

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

LANCE CLOW	TRIP CRAIG	DON HALL	DAVID E. JOHNSON	WILLIAM A. KEZELE	GREG LANTING	REBECCA MILLS SOJKA
<i>Mayor</i>				<i>Vice Mayor</i>		



**MINUTES**  
 Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council  
**Monday, November 14, 2011**  
 City Council Chambers  
 305 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 2011 Youth Appreciation Week

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
<b>I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan
1. Consideration of accounts payable for November 8 – 14, 2011, total: \$682,383.80. November Payroll total: \$107,831.59.		
2. Consideration of the Special Meeting Minutes 11-03-2011, of the City Council and the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls.		L. Sanchez
<b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b>		
1. Consideration of the issue of whether the City of Twin Falls should join with Twin Falls County in its lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the redistricting plan approved by the Redistricting Commission.	Action	Lance Clow
2. Consideration of a request for the re-appointment of Darrell Buffalo and the appointment of William Baxter, Jr. to the Citizens Finance and Planning Committee for three (3) year terms.	Action	Lorie Race
3. Presentation of the final plans and cost estimates on the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza proposed redevelopment plans.	Presentation	Dennis Bowyer
4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.		
<b>III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u></b>		
<b>IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 – None.</b>		
<b>V. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>		

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Present: Lance Clow, Don Hall, David E. Johnson, Gregory Lanting, Rebecca Mills Sojka  
Absent: Trip Craig, William Kezele

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer,  
Chief Financial Officer Lorie Race, Recording Secretary/Deputy City Clerk Leila A. Sanchez

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. He invited all present, who wished to, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with him and Boy Scout Ethan Hodges, Troop 3. A quorum was present. Mayor Hall introduced staff.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS:** 2011 Youth Appreciation Week

Mayor Hall read the 2011 Youth Appreciation Week proclamation and presented it to Barry Knoblich, Optimist Club member.

Barry Knoblich explained Youth Appreciation Week.

Raylene Merritt, President, Twin Falls Youth Council, gave an update on the texting and driving campaign and a fundraiser for the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center.

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##### **MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Lanting made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

##### **II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. Consideration of the issue of whether the City of Twin Falls should join with Twin Falls County in its lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the redistricting plan approved by the Redistricting Commission.

Councilperson Clow explained the request.

##### **MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made the motion to support the appeal from Twin Falls County to the Supreme Court on the redistricting plan and support the concept that Twin Falls County not be split more than once. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lanting.

City Attorney Wonderlich asked for clarification that the City of Twin Falls would be a party to the lawsuit. Councilperson Clow stated that the name of the City of Twin Falls would be put on the list of appellants.

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that the City of Twin Falls will not have any financial obligation as an appellate to the lawsuit.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

2. Consideration of a request for the re-appointment of Darrell Buffalo and the appointment of William Baxter, Jr. to the Citizens Finance and Planning Committee for three (3) year terms.

Chief Financial Officer Race explained the request.

The review committee recommends the City Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Darrell Buffalo and William Baxter for three year terms, to expire in November 2014.

Debbie Lattin, Brandi Turnipseed, Darrell Buffaloe and Bill Baxter were present.

Brandi Turnipseed, Chairman of the Citizen Finance Committee, thanked the Interview Committee and welcomed the new members.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made a motion to reappoint Darrell Buffaloe, and appoint Bill Baxter as new members to serve for a three year term to expire November 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Johnson and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

3. Presentation of the final plans and cost estimates on the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza proposed redevelopment plans.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer explained the request.

The Twin Falls Community Foundation is seeking three items from the City.

1. Approval to move forward with the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza plan as presented.
2. Requesting the City to provide perpetual maintenance on the Plaza.
3. Requesting for the City to fund the cost of the restroom facility due to the lack of restrooms located on the Main Avenue corridor.

The Twin Falls Community Foundation is requesting for Council to allow them to move forward with the Main Avenue Fountain Plaza plan and for the City to provide perpetual maintenance on the plaza and if the Council desires a restroom in the plaza, then the City will need to budget for it.

Council discussion followed.

- Splash pond
- Deleted playground equipment
- Cost of restrooms is approximately \$58,000.

Scott Allen, the Land Group, stated that splash pads controllers can be set on a schedule.

Terry McCurdy from the Twin Falls Community Foundation explained the request. The request from the Council is to allow the Foundation to go forward and accept the plaza once completed to take care of it in the future. The request is to have the City pay for the restrooms. The Foundation will continue fundraising for the project.

Councilperson Clow suggested that the City of Twin Falls apply for a community block grant and/or urban renewal type grant for the project.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that if funding is needed to fund the restroom project at this time the City does have cash reserves and contingency dollars could be used in this fiscal year for the project.

Scott Allen explained the timeline and construction of the project.

City Manager Rothweiler stated for clarification that the project will not be considered a City project in the front end but will be a project the City will accept.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Clow made the motion that the City of Twin Falls approve the concept for the fountain and allow the Community Foundation to proceed with their fundraising efforts based upon the presented plan and the City of Twin Falls will be prepared to accept the changes once completed. . The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

Mayor Hall asked for clarification if the motion involved the City of Twin Falls involvement in the restroom. Councilperson Clow stated that the Community Foundation will come back to the Council with their final plan and how much money they have raised. The commitment for the restroom is not for the current fiscal year.

Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

4. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council. None.

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

- The Community Garden Meeting will be held on November 15, 2011 at 3:00 at the Parks & Recreation Department.
- The Magic Valley Magicians will perform on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at Twin Falls Center of the Arts.
- The Recreation Center Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 11:30 A.M.
- Mayor Hall stated that the City of Twin Falls was well represented at the Governor's Brightest Star on Thursday, November 10, 2011, in Boise.
- The Parking Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 12:00 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room.
- The Celebrate Southern Idaho Economic Development will be meeting on November 17, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. at the Rick Allen Room at the College of Southern Idaho.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – None.**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:57 P.M.**

Leila A. Sanchez  
Recording Secretary/Deputy City Clerk