

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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



**Minutes**  
Meeting of the Twin Falls City Council  
**Monday, May 14, 2012**  
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: None

AGENDA ITEMS	Purpose	By:
<b>I. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR:</u></b> 1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for May 8 – 15, 2012. 2. Consideration of a request to approve the May 7, 2012, City Council Minutes.	<u>Action</u>	<u>Staff Report</u> Sharon Bryan L. Sanchez
<b>II. <u>ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:</u></b> 1. Presentation of a plaque to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and Cactus Petes in recognition for their years of service in the celebration of Arbor Day in Twin Falls. 2. Promotional ceremony for Staff Sergeant Arnold Morgado and Sergeant Dan Clements. 3. Consideration of a request to schedule a public hearing date of June 4, 2012, to increase swimming pool daily rates. 4. Consideration of a request for approval of a "Letter of Support and Self-Certification of Financial Capability" for the Army Corps of Engineers Section 206 "City of Twin Falls Ecosystem Restoration: Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment". 5. Presentation of the City finances for the first six months of fiscal year 2012, and a preliminary look for fiscal year 2013. 6. Public input and/or items from the City Manager and City Council.	Presentation  Presentation Action  Action  Presentation	Dennis Bowyer  Brian Pike Dennis Bowyer  Lee Glaesemann  Lorie Race
<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>		

*\*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.*

5:00 P.M.

Present: Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Jim Munn, Rebecca Mills Sojka, Chris Talkington  
Absent: Greg Lanting

City Staff: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer, Police Chief Brian Pike, Staff Engineer Lee Glaesemann, 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 with him. Vice Mayor Hall introduced staff.

#### CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Request to remove Consent Agenda Item I.2. May 7, 2012, Minutes.

City Manager Rothweiler stated for clarification that revenues estimates will be discussed and, in addition, will begin the initial conversations of developing the Fiscal Year 2013 budget.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of a request to approve the accounts payable for May 8 – 14, 15, 2012, total: \$1,470,235.18; May 11, 2012, Payroll total: \$101,238.82
2. Consideration of a request to approve the May 7, 2012, City Council Minutes.

Councilperson Talkington asked for clarification on the Accounts Payable regarding the payment to Auto Vender \$52,000 liquidated damages final payment.

City Manager Rothweiler stated the payment is liquidated damages connected to the NE Sewerline Project on property owned by Gary Storrer.

##### **MOTION:**

Councilperson Talkington made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of the May 7, 2012, Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Munn and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

##### II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Presentation of a plaque to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and Cactus Petes in recognition for their years of service in the celebration of Arbor Day in Twin Falls.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer explained the request.

Staff recommends that the City Council honor Cactus Petes and the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley for their service in assisting the City in celebrating Arbor Day in Twin Falls.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer, Vice Mayor Hall and Councilperson Barigar presented a plaque to Kris Ann Boyd, Cactus Petes Resort, and Sam Fowler, Boys and Girls Club.

2. Promotional ceremony for Staff Sergeant Arnold Morgado and Sergeant Dan Clements.

Chief Pike promoted Dan Clements to the rank of Sergeant and Arnold Morgado to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

3. Consideration of a request to schedule a public hearing date of June 4, 2012, to increase swimming pool daily rates.

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer explained the request.

On May 8, the Parks & Recreation Commission heard the request from the YMCA to increase the daily admission fees and annual/monthly pool fees. The annual/monthly pool pass fees request was a 5% increase of the current fees. The YMCA stated the proposed increase will offset the increases in costs of managing the swimming pool facility and the programs.

The Parks & Recreation Commission approved the 5% increase in the annual pool passes and has recommended to the City Council to approve the \$.25 increase in the daily admission fees as stated above which are over the 5% threshold.

John Pauley, the Aquatics' Director for the YMCA will be in the audience to answer any questions anyone might have for the YMCA.

Staff recommends the City Council set Monday June 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for the public hearing to consider adopting the proposed swimming pool daily admission fees changes recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion followed:

- 2008 was the last time pool rates increased
- Breakdown of fees

John Pauley stated that the increase will help compensate minimum wage increases, maintenance, and to promote ways to increase public attendance.

City Manager Rothweiler explained details of the seven year agreement between the City and the YMCA. He stated that the Council could take one of the following actions: 1. The Council can approve the proposed rate, which means that at any subsequent time that there is a recommendation by the YMCA to increase the rate, that exceeds the 5%, the City will go through a public hearing process, or 2. The Council may agree to approve the maximum rate from a public hearing standpoint, but will not allow the YMCA to go more than the 5% without the consent of the Parks & Recreation Commission and/or the Council .

-Implementation of fees

Parks & Recreation Director Bowyer stated the fees would be implemented in July.

Councilperson Talkington stated that when the 5% proposal came up previously, he understood the 5% would apply to this year's pool operation.

City Manger Rothweiler explained that the City pays the YMCA a monthly flat rate and the YMCA collects all revenue.

Councilperson Barigar suggested sticking to the proposed rates and setting the public hearing, and if a 5% is requested, to have a public hearing.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Barigar made a motion to stick to the proposed rates as presented and schedule a public hearing date of June 4, 2012, to increase swimming pool daily rates. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mills Sojka.

Councilperson Talkington requested from John Pauley to have ready for the public hearing a breakdown by demographics of children.

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

4. Consideration of a request for approval of a "Letter of Support and Self-Certification of Financial Capability" for the Army Corps of Engineers Section 206 "City of Twin Falls Ecosystem Restoration: Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment".

Staff Engineer Glaesemann explained the projects in Auger Falls.

Staff recommends approval and signature of the "Letter of Support" and "Self Certification" so the Corps may submit the report to their Division office for approval.

Mark Mendenhall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stated that draft document reports the analysis and recommendations for the proposed TF Ecosystem Restoration Project, which would restore and improve aquatic wetland habitat associated with the Blue Gill Pond and the Paleo Channel within the Snake River Canyon.

The alternative that the Corps suggested consisted of measures to rehabilitate Lateral 43, which includes rehabilitation of the collector drainage ditch, rehabilitation of the Paleo Channel, re-vegetation, dredge the Blue Gill Pond, rebuild the pond berm to a safe standard, and weed control. He stated that the recommended "Best Buy" plan was Alternative 8 which generated the greatest amount of habitat units. Based on the interaction of City staff, it was determined that the City would be unable to cost share or enter into a Project Partnership Agreement at this time. The Corps is requesting that the letter of support be signed, and the financial capability statement will be included in the project package to conclude the project.

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Talkington asked if the City can continue the project with a deferred or a lesser contribution by the City in order to see progress in motion continue.

Mark Mendenhall stated that through each of the "best buy" alternatives, policy wise, the Corps could, in theory, select any one of the "best buys". Included in the report is a decision matrix that lays out where each one of the best buys falls and the next increment for habitat units costs. There are 3 to 4 "Best Buy" plans that were identified in the report.

Staff Engineer Glaesemann stated that the Corps went through the analysis, which included a matrix of possibilities. Each of the increments has a cost to it but the "Best Buy" is the combination of possibilities that give the best price per habitat unit developed. The overall cost per habitat unit would be greater if the "Best Buy" increments were constructed separately.

Mark Mendenhall stated that the selection that the Corps recommended was the "Best Buy" plan that created the most habitat units with the lowest cost per habitat unit, but one of the other identified "Best Buys" could be selected.

Councilperson Mills Sojka asked how the project may fit into the budget in the future.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the federal grant match is not time sensitive. In terms of budgeting, that becomes the Council's priority and begins the process of looking at the needs of the organization, filtering those needs, and determining the levels of funding for different types of projects, programs, and services. In order to accomplish the entire project of 1.1 million dollars to go forward, new monies are going to need to be found.

Staff Engineer Glaesemann explained that this is one of the projects in Auger Falls. Several projects are continuing down at Auger Falls.

**MOTION:**

Councilperson Munn made a motion to approve a "Letter of Support and Self-Certification of Financial Capability" for the Army Corps of Engineers Section 206 "City of Twin Falls Ecosystem Restoration: Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment". The motion was seconded by Councilperson Barigar and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

5. Presentation of the City finances for the first six months of fiscal year 2012, and a preliminary look for fiscal year 2013.

Chief Finance Officer Race gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Twin Falls Six Month Financial Update FY 2011-2012. She reviewed the following:

Tax Supported Funds

Tax Supported Funds – Revenues

-Property Taxes

-State Shared Revenues

-Highway User/Road & Bridge Tax

-Franchise Fees

(power, natural gas, and cable TV)

Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Preliminary Revenues Estimates

-Property Taxes – New Money

-State Shared Revenues

-Highway User Revenue and Road & Bridge Tax

-Franchise Fees

-Intrafund Transfers

Tax Supported Fund – Expenditures

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Personnel Budget

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Capital Budget

Tax Supported Funds  
Revenues & Expenditures  
-Revenue and Expenditure Comparisons

Enterprise Funds  
(Is a fund that operates like a private sector business.)  
-Water User Revenue  
-Sewer User Revenue  
-Sanitation User Revenue

Expenditure Funds  
-Water Fund Expenditures  
-Wastewater User Fees

Enterprise Funds  
-Wastewater Fund Expenditures  
-Sanitation User Revenue  
-Sanitation Fund Expenditures

Discussion followed:

Councilperson Talkington asked when the City may enter renegotiations on the landfill tipping fees with the County to receive a more accurate pay for the amount of reduction that goes in from the City's contribution.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that the City Council can enter conversations at any time. Last year the City became much more actively engaged in conversation with the County Commissioners regarding the fees that are set. The fees are set by the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

Councilperson Talkington referred to the assumptions on the assessed valuation. He asked for clarification that the County at this point is suggesting that there may be a 5% decrease in assessed evaluation on residential, commercial, property within the County.

Chief Finance Officer Race confirmed his statement and explained her assumptions on the values.

City Manager Rothweiler stated that this begins the new process of the budgeting philosophy entered last year. It is an opportunity to get the Council involved in the front end of the process where City staff begins to have conversations with Council of what the Council would like to see in the budget. Staff is looking for defining philosophies so that in moving forward, staff creates a document that does meet the views of the entire Council. Staff department heads are present to ensure that as staff goes through the budgeting process that they are taking Council's thoughts and philosophies and incorporating them into their budgeting conversations. Using a PowerPoint presentation he explained revenues estimates. Staff is looking for Council's goals and philosophies for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Council will provide direction to staff at the next scheduled meeting discussing developing the Fiscal Year 2013 budget.

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

Tim Leatherby of Leatherby Tools explained to the Council his business venture. Council recommended that Mr. Leatherby contact Community Development Director Humble with his plans.

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

Acting Mayor Hall reported on the upcoming walking tour.

Councilperson Talkington reported on the Library Board Foundation.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:00 – None**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.**

