

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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



MINUTES

Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Monday, January 26, 2015
City Council Chambers - 305 3rd Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

5:00 P.M.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 21 to January 26, 2015.

Purpose:
Action

By:
Sharon Bryan

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of a request to adopt an Ordinance for vacation of property located within a portion of the Fieldstone Subdivision located south of the 900-1100 blocks of Cheney Drive West, undeveloped, and east of the 1350-1450 blocks of Field Stream Way.
2. Presentation of the new credit card process that was implemented on October 1, 2014.
3. Presentation of the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015. The presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater and Sanitation.
4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.

Purpose:
Action

By:
Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson

Presentation

Lorie Race

Presentation

Lorie Race

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

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.

Present: Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Gregory Lanting, Chris Talkington, Rebecca Mills Sojka

Absent: Shawn Barigar

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Deputy City Attorney Shayne Nope, Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race, Deputy City Manager Mitchel Humble, Deputy City Manager Brian Pike, Zoning & Development Manager Rene'e V. Carraway-Johnson, PIO Josh Palmer, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

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. A quorum is present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

PROCLAMATION: None

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the Accounts Payable for January 21 to January 26, 2015, total: 390,769.35.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lanting. 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 adopt an Ordinance for vacation of property located within a portion of the Fieldstone Subdivision located south of the 900-1100 blocks of Cheney Drive West, undeveloped, and east of the 1350-1450 blocks of Field Stream Way.

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson explained the request.

All conditions placed on the vacation approval have been met. As directed by the Council, staff has prepared an ordinance for Council's consideration.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the ordinance so it can be published and codified.

Discussion followed:

-Conditions placed: PUD Agreement and replatting

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson clarified that the Ordinance for the rezone of this property and PUD Agreement will be before the Council on February 2, 2015. The Final plat should be before the Council at the end of the month. No approvals or publications of ordinances will occur without the final plat being approved.

Councilmember Talkington asked if the density of the existing land zone is affected by the vacating and the replatting.

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson stated that the density does not change through vacation. The Council approved a rezone in 2012, with the rezoning of the property allowing for some professional development along the north side and some cottage development along Field Stream Way.

Councilmember Talkington stated that he brought this up because it was not a vacation but a PUD that the density was increased after the original approval and it impacted adversely neighbors who built and bought after knowing there would be a certain density.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lanting moved to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 3086 on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Talkington. Roll call vote showed all members voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

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Deputy City Clerk Sanchez read Ordinance 3086 by title only: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, and VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR VESTING OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.

MOTION:

Councilmember Talkington moved passage of Ordinance 3086. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hawkins.

Councilmember Talkington clarified that the current applicant was not the person he was referring to when discussing an earlier PUD.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

2. Presentation of the new credit card process that was implemented on October 1, 2014.

Chief Finance Officer Race gave the presentation.

The new process has provided a better tool for employees, while implementing stronger controls over these cards. Positive feedback has been received from employees.

3. Presentation of the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015. The presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater and Sanitation.

Chief Finance Officer Race gave the presentation.

She reviewed the following:

- Tax Supported Funds – Revenue
- Property Tax History (25% of the Year Completed)
- Major Revenue Sources – TSF (25% of the Year Completed)

Discussion followed.

- State dollars for Road Maintenance
- Highway District and state's statutorily 3% increase on property tax revenue

Chief Finance Officer Race will report back to council as to whether or not the Highway District collects their 3% on an annual basis.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that for property tax, the City receives 50% of the value of the property tax collected for the geographic area of the Highway District which shares boundaries with the City of Twin Falls. The City did not take 3% but took .79% last year.

Chief Financial Officer Race continued her presentation on the following:

- Tax Supported Funds – Expenditures
- Tax Supported Funds Revenues and Expenditures
- Enterprise Funds Water Revenues (1st 3 months)
- Enterprise Funds – Wastewater Revenues (1st 3 months)
- Enterprise Funds – Sanitation Revenues (1st 3 months)
- Enterprise Funds – Sanitation Expenditures (1st 3 months)

Discussion followed.

- New Water Tank

City Manager Rothweiler stated that on February 2, staff will present an update of the Waste Water Treatment Plant project and the Hankins Water Tank project. The update will include the financials of the projects.

PIO Josh Palmer stated the City has 300 to 400 viewing streamers in a one week period.

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Councilmember Talkington stated the importance of the citizens of Twin Falls and viewers to see how and where their dollars are being used. City staff is in an active relationship with assisting the Council in fulfilling their constitutional responsibilities in maintaining the budget.

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

City Manager Rothweiler stated the Association of Idaho Cities 2015 Officials' Day at the Capital will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

At the February 2, 2015, City Council meeting a discussion will be made on any Snake River Canyon Jump activities and staff will ask for Council direction.

Councilmember Talkington stated than an individual came before Council to discuss the renovation of the Disabled Veterans Hall upgrade and since that time at his monthly American Legion Board meeting several members were supportive of offering premises at their building located near Seastroms for D.A.V.'s use should they not be able to complete their handicap access for the restrooms, ramps and roof repair. This matter is now before the Board. There are opportunities for the Veterans Committee to help the D.A.V.

Councilmember Munn stated that at the January 26, 2015, Historic Preservation Committee meeting, Councilmember Talkington brought up that it might effective to have a cooperative venture between the Historic Preservation Committee and the City Council for the celebration of the 125th year of our State's History.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Leila A. Sanchez

Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary