

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

SHAWN	DON	SUZANNE	GREGORY	JIM	REBECCA	CHRIS
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Vice Mayor

Mayor



AMENDED MINUTES
Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, October 7, 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 from September 24 through October 7, 2013.	Action	Sharon Bryan
2. Consideration of a request to approve the September 9, 2013, September 16, 2013, and September 23, 2013, City Council Minutes.	Action	Leila A. Sanchez
3. Consideration of a request to approve an Alcohol License for Knox Family LLLP, dba Genghis Khan Mongolian Grill located at 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, subject to receipt of a State license.	Action	Sharon Bryan
4. Consideration of a request to accept a three year staged deferral of paving of the parking areas for property located at 419 4th Avenue West also known as Snake River Auto Body.	Action	Troy Vitek
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u>		
1. Consideration of a request to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Darrell Buffaloe in recognition of his service on the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission.	Presentation	Mitchel Humble
2. Consideration of a request to appoint Carrie Hall to the Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission.	Action	Mitchel Humble
3. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the installation of a traffic signal at Fillmore Street and North College Road to Balanced Rock Electric in the amount of \$351,711.	Action	Jacqueline Fields
4. Consideration of a request to approve a Request for Qualifications process in order to gather information for use in evaluating proposals related to a proposed "jump" from City property across the Snake River Canyon, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the attempt made by Evel Knievel in 1974.	Action	Travis Rothweiler
5. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.		
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> None.		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT TO Executive Sessions 67-2345:</u>		
(1)(c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.		
(1)(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations.		

Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting could contact Leila Sanchez at (208) 735-7287 at least two working days before the meeting. Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez (208)735-7287.

Minutes

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Present: Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Jr., Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington
Absent: Gregory Lanting
Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Community Development Director Mitchel Humble, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Assistant City Engineer Troy Vitek, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Williams, PIO Josh Palmer, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Acting Mayor Hall 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.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that exchange students from Western and Eastern Europe were in attendance. The students received a scholarship from their government.

Acting Mayor Hall 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 from September 24 through October 7, 2013.
September 24 – October 7, 2013, total: \$36,621.79
September 25, 2013, Prepay total: \$39,230.25
September 27, 2013, Payroll total: \$113,289.36
September 30, 2013, Fire payroll total: \$47,136.47
September 30, 2013, Vendor total: \$1,212,128.79
October 1, 2013, Pre-pay total: \$7,465.61
October 7, 2013, September payables total: \$64,378.90
2. Consideration of a request to approve the September 9, 2013, September 16, 2013, and September 23, 2013, City Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to approve an Alcohol License for Knox Family LLLP, dba Genghis Khan Mongolian Grill located at 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. North, subject to receipt of a State license.
4. Consideration of a request to accept a three year staged deferral of paving of the parking areas for property located at 419 4th Avenue West also known as Snake River Auto Body.

Acting Mayor Hall referred to Consent Calendar #4. He asked staff how the City ensures that the one-third paving per year for three years is completed by Snake River Auto Body.

Assistant City Engineer Vitek stated that the mechanism to ensure completion is based on trust with the developer. Staff will make sure the developer is keeping up with his commitment. If the developer does not comply with the agreement, the owner will not be allowed to obtain another building permit.

City Engineer Fields stated that she advocates for GIS and does so because data can be attached to a map and deferrals can be attached to parcels. The information can be found when a person is trying to pull a building permit. Deferrals are recorded with the County and are an obligation associated with the land.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Talkington and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Darrell Buffaloe in recognition of his service on the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission.

Randy Watson, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and Acting Mayor Hall presented the certificate to Darrell Buffaloe.

Darrell Buffaloe gave a brief history of his service on the Commission.

2. Consideration of a request to appoint Carrie Hall to the Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission.

Community Development Director Humble gave the presentation.

The selection committee recommends approval of the request to appoint Ms. Hall with her term expiring on July 1, 2015.

Carrie Hall stated the importance of preserving the history of the community.

MOTION:

Councilperson Hawkins made the motion to appoint Carrie Hall to the Historic Preservation Commission to finish out Darrell Buffaloe's two year term, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Barigar and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

3. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the installation of a traffic signal at Fillmore Street and North College Road to Balanced Rock Electric in the amount of \$351,711.

City Engineer Fields stated that Joel Grounds, Precision Engineering and the Engineer of Record, and Sean Knutz, Balanced Rock Electric, are available for questions.

As development has occurred the traffic has steadily increased at the intersection at Fillmore Street and North College Road. The high traffic volumes at the intersection meet the warrant for the installation of a traffic signal. The project is for a signal only with no major widening.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the installation of a traffic signal at Fillmore Street and North College Road by Balanced Rock Electric, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$351,711.

Council discussion followed.

-Acquisition of right of way for additional widening

-Balanced Rock Electric Inc., bid of \$351,711 being 40% higher than the independent traffic designer's Engineer's Estimate

City Engineer Fields stated that a signal installation changes the way the road will behave and believes the intersection will function in its current configuration as well as a signalized intersection.

She gave a cost comparison of similar intersections from 2008 to present. Balanced Rock Electric has indicated that they would like to bore rather than excavate and this will address a fair part of the price differential. In addition, she is not anticipating additional costs.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to accept the low bid for the traffic signaling at the North College Road and Fillmore intersection in an amount not to exceed the bid price of \$351,711, to Balanced Rock Electric. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn and roll call vote showed all members present. Approved 6 to 0.

4. Consideration of a request to approve a Request for Qualifications process in order to gather information for use in evaluating proposals related to a proposed "jump" from City property across the Snake River Canyon, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the attempt made by Evel Knievel in 1974.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the request.

The City of Twin Falls has received inquiries from a number of entities proposing a motorcycle/vehicle jump across the Snake River Canyon on or around the 40th anniversary of the attempt made by Evel Knievel in 1974.

The City is willing to consider permitting this event, but only under such circumstances and with conditions that will fully protect the public's health and safety, protect the City's "brand and image" and create a positive marketing image for the area, and do so with no financial burden placed upon the citizens of the Twin Falls.

Should the Council approve the RFQ process, staff will have it published and will be ready to collect applications. The deadline for the RFQ's is October 18, 2013, close of business. Through the permitting process, the committee will be able to capture information to make a solid recommendation to the Council.

Council discussion followed.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked how the RFQ process helps the City move forward when there is only one person that can land on the other side of the canyon and who are the intended audience/applicants.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that it is important to recognize that even though there may be one individual that has won the right to sign a lease on state lands, it does not necessarily mean the City has to support and recognize that one individual as the only person. Because the State of Idaho selected and used a process it does not necessarily mean the City is required to be beholden to it. The City of Twin Falls needs to make sure that the City's interests are best represented and best preserved. The City needs to have the courage to say no even if it is not in the City's best interest. The State Land process resulted in the highest bidder process.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked if the City will have written requirements for the applicant.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the RFQ process.

Councilperson Talkington asked how much flexibility does the City have or should have in setting a performance or surety bond for any indirect activity.

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that ultimately a contract will be negotiated in a way that the Council will need to approve. This would include any protections the Council sees necessary.

Councilperson Barigar thanked City Attorney Wonderlich for the detailed RFQ. He recommended two minor changes in the RFQ application:

-A detailed description of any use of land within the City limits or owned by the City of Twin Falls.

-All inquiries related to this RFQ are to be directed to Mike Williams, the Assistant to the City Manager, via email at mwilliams@tfid.org.

Council discussion followed.

MOTION:

Councilperson Munn made a motion to approve the Request for Qualification process in order to gather information for use in evaluating proposals related to a proposed "jump" from City property across the Snake River Canyon, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the attempt made by Evel Knievel in 1974, subject to the following changes to the contract:

-A detailed description of any use of land within the City limits or owned by the City of Twin Falls.

-All inquiries related to this RFQ are to be directed to Mike Williams, the Assistant to the City Manager, via email at mwilliams@tfid.org.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Barigar.

Councilperson Mills Sojka commented that she is not necessarily opposed to the RFQ process, but is wondering how it would work if an applicant that does not hold the State Land lease is chosen and what the repercussions are for the person that paid almost a million dollars for his lease.

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that the Department of Lands does not drive the City's process and understands that the Council is not seeking the highest bidder. The directive of the Department of Lands is to make as much money as possible. There are a number of possibilities that may or may not include Mr. Beckley. If no one else is able to take assignment of that lease there will not be an event. There are rumors that other parcels may be used.

-Update on the annexation of property

Community Development Director Humble stated that a public hearing will be held on October 22, 2013, before the Planning & Zoning Commission and before the Council on November 4, 2013.

Roll call vote showed Councilperson Barigar, Hall, Hawkins, Munn, and Talkington voted in favor of the motion. Councilperson Mills Sojka voted against the motion. Approved 5 to 1.

Acting Mayor Hall thanked the Committee and City staff for their work on the RFQ process.

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

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT TO Executive Sessions 67-2345:

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MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions 67-2345 (1)(c) and (1)(e), as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hawkins and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Clerk