

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
 Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council
 Tuesday, February 21, 2012
 City Council Chambers
 305 3rd 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: None.

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u> 1. Consideration of accounts payable for January 14 – 21, 2012. 2. Consideration of the February 13, 2012, City Council Minutes. 3. Consideration of a request to approve the lowest bid received for radio equipment proposed by White Cloud Communications.	<u>Action</u>	Staff Report Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez Lt. Craig Stotts
II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u> 1. Consideration of a request to reappoint members of the Twin Falls Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee. 2. Consideration of a request to appoint members of the Twin Falls Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee. 3. Consideration of a request to award Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project to IMCO General Construction Inc, in the amount of \$1,216,900. 4. Consideration of a request to award contract for Eastland reconstruction and widening from Falls Ave. to Filer Ave. schedule A to Idaho Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$835,760.95. 5. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Blue Lakes Country Club and the City of Twin Falls for the construction and development of a measuring weir and to fill a fissure at the bottom of one of the lakes. 6. Discussion on Municipal Powers Outsource Grant. 7. Discussion on the Citizen Finance Committee. 8. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Action Action Action Action Action Discussion Discussion	Mitch Humble Mitch Humble Mike Trabert Mike Trabert Mike Trabert Jim Munn Greg Lanting
III. <u>ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u>		
IV. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u> 6:00 – NONE.		
V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>		

**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: Shawn Barigar, Lance Clow, Don Hall, Gregory Lanting via telephone, Jim Munn, Jr., Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington.
Absent: None.
Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Environmental Engineer Mike Trabert, Lt. Craig Stotts, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Williams, Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

Vice 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.

A quorum was present. Vice Mayor Hall introduced staff.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of accounts payable for January 14 – 21, 2012, total: \$460,115.19; Payroll, February 17, 2012, total: \$105,591.80.
2. Consideration of the February 13, 2012, City Council Minutes.
3. Consideration of a request to approve the lowest bid received for radio equipment proposed by White Cloud Communications.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with an amendment to the Minutes. 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 reappoint members of the Twin Falls Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee.

Community Development Director Humble explained the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Clow made a motion to reappoint Roger Laughlin, Scott McClure, and Sean Kuntz to the Building Inspection Department Advisory Committee, for terms to expire in March 2015. 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.

2. Consideration of a request to appoint members of the Twin Falls Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

Community Development Director Humble explained the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to reappoint Dusty Tenney and Brent Jussel to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee for terms expiring in March 2015 and appoint Brad Wills to a partial term expiring in 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clow and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approve 7 to 0.

3. Consideration of a request to award Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project to IMCO General Construction Inc, in the amount of \$1,216,900.

Environmental Engineer Trabert explained the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Mills Sojka made the motion to award the Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Improvements Project to IMCO General Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,216,900. 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.

4. Consideration of a request to award the contract for Eastland reconstruction and widening from Falls Ave. to Filer Ave. schedule A to Idaho Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$835,760.95.

Environmental Engineer Trabert explained the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to award the Eastland Reconstruction and Widening from Falls Avenue to Filer Avenue, Schedule A to Idaho Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$835,760.95. 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.

5. Consideration of a request to authorize the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Blue Lakes Country Club and the City of Twin Falls for the construction and development of a measuring weir and to fill a fissure at the bottom of one of the lakes.

Environmental Engineer Trabert explained the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Blue Lakes Country Club and the City of Twin Falls for the construction and development of a measuring weir and to fill a fissure at the bottom of one of the lakes, per the signed memorandum. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

6. Discussion on Municipal Powers Outsource Grant.

Vice Mayor Hall clarified that the discussion is in regards to the MPOG application process, rather than the funding of the particular entities.

Councilperson Mills Sojka disclosed that her spouse plays for the Twin Falls Municipal Band and is paid a salary. She stated that she would recuse herself from any discussion regarding allocating money, but will be involved in discussions regarding the MPOG process.

Councilperson Munn stated that the MPOG committee met with the purpose of evaluating different entities who applied for the MPOG. He stated his concern that notification of the grant application process was limited to those who applied for and were granted money the previous budget year. He stated that it is the Council's responsibility that the grant application process is noticed properly in the community.

City Attorney Wonderlich stated that the grants are intended to provide a service that the City could provide but does not.

Councilperson Clow explained the history of the beginning of the MPOG process.

Council discussion followed.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to place a deadline of April 2, 2012, to have a one page presentation, limited to 5 minutes, public input by local non-profits interested in applying for the 2012 MPOG funding. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn.

Council discussion followed:

- Advertisement will include guidelines.
- The City Attorney will review eligibility of applicants.
- The Council will have the opportunity to forward the applications to the MPOG Committee.

City Manager Rothweiler presented a tentative schedule for clarification:

March 15, 2012 - Submittals due.

March 22, 2012 - Review of eligibility completed by the City Attorney.

March 26, 2012 - A tentative list of those who have met legal counsel review could be presented to the Council, and if that time the Council felt it is the best interest to go forward to a smaller committee, the Council can make the decision at that time.

April 2, 2012 - Presentations to City Council.

The maker of the motion and his second concurred with the City Manager's schedule.

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

7. Discussion on the Citizen Finance Committee.

Mayor Lanting stated that at the February 13, 2012, Council Meeting, discussion was held on the CFC. He invited members of the CFC to attend tonight's meeting.

City Manager Rothweiler gave a brief history of the CFC.

Brandi Turnipseed introduced members Darrell Buffaloe, Debbie Lattin, Brent White, and Bill Baxter. At the CFC's January meeting discussion was made regarding the purpose of the committee and what are the committee's parameters. The integral purpose of the committee is to communicate the resources and the finances of the future. The committee is an advocate for the City, for the citizens, and to assist the City Council. The issue the committee faces is that they cannot fill their mission if there is no project. The committee is asking the Council to do more discovery, ask more questions, and find out what the committee is really about, before the discussion is made to disband the committee.

Council discussion followed:

Councilperson Talkington asked if there are other municipalities utilizing a similar type of organization as a citizen finance committee.

Councilperson Clow stated that the model of the committee came from former Councilperson Dave Johnson when he served on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board. Dave Johnson said that the hospital board had a sub-committee of a finance committee of accountants and finance people that would review some of the financial issues. He stated that he did not know of any other municipalities that have a similar citizen finance committee.

Councilperson Munn recommended that the Council continue retaining the committee, finding a purpose, be it strategic planning or salary surveys, to help assist in solving problems.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that the committee is a group of citizens that can drill deeper in certain subjects, and can bring advice to the Council.

Councilperson Mills Sojka stated that she is not a fan of creating projects and the amount of staff time that is going into the committee. If the committee does function as an advisory committee and the Council is not creating projects, she supports the committee.

Councilperson Barigar stated that he was on the Council previously when Dave Johnson was adamant on the creation of the CFC. He stated that he would like to clarify the difference from the hospital board model that was advocated by Dave Johnson. He was an employee at the time when this existed and until the previous week served as the Chairman of the current hospital board finance committee. The finance committee previously was made up of hospital board members with an addition of a few citizens. This would be the same as if members of the City Council broke off into a smaller group to be the finance committee, with the addition of a few citizens. Part of the reason for having the committee was because of the complexity of healthcare financing, which is similar to some of the complexities of municipal government financing. He stated he sees a value of having the expertise of people to advise and guide on decisions that the Council needs to make. Similar to the hospital committee, it was the professional staff that had the knowledge base that drove that process. He stated that he would support a model of a partnership of professional staff, willing and caring citizens, and Council who are receptive to advice.

Councilperson Clow suggested the following that could be reviewed by the CFC: Review of the City's benefit package, review of a recreation district, and review of electronic fund payments. He stated that for the record he did not discuss disbanding the CFC.

Vice Mayor Hall and Councilperson Talkington agreed that the CFC would be useful in assisting the Recreational District Committee.

Councilperson Barigar, liaison to the Recreation District Committee, stated that the Committee met on February 21, 2012. A small group will be investigating different funding options. He suggested discussions be made with the Recreation District Committee to see if they would be open to receive help from the CFC.

Councilperson Talkington asked if on the resident survey if are any questions pertaining to recreation district and improved recreation center or facilities.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that questions on the quality of current recreation programs offered to citizens is on the survey, and not on the formation of a district.

Councilperson Clow stated that because the City is in the process of doing a salary review, he would like an outside third party's opinion of the benefits program in comparison to private industry, the local community specifically, and other cities and counties.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that staff is exploring a full compensation model.

Brandi Turnipseed stated that the CFC is to assist the City Council. She suggested that perhaps one or two members could assist in the strategic plan.

Brent White stated that if the CFC is asked to evaluate compensation or recreation funding, he suggested that the Council give the CFC the opportunity to address the things that are a concern to the Council and give them freedom to do that effectively by being allowed to meet other than the current meeting setting.

Debbie Lattin requested that the Council allow the CFC to assist in projects.

Bill Baxter stated that the CFC is willing to help.

City Attorney Wonderlich reviewed the Idaho Open Meeting Law.

Brandi Turnipseed stated that she would be willing to work with the recreation center committee.

Clarification was made that the CFC can meet outside the regular meeting as long as a quorum is not present.

Council directed Councilperson Barigar to propose to the Twin Falls Recreation Committee the suggestion of having the CFC assist them.

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

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates were given on the Airshow, Golf Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Committee, and the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Committee.

On May 19, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. a Walking Tour of the Historic Warehouse District will be held.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – NONE.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Leila A. Sanchez
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary