

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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<i>Mayor</i>				<i>Vice Mayor</i>		



Minutes
 Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
 March 14, 2011
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 5:00 P.M.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
INTRODUCTION OF STAFF
CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
PROCLAMATIONS: Fair Housing Month

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. CONSENT CALENDAR: 1. Consideration of accounts payable for March 8 – 14, 2011. 2. Consideration of the March 7, 2011, Minutes.	<i>Action</i>	<i>Staff Report</i> Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez
II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: 1. Consideration of a request to present POST Certificates to the following individuals before the Twin Falls City Council: Officer Dave Frick, Officer Josh Hayes, Communications Specialist Tammy Buck and Communications Specialist Kimberly Heinmiller. 2. Consideration of a request to appoint Calvin Palmer as a new board member and reappoint Laveta Younger as a commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority. 3. Consideration of a request to fund improvement on Eastland Drive. 4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Presentation Action Action	Chief Brian Pike Craig Stotts Penny Earl Jacqueline Fields
III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:		
IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 P.M. – None. 1. Appeal from MAGIC VALLEY FLIGHT SIMULATION, LLC, concerning the decision of the City Planning and Zoning Commission on February 8, 2011, to deny a request for a Special Use Permit to install and operate an aerial tour business on a south east portion of the Canyon Springs Golf Course within the Snake River Canyon. WITHDRAWN		
V. ADJOURNMENT:		

**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, Rebecca Mills Sojka, David E. Johnson, William Kezele via telephone, Gregory Lanting
Absent: None.
Staff Present: City Manager Tom Courtney, Assistant City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Police Chief Brian Pike, Lieutenant Craig Stotts, Captain Bryan Krear, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila Sanchez.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PROCLAMATIONS: Fair Housing Month

Mayor Hall read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of accounts payable for March 8 – 14, 2011, total: \$177,650.68.
2. Consideration of the March 7, 2011, Minutes.

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Lanting made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clow 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 to present POST Certificates to the following individuals before the Twin Falls City Council: Officer Dave Frick, Officer Josh Hayes, Communications Specialist Tammy Buck and Communications Specialist Kimberly Heinmiller.

Lieutenant Stotts explained the request.

Chief Pike, Mayor Don Hall and Councilperson Johnson presented certificates to Officer Dave Frick, Officer Josh Hayes, Communications Specialist Tammy Buck and Communications Specialist Kimberly Heinmiller

2. Consideration of a request to appoint Calvin Palmer as a new board member and reappoint Laveta Younger as a commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority.

Penny Earl, Executive Director, explained the request.

In accordance with procedures, a recommendation is being made to reappoint Laveta Younger as a commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority and appoint Calvin Palmer as a new board member.

MOTION:

Councilperson Clow made a motion to reappoint Laveta Younger as a commissioner for the Twin Falls Housing Authority with term expiring February 15, 2016, and appoint Calvin Palmer as a new board member with term expiring March 8, 2015. 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 request to fund improvement on Eastland Drive.

City Engineer Fields explained the request using a map on overhead projection entitled: Locations of immediate Eastland Drive options. She explained the following:

The priority of work, based on failure only, is to:

1. Reconstruct the full width of Eastland between Hillcrest and Kmart driveways as a concrete pavement. "Blacktop" or asphalt pavement will continue to rut at the intersection and will differentially settle at the joint with the concrete pavement near Hillcrest Dr.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Clow commented that he would think the property owner would want to work with the City. If the property owner does not allow the City to do the work and give the City the right of way, the property owner will be responsible for paying for development improvements in the future.

Councilperson Clow asked if the City had a better standard when cutting into a water line and why is asphalt being used rather than concrete.

City Engineer Fields stated that she did not know the absolute answer to the question. It appears that there are asphalt patches in place because there was a leak and a localized patch was done in asphalt plant mix.

2. Reconstruct Eastland between Stadium Blvd and Filer Ave. Full width reconstruction would include a lane built within the last 7 years. This lane is not yet at its ½ life. This proposal adds approximately 25% to the cost of the project. Application of fog seal to the entire section would provide a uniform appearance and would provide a reasonable surface treatment to that lane (in lieu of slurry seal or chip seal).
3. Reconstruct the full width between Elizabeth to north of 4th Ave E. The original proposal was to reconstruct the southbound lane. If the northbound lane is deferred, it will remain on the list of near term improvements (five year capital improvement plan). Deferring the northbound lane for a few years cuts ½ of the materials costs to this project but other project costs such as mobilization and traffic control will be replicated, as well as inconvenience to the driver and the neighbors.

Discussion followed.

Councilperson Clow asked if Idaho Power could be requested to move a telephone pole on Section #3 near 4th Avenue East. The pole is in the middle of the right of way.

City Engineer Fields stated that the telephone pole exists on an easement and the City would have to pay to move the line. Discussions have been made previously with Idaho Power.

4. Reconstruct, widen and move irrigation on the west side of the road between Falls Ave West and Stadium Blvd. This project was brought forward in a proposal to utilize cost savings from the bids on Falls Ave. West. It was intended to construct during the last construction season which, with hindsight, was probably not the best schedule. The project was not placed in the budget for this year and a contract wasn't in place prior to the end of the last fiscal year.

Discussion followed.

Councilperson Craig asked if the Falls and Stadium work will include the intersection of Falls.

City Engineer Fields stated that the intersection was broken out as a separate project as #7. The intent is to consider addressing the intersections as intersection projects. The plan is to deal with the rutting at the actual intersection.

5. Reconstruct Eastland between Cheney Drive and the south end of Bowlin Lane subdivision. Two of the lanes between Cheney Drive and Candleridge Dr. were constructed with the construction of the temple and a major sewer project about 3 years ago. Reconstructing these lanes doubles the cost of this project. Reconstructing

the aged center lanes and applying a fog seal to the entire surface would provide a uniform appearance and would provide a reasonable surface treatment to those lanes (in lieu of slurry seal or chip seal).

6. Reconstruct the intersection of Poleline and Bridgeview if the City's federal aid application is not accepted.

Councilperson Johnson asked that the list is prioritized as based to failure only. He asked if the list was factored on traffic loads.

City Engineer Fields stated that when an application was made for the Local Urban Program what was found at Bridgeview and Pole Line was that the loads are actually less than the loads closer to Falls and south. There is a net gain on volume heading east and south. Out of all the intersections Bridgeview has the lightest volume. It is becoming a fairly fragile pavement.

Councilperson Clow stated that at the Bridgeview and Poleline intersection, the City may be able to get some easily negotiated right of way. How long would it take to get the project on LHTAC list or the State's list?

City Engineer Fields stated that it typically takes several months to find out if the project has been approved to get on the list. After a successful application, then the City has to compete for a spot.

Councilperson Johnson asked what kind of interruption in traffic might be expected with this kind of project.

City Engineer Fields stated that Addison and Eastland is a concrete project and will most likely be separate from the plant mix jobs. The goal was to prepare the list and make a decision on whether or not the nature of the work was close enough to fit them together. Also take a look on how long the jobs were. The work has to be balanced with other work that is being done at the same time. It could be reasonable that #2 and #4 could be done simultaneously if the right of way could be acquired. The goal is that the intersection of Falls is open when Addison and Eastland are shut so that there could be east/west traffic coming through the neighborhood. The plan is not to close Stadium, Falls and Addison at the same time. There might be an opportunity for some overlap in there. Consideration would be made on the paving on Elizabeth to near Fourth, at the time when school buses are in the neighborhood. Other considerations would be made to minimize the impact on traffic for surrounding areas.

Councilperson Johnson asked if the City anticipates any more interruptions on Washington Street as the project is being completed.

City Engineer Fields stated that the Washington Street project is due to commence in the next week. The goal is to complete in the neighborhood of the 4th of July.

Councilperson Johnson asked if anything is anticipated for Locust at the same time work is being done on Eastland.

City Engineer Fields stated that the patches on Locust Street will be addressed. A reconstruction or a middle inlay is not scheduled.

Councilperson Kezele stated that a good portion of the torn up asphalt is southbound on Eastland, more so than going northbound. He asked if this was accurate from the City Engineer's preview of the lanes?

City Engineer Fields stated that the southbound lane has sporadically had damage to it. The southbound lane has a little more damage at the interface. The northbound is not without its challenges.

Councilperson Kezele stated that it appears that the truckload or heavier load coming in heading southbound perhaps is what is tearing it up. He asked if the asphalt and/or cement structures contemplated to be put in be in be the depth of construction standard or should the City be looking at alternatives.

City Engineer Fields stated that the pavement that's designed for Eastland addresses the existing loads and projected them out. It included leaving that arterial as a road that would have at least in-town trucks driving on it. It did not anticipate 129,000 pound loads and does not permit 129,000 pound loads on that section of Eastland. Some of the beet trucks are within the design loads.

Councilperson Kezele asked if this is something that the City should be testing for before deciding the depth of the lanes.

City Engineer Fields stated that traffic counts were done and done again during the beet haul to gather the axle loads and calculated the ESALs. The design load that is allowable in the City is the design load this is permitted by ITD. The design of the pavement takes a fairly heavy vehicle and places that load on the truck counts to calculate the design of the pavement.

Councilperson Lanting asked if there are some possibilities to prohibit truck traffic on Eastland to ease some of the traffic flows.

City Engineer Fields stated that it would be possible to preclude truck traffic on Eastland. Trucks typically do not go through construction zones unless needed.

Mayor Hall asked if the City build the road to the standards and find trucks are overloaded, can the State be called to come in and do a task force on Eastland.

City Engineer Fields stated that the City can request assistance from the State. Another option would be to work with truck drivers for voluntary compliance.

City Engineer Fields explained truck capacity and weight load.

7. Reconstruct the intersections of Falls Ave, Filer Ave and Elizabeth.

Recess at 6:08 P.M.
Reconvened at 6:16 P.M.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Johnson stated that he would like to break down the list as to what can be accomplished this year.

Vice Mayor Lanting asked if any items of the list presented would be "ordinary and necessary".

City Manager Courtney stated that "ordinary and necessary" is something that has to be done right now and there are no other options or choices.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that on the priority list on # 6 and #7, it appears that the intersections are more rough and broken up than Bridgeview and Poleline.

City Engineer Fields stated Bridgeview was made top priority because what was taken into consideration slightly larger than localized based failure. Based failures have a profound effect on the maintenance activities needed when letting people through.

Assistant City Manager Rothweiler stated that the City right now believes that it has comfortably \$11 million dollars to expend on the proposed project and a variety of other projects in the City. It is the decision of the Council to expend those reserves in a manner that is most urgent and important to meet the needs of the community. The project has been assigned to the Citizen Finance & Planning Committee. The Committee is looking at a series of options in terms of how to

put this together. At this time the Committee is asking the staff to develop a ten year capital Performa and their presentation will come before the Council at the April 4, 2011, regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Of the \$11 million dollars, \$6 million is attributed to the General Fund; \$2 million will be attributed to the Street Fund. This would involve the reimbursement of the \$2 million that would be received for advance construction, \$2 million in the City's Capital Improvement Project. All three funds would be considered general government in the fact that received is tax dollars to support their operations, of which we fund Street operations. The extra \$1 million would be in the Sanitation Fund.

City Engineer Fields gave a review of what could be done in the next year.

Assistant City Manager Rothweiler stated that staff is looking for Council direction.

Councilperson Clow stated that he would like to preserve sections of the road that have more than its ½ life remaining. The sections could be picked up at a later date with possible Federal or State funding.

City Engineer Fields stated that the challenge in an unsuccessful State Local application is that the City submit again the next year successfully. She stated that she would like to present the projects in the priority order but #1 is going to be a late season. #2 and #3 could potentially be seen by the Council prior to the #1 bid opening.

MOTION:

Councilperson Clow made a motion to:

- Proceed with the design work for Project #1, #2, and #5.
- Not replacing any roads that have a ½ life of 20 years or more and fog seal those sections to make it look more compatible.
- Projects #3 and #7 done as a total project.
- Project #4 would have the lowest priority.
- Project #6 can wait until next year.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Johnson 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.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilpersons Mills Sojka and Clow gave an update on the Youth Council's upcoming projects.

Councilperson Craig stated that a Parks & Recreation Commission meeting will be held on March 15, Tuesday at 11:30 A.M. in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers.

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

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V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.