

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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



**MINUTES**  
 Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council  
 Tuesday, January 22, 2013  
 City Council Chambers  
 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

**Present:**  
 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> 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for January 15 – 22, 2013. 2. Consideration of a request to approve the January 14, 2013, City Council Minutes. 3. Consideration of a request to approve a resolution authorizing the destruction of records.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez Sharon Bryan
<b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b> 1. Consideration of a request from the Twin Falls Housing Authority to appoint Paulette Ellis to serve a term expiring February 15, 2016, and John Van Engelen to serve a term expiring February 13, 2018, as Commissioners.  2. Presentation of the City Pool Financial Report by Gary Ettenger, CEO of the YMCA.  3. Consideration of an agreement between the City and the Urban Renewal Agency regarding the use of downtown parking spaces.  4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Action  Presentation  Action	Penny Earl/ Executive Director of Twin Falls Housing Authority  Dennis Bowyer/ Gary Ettenger, YMCA  Mitch Humble
<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> Executive Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency. 67-2345 (1)(c)</li> <li>• To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. 67-2345 (1) (f)</li> </ul>		

**Present:** Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Greg Lanting, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan, 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. A quorum is present.

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

City Manager Rothweiler requested the following items be removed from the agenda.

- I.2. Consideration of a request to approve the January 14, 2013, City Council Minutes.
- II.2. Presentation of the City Pool Financial Report by Gary Ettenger, CEO of the YMCA. Scheduled for the February 4, 2013, City Council Meeting.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hawkins and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for January 15 – 22, 2013, total: \$1,418,134.01  
January 18, 2013, Payroll, total: \$114,824.40
- 2. Consideration of a request to approve the January 14, 2013, City Council Minutes.
- 3. Consideration of a request to approve a resolution authorizing the destruction of records.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Hall made the motion to approve the Consent calendar as amended. 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 from the Twin Falls Housing Authority to appoint Paulette Ellis to serve a term expiring February 15, 2016, and John Van Engelen to serve a term expiring February 13, 2018, as Commissioners.

Penny Earl explained the request.

The Twin Falls Housing Authority requests the appointment of Paulette Ellis to serve a term expiring February 15, 2016, and John Van Engelen to serve a term expiring February 13, 2018.

**MOTION:**

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

Penny Earl gave a brief history of the Twin Falls Housing Authority. Twin Falls Housing Authority provides low income housing for the elderly, disabled, and families with children.

Council discussion followed.

Penny Earl stated that the waiting list is at an average of six months.

2. Presentation of the City Pool Financial Report by Gary Ettenger, CEO of the YMCA. Scheduled for the February 4, 2013, City Council Meeting.

Scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2013.

3. Consideration of an agreement between the City and the Urban Renewal Agency regarding the use of downtown parking spaces.

Community Development Director Humble explained the request. Approval of the agreement will generally formalize a relationship with the URA that has been in place since the City began managing the downtown parking lots in 2008. However, the agreement will lead to the URA purchasing seven additional parking passes that had not been purchased in the past.

Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached agreement as presented.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Talkington asked if the nine parking spaces in the Blue Lot are intended for a VA clientele only, and is not impacted or restricted forcing parking at the Purple Lot.

Community Development Director Humble stated that the parking spaces have signage indicating VA patient parking only, as well as two parking spaces in front of the VA building. Employees are not allowed in the designated parking spaces.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked the following questions:

- *How much revenue has been collected for the City lease parking in the Blue Lot?*
- *How much revenue has the City collected on the URA property?*
- *Is the City concerned that another entity has been leasing the City's property for approximately ten to twelve years?*
- *Does the URA legally owe money to the City?*

Community Development Director Humble stated that the URA has not in the past purchased parking passes or parking leases. Two years ago there was an update to the lease agreement that the VA had with the agency, and prior to that update, the cost of the VA lease was one dollar a month. The VA now pays a lease of approximately \$13,000 a year. The City has managed downtown parking for seven years. In the Purple Lot, the City has collected, per parking space, between \$100 to \$200 per year. The URA does not owe money to the City.

Councilperson Barigar asked if the nine parking spaces next to the VA and the two parking spaces in front to the VA building, are sufficient to accommodate their patients.

Community Development Director Humble stated that the VA lease agreement with the URA shows 29 spaces. The URA will buy five or six parking passes in the Blue Lot.

**MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Hall made the motion to approve the agreement between the City and the Urban Renewal Agency regarding the use of downtown parking spaces, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

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

Councilperson Talkington stated that he would like to make a strong statement in the Strategic Plan that the City will become assertive in seeking a reduction in the City's contribution to Southern Idaho Solid Waste District due to a decrease of solid waste.

City Manager Rothweiler stated a draft of the Strategic Plan will be presented to advisory committees, commissions, and civic groups in February and March, and then presented to the community for input. The Strategic Plan is in draft form and changes can be made to make strong policy statements for being political assertive for the betterment of the City of Twin Falls citizens. When it comes

specifically to recycling, the City has an opportunity to participate indirectly in the process. The City does not have a seat on the Board and is governed by eight representatives for all eight counties who participate. Twin Falls and Blaine Counties are the only two counties that do not have the tipping fee per ton on their property tax assessment. Southern Idaho Solid Waste District stated that they have significant fixed costs and the input into the system, although may decline, does not necessarily reduce the total number of fixed costs or the costs of operating and maintaining the system in its totality. It is an issue that former Councilperson Clow, now Representative Clow, and Councilperson Hawkins have been working on. With Council direction, staff can continue to work with the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. He is not certain he will see a proportionate reduction in the bills that citizens pay based on the less amount of trash that is sent to the landfill.

Councilperson Hawkins stated Josh Bartlome, with Southern Idaho Solid Waste, stated that he will come before the Council with a PowerPoint presentation to explain their setup and will be available for questions. She emphasized that all negotiations are through the County of Twin Falls.

Councilperson Talkington stated that the citizens of Twin Falls should have a benefit for the success of reduction of waste to the landfill.

Councilperson Barigar stated he is in support of incorporating the language of pursuing reduction of fees at Southern Idaho Solid Waste District in the strategic plan.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that from Council discussion, he understands that the Council would like to assure that the citizens of Twin Falls are treated fairly and their interests are represented; and, the City of Twin Falls should be recognized for sending less waste to the landfill, rather than being penalized by being charged a larger tipping fee.

County Commissioner George Urie will be invited to attend the City Council for the presentation by Josh Bartlome.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2013; and, Sunday, January 27, 2013, the James Moulson Foundation Benefit Dinner will be held at the Rock Creek Restaurant

City Manager Rothweiler reported on the Citizen Advisory Commission Water and Wastewater meeting held on January 18, 2013, at 12:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013, at 12:00 P.M.

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

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M. - NONE**

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Executive Session:

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**MOTION:**

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to approve to adjourn to Executive Sessions. 67-2345 (1)(c) and 67-2345 (1)(c) 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.

Adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez  
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary