

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Suzanne Hawkins	Jim Munn	Shawn Barigar	Chris Talkington	Gregory Lanting	Don Hall	Rebecca Mills Sojka
					Mayor	



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Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
 Monday, January 12, 2015
 City Council Chambers - 305 3rd Avenue East -Twin Falls, Idaho

4:00 P.M.

Presentations from 2014 Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG) Recipients

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
 PROCLAMATION: **None**

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT		
AGENDA ITEMS		
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u>	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>By:</u>
1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 6 – January 12, 2015.	Action	Sharon Bryan
2. Consideration of a request to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision for an Annexation & Zoning District Change for Northeast Investments, LLC c/o Gerald Martens, EHM Engineers, Inc.	Action	Mitchel Humble
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u>	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>By:</u>
1. Consideration of a request to approve the Agreement between First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls and the City of Twin Falls for an All-Inclusive Playground and a Splash Pad to be constructed at the Sunway Soccer Complex.	Action	Dennis J. Bowyer
2. Consideration of a request to waive all building permit fees for the Disabled Veterans Hall upgrade located at 459 Shoup Ave.	Action	Scott Martin D.A.V. Project Volunteer
3. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) regarding State/Local Project No. A011(495) Cheney Drive, key Number 11495.	Action	Jacqueline Fields
4. Consideration of a request to adopt a Resolution that will authorize the Mayor to execute the State Local Agreement for Construction of Key No. 11495 Cheney Drive: Washington St to N College.	Action	Jacqueline Fields
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> 6:00 P.M. - None		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>		
1. Executive Session 67-2345(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Executive Session 67-2345(1)(c)To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. Executive Session 67-2345(1)(f) 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.		

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Present: Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Gregory Lanting, Chris Talkington , Jim Munn, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Shawn Barigar (4:33 p.m.)

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Chief Finance Officer Lorie Race, Deputy City Managers Mitchel Humble and Brian Pike, City Engineer Jacqueline Fields, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Grant Writer Mandi Thompson, Project Coordinator Tami Lauda, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. He then invited all present, who wished to, to recite the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him. A quorum is present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

PROCLAMATION: None

Presentations from 2014 Municipal Powers Outsource Grants (MPOG) Recipients

Grant Writer Thompson explained that MPOG recipients will report on their use of funds.

Sandy Hacking, Twin Falls Municipal Band, explained how MPOG funds were expended.

Carolyn White, Executive Director of the Magic Valley Arts Council, explained how MPOG funds were expended.

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 6 – January 12, 2015, total: \$332,743.80
2. Consideration of a request to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision for an Annexation & Zoning District Change for Northeast Investments, LLC c/o Gerald Martens, EHM Engineers, Inc.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved approval of the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins. Roll call vote showed all members present. Approved 6 to 0.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Agreement between First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls and the City of Twin Falls for an All-Inclusive Playground and a Splash Pad to be constructed at the Sunway Soccer Complex.

Councilmember Munn recused himself at this time. His daughter is an employee of First Federal Savings Bank.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the request. This agreement is with First Federal Bank. As part of the agreement the City had to work to find a piece of ground suitable for the Splash Park location. Members of the City's team, primarily Dennis Bowyer and Mandi Thompson, spent time investigating a location for the park and identified the Sunway Soccer Complex. Subsequent agreements that will be presented to the Council are for two future soccer fields and an elementary site. Earlier this year the City Council accepted the donation of the Sunway Soccer Complex and committed to waive fees for the School District. Part of the City's responsibility for the Splash Pad and the universal accessible park is to help extend utilities that are in the area to make sure both of them can be functioning. It has been estimated that internal costs are approximately \$25,000. Staff is currently looking at different innovative strategies for the water. Currently staff is in conversations with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to possibly use that water to recycle and apply in irrigation form or find some type of circulation pump but this may be more manpower intensive and operational intensive. Once the project is completed it will be provided to the City and upon receipt of assignment the City commits to maintaining the park. First Federal Savings Bank would like to have a section of the park as First Federal Bank Park.

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MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved to enter into an Agreement and have the Mayor sign the agreement between First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls and the City of Twin Falls for an All-Inclusive Playground and a Splash Pad to be constructed at the Sunway Soccer Complex. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting.

Discussion followed:

-Suggestions to enhance and expand the park to include a playfield and shelter options

Vice Mayor Hawkins asked if there are plans to add an entrance off of the N. College Road by Xavier School into the playground. City Manager Rothweiler stated there are plans. Timing is something that is being discussed. Funds were not allocated to construct that part of the roadway. This will be discussed at the upcoming budget process.

Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Talkington, Lanting, Hall and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Munn abstained. Approved 5 to 0. 1 abstained.

MPOG presentations continued.

Tahna Cooper, CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates, explained how MPOG funds were expended and will be expended their next quarter.

Kathryn Bausman, Jubilee House, Inc. explained how MPOG funds were expended.

Councilmember Barigar arrived at 4:33 p.m.

Nicki Kroese, Salvation Army, explained how the MPOG funds were expended.

2. Consideration of a request to waive all building permit fees for the Disabled Veterans Hall upgrade located at 459 Shoup Ave.

City Manager Rothweiler explained the request. Scott Martin is leading a volunteer project to upgrade the building and is requesting a waiver of building permit fees of \$723 for building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits. No impact fees are associated with the request.

Scott Martin, Kimberly, Idaho, stated the D.A.V. Hall is need of repair. Buildings from the Mountain Home Air Force Base from WW2 and the Hunt Internment Camp were brought together and placed on the current site. His request is to waive all building permit fees.

Discussion followed.

-Other possible sites for a D.A.V.

Scott Martin stated the building is 2,000 sq. ft. The building is shared by the Veterans of Foreign War. He is currently looking for someone to install the siding and also is in need of pavement (concrete). An account at D.L. Evans Bank (VFW Hall Fund) has been set up for those who would like to donate.

MOTION:

Councilmember Mills Sojka moved to waive the permit fees of \$723 on behalf of Scott Martin for the Disabled Veterans Hall upgrade located at 459 Shoup Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting.

Jarrod Bordi, Building Official, recommends the waiving of fees.

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

MPOG presentations continued.

Lynn Baird, Trans IV, explained how the MPOG funds were expended.

Jeanette Roe, Twin Fall Senior Center, explained the MPOG grant of \$3,000 is designated for flooring.

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Discussion followed.

Councilmember Hawkins stated the Youth Council has volunteered to paint the Senior Citizen Center's signage.

Jeanette Roe stated three Senior Citizen board positions are open and applicants should apply by Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Christina Silver, Boys & Girls Club, explained how the MPOG funds were expended.

Mayor Hall, Jim Munn, and Shawn Barigar recused themselves at this time. Mayor Hall and Councilmember Munn are employees of the College of Southern Idaho. Councilmember Barigar's spouse is an employee of the College of Southern Idaho.

3. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) regarding State/Local Project No. A011(495) Cheney Drive, Key Number 11495.

City Engineer Fields explained the request. The College of Southern Idaho (CSI) sought federal funds to construct safety improvements on public roadways around the campus. Because CSI is not a transportation agency, the City agreed to be the local transportation agency for CSI's project. The project is to construct Cheney Drive from Washington St N to No. College Rd. just east of the Perrine Coulee. The project is intended to diminish through traffic on N. College Rd.

The Council's approval of this request provides an affirmation regarding paving that had been budgeted in prior years and remained unexpended because the project did not go to construction. The cost was estimated and is limited to \$200,000. In the unlikely event that this funding is needed this year, there are sufficient cash reserves in the street fund to address the issue. Currently, staff plans to budget this expense in the next fiscal year.

Discussion followed.

-Paving cost \$200,000

City Engineer Fields stated that the \$200,000 that the City committed to was not in a written agreement but part of a discussion on right of way acquisition when bringing the Washington Street Phase 3 project forward. At that time CSI was building the nursing complex and the Cheney project was in the works

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) regarding State/Local Project No. A011(495) Cheney Drive, Key Number 11495. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting. Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Talkington, Lanting and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Munn, Barigar and Hall abstained. Approved 4 to 0. 3 abstained.

4. Consideration of a request to adopt a Resolution that will authorize the Mayor to execute the State/Local Agreement for Construction of Key No. 11495 Cheney Drive: Washington St to N College.

City Engineer Jacqueline Fields spoke on the request.

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The project is now ready to schedule for construction. After the State/Local Agreement for Construction has been executed and the local match provided, ITD will schedule the project for bidding.

The City has removed the 20" waterline relocation and part of North College from the project. There is a financial impact of approximately \$80,000 and the waterline relocation can be funded in the line item used for Zone Maintenance.

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Staff requests Council approve the Resolution that will authorize the Mayor to sign the State/Local Agreement for Construction.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved to approve Resolution 1940, authorizing the Mayor to sign the State/Local Agreement for Construction of Key No. 11495 Cheney Drive: Washington St to N College. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Talkington.

Discussion followed.

-Waterline relocation costs

-Time of completion

City Engineer Fields stated that if this had been a City sponsored project and received funding, that waterline would have pulled out of the roadway job because of the City's experience on Washington Street North. The consequences of a failure of that line are significant and measureable and generally perceived to be intolerable. If this was a subdivision of land, costs would have been borne by the owner. If the public street were part of subdivision of land then the owner would have been responsible for costs. There is no way for the City to exercise use of federal funds without keeping that waterline in the roadway project. Mike Mason will present the MOU with the State/Local Agreement as background to the Board. If the Board chooses to sign the MOU the City will send the State and Local Agreement back to the State. At that point it is 100 days before the job would award. Construction could start in summer. The bridge work needs to start after the water is out of the coulee.

Mike Mason stated he did not have any additional information for the Council.

Roll call vote showed Councilmembers Hawkins, Talkington, Lanting and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Munn, Barigar and Hall abstained. Approved 4 to 0. 3 abstained.

Mayor Hall stated The Crisis Center will make their MPOG presentation on January 20, 2015.

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

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the City will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 for Martin Luther King Day.

Councilmember Lanting gave an update on the Urban Renewal Agency meeting held on January 12, 2015.

Mayor Hall thanked the Streets Department and Public Works Departments for serving the citizens of Twin Falls.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

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MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved to approve Executive Session 67-2345(1)(b), Executive Session 67-2345(1)(c), and 67-2345(1)(f). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barigar. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Leila a. Sanchez

Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary