</b>		
1. Public Hearing on the FY 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget.	Public Hearing	Travis Rothweiler

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V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> :		
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*\*Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Leila Sanchez at (208) 735-7287 at least two working days before the meeting.*

**Present:** Lance Clow, Trip Craig, Don Hall, David E. Johnson, William Kezele, Gregory Lanting, Rebecca Mills Sojka

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Chief Finance Director Lorie Race, Budget Coordinator Darren Huber, Staff Engineer Mike Trabert, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Staff Sergeant Dan McAtee, Personnel Director Susan Harris, Battalion Chief Ron Aguirre, Police Chief Brian Pike, Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson, Zoning & Development Manager Renee Carraway, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

**Citizen Finance & Planning Committee Present:** Brandi Turnipseed, Brent White, Brent Jussel, Darrell Buffaloe

**Absent:** Debbie Lattin

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He invited all present, who wished to, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him. A quorum was present and Mayor Hall introduced staff.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Consideration of accounts payable for August 9 – August 15, 2011, total: \$734,931.95; Prepay for August 9, 2011, total: \$197.60.
2. Consideration of the August 1 and August 8, 2011 Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the right-of-way agreement for Parcel Number 42 of the Washington St. N Phase III project, Key 08469.
4. Consideration of a request by Debbie Urrutia, owner of The Cove, to approve the fourth annual "The Cove Camp Out" in remembrance of Charlotte Meyers to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011.
5. Consideration of a request to approve the Special Events Application submitted by the Perrine Bridge Festival (Non-Profit)- Saint Luke's Magic Valley Foundation for the annual Perrine Bridge Festival to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
6. Consideration of a request to approve the Twin Falls High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. The parade will be held on Main Avenue.

**MOTION:**

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

**I. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Presentation of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business is Blooming Industrial Division Landscape Award to Gem State Paper located at 1801 Highland Avenue East.
2. Consideration of a request by Grace Silva of the Folclorico Filhos de Portugal (Sons of Portugal) Group for approval of Twin Falls' First Portuguese Folklore Festival to be held at the City Park on Saturday, September 3, 2011.

Staff Sergeant McAtee reviewed the request.

Grace Silva explained the request.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Kezele made the motion to approve the Twin Falls' First Portuguese Folklore Festival to be held at the City Park on Saturday, September 3, 2011. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

3. Consideration of a Concession Agreement with the YMCA of Twin Falls for the professional management and operational oversight of the Twin Falls Swimming Pool, effective September 1, 2011.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer reviewed the request.

Staff recommends the adoption of the Concession Agreement with the YMCA on the management and operation of the Twin Falls Swimming Pool.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Johnson asked who would be responsible for repairs and maintenance. Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer stated that the YMCA will pay for parts and the City will donate labor that is typically done by City staff. Other contracted work will be paid by the YMCA.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked for clarification regarding the proposed management fee. Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer stated that the management fee has been reduced and the YMCA will pay utility costs.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that management fees will be \$120,000, annually. A ceiling has been established to fund the public pool and anything above \$120,000 will be paid by the YMCA.

Councilperson Johnson asked for clarification of public accessibility to the pool. Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer stated that no changes were made to the hours of operation or days of operation.

Gary Ettenger stated that consideration would be made on opening on holidays.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to approve the Concession Agreement with the YMCA of Twin Falls for the professional management and operational oversight of the Twin Falls Swimming Pool, effective September 1, 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clow and roll call vote showed all member present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

4. Consideration and presentation of Twin Falls City Long Term Planning Document.

Brandi Turnipseed, Chairman of the Citizen Finance & Planning Committee, explained the request. The document is a tool and a resource to be utilized for the Council to make critical decisions on the impact of the City's current and future City budgets, financial operations and capital expenditures.

Darrell Buffaloe stated that there are 7 items in City Code that establishes the Committee. The following two are important to him: The first is to create openness and transparency in the City government operations. The second is review of the financial reports and revenue and expenditures projections.

Brent Jussel stated that the document is a financial document but more importantly it is a planning document. It is a platform to know where the City is going.

Brent White gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following:

How big is the conglomerate you manage?

So is this any different than the past?

Potential for shrinking revenues at a time of rising costs.

How will the Council succeed in navigating likely in difficult times?

Citizens Finance Committee Recommendation.

Tax Supported Funds

What do the numbers mean and represent?

What do the numbers not represent?

Water Fund history and projections. – Graph: Cost Growth – City Water as compared to all other goods CPI.

Sewer Fund history and projections. – Graph: Cost Growth – City Sewer as compared to other goods CPI.

Citizen Income Growth

So, what now and where to go from here?

Is there another solution?

Recommendations:

Adopt as a Council the determination to look deeply at all major costs of doing business in the City for cost savings.

Expect a creative approach and specific recommendations that will produce ways of cutting cost while maintaining service levels.

Direct the Citizen Finance & Planning Committee to work with staff to bring cost saving solutions before the Council.

Take a no holds barred perspective so that no opportunity is overlooked.

Direct staff to describe carefully what will be sacrificed to achieve balanced budgets and reports same to Council and citizens.

Direct Citizens Committee to report back where forecast may require revision to reflect major costs not shown presently.

Recognize that we can still support new City leadership by being willing to look at new ways of doing business.

Strong council leadership will be key to all.

Council discussion followed.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made the motion to adopt the spreadsheet as a planning model in the format in which it has been presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Brand Turnipseed stated the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 11:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers.

1. *Presentation of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business is ~~Blooming Industrial Division~~ Landscape Award to Gem State Paper located at 1801 Highland Avenue East.*

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer and Mayor Hall presented the award to John Anderson of Gem State Paper.

5. Consideration of a request to select Trojan Technologies as the equipment supplier for the Twin Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project. The initial equipment cost is \$480,200.

Staff Engineer Trabert reviewed the request.

Staff recommends that Trojan Technologies be selected and notified as the equipment ultraviolet disinfection equipment supplier for the Twin Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project.

Council discussion followed.

-Scoring characteristics of companies.

-Budget.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made the motion to approve Trojan Technologies as the equipment supplier for the Twin Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project. The initial equipment cost is \$480,200. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Craig.

Shawn Moffitt, CH2M Hill, stated that CH2M Hill has been handling the replacement of UV lights at the pool.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

5. Consideration of a request to award a contract for Eastland: Bowlin to Cheney Dr. Roadway Reconstruction to Gordon Paving Inc. in the amount of \$424,187.35.

City Engineer Fields reviewed the request.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and award the contract to Gordon Paving in the amount of \$424,187.35.

Discussion followed:

Vice Mayor Lanting asked what would happen if the contractor is not performing up to expectation.

City Engineer Fields stated the contract includes language that requires that material be fabricated and placed according to the specification. If the contractor failed to complete on time liquidated damages will be assessed.

Councilperson Craig asked who would be doing the lab testing.

City Engineer Fields stated that the City is entertaining utilizing Civil Science for construction administration.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made the motion to award a contract for Eastland: Bowlin to Cheney Dr. Roadway Reconstruction to Gordon Paving Inc. in the amount of \$424,187.35. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele.

Councilperson Kezele asked if the road will be a surface compatible with the current truck traffic.

City Engineer Fields stated that the design of the road anticipated that trucks will drive on it and will increase at a nominal growth rate.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

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

Victoria Wakewood, 2145 Settler's Lane, stated her concern that all the roads are being done all at one time.

Mayor Hall stated that City Staff and Council will take her comment into consideration in regards to scheduling of construction projects.

Vice Mayor Lanting reported that Friends of Muni raised slightly over \$10,000. Funds are designated to the Golf Club.

Councilperson Craig gave an update on the Public Library remodeling project.

Councilperson Kezele stated that he received a phone call from a citizen who had a question on the Eastland Road report. Last year the Council approved for an engineering firm to test Eastland Road to give a projection as to its life surface and to what the City could possibly foresee in the future. He asked if the firm should be refunding some dollars for failing to provide the City with adequate data. City Engineer Fields stated that she will review the report.

Mayor Hall stated that voting on the preliminary budget will be no later than August 29, 2011.

Recess: 6:47 P.M.

Reconvened: 7:08 P.M.

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

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – None.**

1. Public Hearing on the FY 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget.

City Manager Rothweiler gave a synopsis of the preliminary budget.

He discussed the following four primary focus areas:

-Hold the line on tax increases.

-Treat our employees fairly.

-Allocate more money to our roadway and transportation system.

-Continue to pursue innovative strategies and find more effective outcomes.

Mayor Hall stated the following for clarification prior to the opening of the public hearing:

- Landlords pay property taxes on rentals.
- Property taxes are levied on businesses.
- The City does not have the authority to increase sales tax.
- Gas tax is a form of sales tax.

Comments letters were placed on overhead projection for review and will be placed in the record.

The public comment portion of the hearing was opened:

City Manager Rothweiler stated that he spoke with Ron O'Brien who commented he does not support a tax increase in the current economic climate. He supports a local option sales tax formula

Jeff Gooding, 747 Buckingham Drive, spoke against increasing taxes. He commented that he read the City Manager's Budget Narrative Commentary. The City Manager talks about the current economic climate but he has not heard anyone on the Council address it. Unemployment is 8.8% with the last 18 months being the highest level of unemployment since August 1993. The rate of underemployment is not measured but is considerable. Anyone involved in the residential construction industry could tell you how difficult it is in the current market. Layoffs have been widespread and people are working for a lot less of money. Some of them are running out of their unemployment benefits. Workers are coming from Boise because there is a lack of work in the Treasure Valley. Those workers further depress the local labor market, but it's a great time to build a house because it's really cheap. He applauds the City Manager for cutting 10 positions from City staff but does not think this is enough. He opposes a 2% raise to employees.

Max Newland, 328 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, spoke in favor of increasing taxes to maintain levels of service.

Dale Wright, 891 Briarwood Drive, spoke against increasing taxes and employee pay raises, and cut departments accordingly.

Paul Burnett, 2195 Alta Vista Drive, stated that he would pay increased property taxes to improve roads. He asked that road improvements be done correctly.

Jim Schouten, 229 Tyler Street, spoke against increasing taxes. He recommended that the City make do with what they have and make things happen. Last year a study was done on Eastland Drive and now there is a big remodel on Eastland. There is too much construction going on in town, making it rough on all the people.

Renee Haight, 2091 White Cloud Circle, spoke against increasing taxes. She stated the following concerns: Citizens were encouraged to conserve water and now water costs have increased, unnecessary public library improvements, and chip coating of roads in the area have been unnecessary. She would like to see some tax relief.

The public portion of the hearing was closed.

Mayor Hall clarified that adjustments had been made in the Building Department by a reduction of staff.

Mayor Hall also clarified that chip sealing helps stay up with maintaining roads.

Vice Mayor Lanting stated that chip sealing helps increase the life of the road.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made a motion that on page 51 on the General Budget to reduce the YMCA contract costs by \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made motion to dedicate the \$50,000 into the Streets Maintenance/ Seal Coating. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele. Roll call vote showed Councilperson Lanting and Kezele voted in favor of the motion. Councilpersons Clow, Craig, Hall, Johnson, and Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Failed 5 to 2.

Roll call vote on the main motion showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Discussion followed:

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Kezele made the motion to remove \$140,000 that is being allocated to replace Thomsen Trail. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clow.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made the motion to reallocate \$140,000 towards the restrooms of the Oregon Trail Youth Complex Restroom Project. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons Craig and Lanting voted in favor of the motion. Councilpersons Clow, Hall, Johnson, Kezele, and Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Failed 5 to 2.

Roll call voted on the main motion showed Councilpersons Clow, Hall, Johnson, Kezele and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilperson Craig and Lanting voted against the motion. Approved 5 to 2.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made the motion to remove the \$75,000 allocated towards the Auger Falls Trail System. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele. Roll call vote showed Councilperson Clow, Hall, Johnson and Kezele voted in favor of the motion. Councilperson Craig, Lanting and Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 4 to 3.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made the motion to reallocate \$185,000 towards the Oregon Trail Youth Complex Restroom Project. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clow. Roll call vote showed Councilpersons Clow, Craig, Hall, Jonson, Lanting, and Mills Sojka voted for the motion. Councilperson Kezele voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made the motion to remove the Oregon Trail Youth Safety Net for \$25,000 and Harmon Shading for \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Kezele.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION:**

Councilperson Kezele made the motion to remove the Oregon Trail Youth Safety Net for \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting. Roll call vote showed Councilperson Clow, Hall, Johnson, Kezele, Lanting, and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilperson Craig voted against the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

Roll call on the amended main motion showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Johnson made the motion to remove the amount that was added into the maximum budget number which is \$366,451. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

Discussion followed.

Roll call vote showed Councilpersons Johnson and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilpersons Clow, Craig, Hall, Kezele and Lanting voted against the motion. Failed 5 to 2.

Discussion to be made on the following budget line items at the next Council meeting.

Councilperson Kezele

- Water District Vehicle of \$38,000
- Dierkes Pickup \$13,000
- Parks (2 used trucks) \$25,000
- Utility Vehicles \$10,000
- Tractor Trade \$30,000
- Trail Sweeper \$20,000
- Information Services Bucket Truck \$75,000

Councilperson Clow

- Would like to have a discussion if the lives of the vehicles can be extended.

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- Justification of renting versus buying.
- Page 55 – Miscellaneous Contingency of \$297,000 would like discussion to drop down to \$200,000.
- Municipal Outsource Grants of \$100,000. How much money are we going to give other organizations?

Councilperson Mills Sojka

- Three Patrol Cars. Discussion on needs or extend their lives.
- Targeted raise increase for Employees. Employees receive 2% and exclude any wage that is salary. How much money could that save the City and how much money can go towards roads as opposed to raises.
- Taking a percent decrease for travel and training expenses. Replace with online training and Webinar.

Councilperson Clow

- Replacement of Fire Engine. Reassured about how long the City is keeping engines, if engines are kept 12 or 15 years. How would this impact the City if this was delayed one year?

Councilperson Kezele

- Discussion on having a 20 or 25 year replacement of emergency vehicles.

Councilperson Clow

- What is the combo machine for storm water? \$300,000

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Leila A .Sanchez

Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary