

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

SHAWN	LANCE	DON	GREGORY	JIM	REBECCA	CHRIS
BARIGAR	CLOW	HALL	LANTING	MUNN, JR.	MILLS SOJKA	TALKINGTON
		<i>Vice Mayor</i>	<i>Mayor</i>			



Minutes
 Special Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
Thursday, January 26, 2012
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd Avenue East - Twin Falls, Idaho

5:30 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 the January 17, 2012, City Council Minutes.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> L. Sanchez
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 2. Consideration of a request to award the 2012 Northeast Sewer Stage 3 Project to Granite Excavation, Inc., of Cascade, Idaho, in the amount of \$1,208,870.17.	Action	Lee Glaesemann
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 – NONE		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

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Present: Shawn Barigar, Lance Clow, Don Hall, Gregory Lanting, Jim Munn, Jr., Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington
Absent: None
Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Project Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Mayor Lanting called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. He then invited all present, who wished to, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum was present. Mayor Lanting introduced staff.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of the January 17, 2012, City Council Minutes.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn 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 award the 2012 Northeast Sewer Stage 3 Project to Granite Excavation, Inc., of Cascade, Idaho, in the amount of \$1,208,870.17.

Project Engineer Glaesemann reviewed the request.

Staff recommends that City Council award the 2012 Northeast Sewer Stage 3 Project to Granite Excavation, Inc., in the amount of \$1,208,870.17.

Council discussion followed.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to award the 2012 Northeast Sewer Stage 3 Project to Granite Excavation, Inc., in the amount of \$1,208,870.17. 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.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilperson Clow stated that he spoke to Grant Loebs prior to the Council Meeting in regards to the redistricting. The Redistricting Commission is requesting confirmation in form of a letter from the Council to participate in the constitutionality of the redistricting.

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that the request should have been added under Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda. Because Councilperson Clow received the request at 5:00 P.M., City Attorney Wonderlich recommended that the agenda be amended to discuss redistricting.

MOTION:

Councilperson Clow made the motion to amend the agenda to discuss the City's position on the potential Redistricting Commission, specifically L90 plan. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion.

Council discussion followed:

City Attorney Wonderlich on overhead projection showed the L90 plan.

Councilperson Clow stated that Grant Loeb's wanted confirmation that the City is comfortable with the way the City is impacted and having the City in two different districts is acceptable.

MOTION:

Councilperson Clow made a motion to send an email of support to the Redistricting Commission stating that the City of Twin Falls is comfortable with the L90 Plan as it impacts Twin Falls City and Twin Falls County. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hall.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Barigar commented that he would feel more comfortable having the conversation if the request was coming from the Redistricting Commission rather than through someone else saying the Commission might want to know what the City feels regarding the issue. He disagreed that representation is being lost. He stated that he will have two representatives and one senator regardless of where he lives in the City and does not feel comfortable taking a position on behalf of the citizens of Twin Falls.

Councilperson Talkington stated that Idaho has the distinction of being 50 out of 50 states, the absolute bottom so far as in local control. There has been a long lived history in the State legislature and the one party system largely ignoring or negating the desired or expressed interest of local government. He stated that something as significant that combines non-partisan city politics with partisan politics at the capital and state level bothers him enough that he therefore cannot support the motion.

Councilperson Clow stated that the initial reason that he became involved in this issue was as a City Councilmember. Right now with four representatives and two senators representing significant portions of the City it is easy to call any one of them to discuss City issues. Whereas, if it became the plan originally proposed, it would basically mean talking to representatives outside the district or within. There would be two representatives and one senator. He felt that leveraging with two districts was good for the City.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that the plan is a better representation in the legislature for citizens.

Councilperson Barigar stated that if the intent is to strengthen the voice of the City of Twin Falls then the previous proposal that actually had the majority of the city within its own district and not shared with anything else, actually does a better job preserving a strong urban voice for the community than some of the other proposals.

Mayor Lanting stated that he would prefer to see the entire plan, therefore, is hesitant to vote in favor of the request.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that he will vote in favor of the plan as shown. He stated that he would like to continue the discussion at a later date in regards to Councilperson Talkington's comment that, "Idaho has the distinction of being 50 out of 50 states, the absolute bottom so far as in local."

Roll call vote showed Councilpersons Clow, Hall, and Mills Sojka voted in favor of the motion. Councilpersons Barigar, Lanting, Munn, and Talkington voted against the motion. Failed 4 to 3.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – NONE

V. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary