

Present: Shawn Barigar, Don Hall, Suzanne Hawkins, Greg Lanting, Jim Munn, Jr., Rebecca Mills Sojka, and Chris Talkington.
Absent: None
Staff Present: City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Community Development Director Mitch Humble, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Budget Coordinator Patty Lehmann, City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan.

Mayor Lanting 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. Mayor Lanting introduced staff. A quorum is present.

Mayor Lanting read and presented the following proclamation:

- Millionth Home Weatherized Day 2012

Ken Robinette spoke regarding the proclamation.

Councilperson Talkington read the following proclamation:

- Distracted Driving Awareness Week 2012

I. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Consideration of accounts payable for September 18-24, 2012, total: \$655,581.58
Pre-Pay, September 19, 2012, total: \$490,388.00

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hall 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 2nd three year appointment of Dan Olmstead to the Airport Advisory Board.

Airport Manager Carberry gave a brief background on the appointment.

The Airport Advisory Board recommended at their September 4, 2012, meeting the Twin Falls City Council re-appoint Dan Olmstead for a second and final 3-year term as a Twin Falls City representative on the Airport Advisory Board. Airport Board members are eligible to serve a maximum of 2- three year terms. Mr. Olmstead has consistently attended and participated in Airport Board meetings over his first 3 year term. Mr. Olmstead has been particularly involved with air service issues to include the recent discussions with SkyWest Airlines leading to the Grant Award from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

MOTION:

Councilperson Munn made a motion to approve the 2nd -three year appointment of Dan Olmstead to the Airport Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hawkins and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Advisory Board Member Olmstead thanked the Council for his reappointment.

City Manager Rothweiler explained that in the next few weeks Senior Staff will be giving a review on current projects.

2. Discussion regarding Engineering and Public Works groups' efforts to coordinate work.

City Engineer Fields explained the request using visuals.

For several years the Engineering and Public Works groups have been working together to try to implement the groups' goals and projects in a coordinated way. The original plan was a rotation through town where every 4 years a neighborhood could expect to experience seal coating.

She explained that it is handy to have design, precede underground utility work and then to have roadwork follow. Other Utilities can benefit from this as well. Current approach identifies 8 generally similar sized areas (~ 530,000 square yards). This year, tended was 466,000 sy. of pavement or about 10 % of the roadway. The target originally was to seal roads on an 8 year cycle, excluding newly paved or reconstructed roadways from the mix is probably a more just measure. Staff still agrees that this is an achievable goal and has continued to look for more cost efficient products and methods.

Council reviewed the following:

Time frame for seal coating

Concerns regarding possible wood pipe still in use

Slurry seal success

Working with other utilities – Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas

Sticking to the different zones

Deteriorating roads – Sections of Hankins and Orchard

The contract completion date is the 3rd week of October, 2012, for the Eastland and Addison project.

3. A presentation regarding the City's new Code Enforcement structure and program operation.

Community Development Director Mitch Humble reviewed the structure and program operations using graphics.

In several recent discussions with the Council, discussion has been made on the structural and operational changes made to the Code Enforcement program. Those changes have affected the Planning Department and their ability to work on Code amendments. Those changes have also affected the parking program and helped accommodate parking enforcement while reducing the revenue for that program. Those changes have also increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the Code Enforcement program. He continued to explain the changes made and discussed how the changes have impacted the code enforcement efforts. He introduced Renee Carraway, Sean Standley and Woody Cullen, the personnel responsible for the work completed.

Council commended the code enforcement.

City Manager Rothweiler indicated that what Code Enforcement is doing has a direct link to our Community Survey.

III. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Lanting announced that the Chobani tour is at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

Recess: 5:58 P.M.

Reconvened: 6:05 P.M.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:05 P.M.

1. A public hearing and consideration of an amendment to the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

Budget Coordinator Lehmann explained that this is a formality that is done yearly to ensure compliance with the Appropriations Ordinance passed for the current fiscal year. All of the expenditures have been previously reviewed and approved by Council.

Amendments to the Appropriations Ordinance No. 3010, has been made. The additional gross amount (including inter-fund transfers) is \$16,602,759. She reviewed each amendment.

The public testimony of the hearing was opened and closed with no input.

The public hearing was closed at 6:18 P.M.

MOTION:

Councilperson Talkington made a motion to suspend the rules and place Amended Ordinance ~~#3010-9~~ 3039, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3010,
THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011,

AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, IN THE SUM OF \$16,602,759; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

on third and final reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hall and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Deputy City Clerk Bryan read the ordinance.

MOTION:

Councilperson Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 3039, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hawkins and roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

2. A public hearing to consider approval of a request to adopt new rates for the purchase of a downtown parking pass and new fines for downtown parking violations.

Community Development Director Humble explained that at the September 10, 2012, Council meeting, the Council adopted an ordinance making several changes to the downtown parking regulations in the City Code. One of those changes was the elimination of the current parking lease program and the creation of a parking pass program in its place. This parking pass program allows the public to purchase a parking pass and use it to park in any of the downtown City parking lots, in those spaces designated for parking pass holders, for longer than the typical 3 hour limit. The plan is to sell parking passes for different durations which include daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly. Staff is proposing the following parking pass fee rates:

- Daily - \$2.00
- Weekly - \$8.00
- Monthly - \$20.00
- Yearly - \$220.00

The suggested rates are to be consistent with the rates the public may have paid under the parking meter and lease program. If a person were to park at a meter, the rate would have been \$0.25 for an hour or \$2.00 for an eight hour day. The daily rate for the parking pass at \$2.00 is to be consistent with paying a meter for eight hours. The weekly rate at \$8.00 offers a slight discount over the rate for five days by paying for a week in advance. The prior monthly lease rates varied from lot-to-lot, but many of the lots were \$20.00 a month.

Since our parking pass program will allow a pass to be used in any lot, the fee for the pass needs to be set. Staff proposes for that rate to be \$20.00 to be consistent with most of the leases from the prior lease system. Also, with the leases, the City offered a discount to those people who paid for a lease a year at a time. Therefore, we propose for the yearly parking pass rate to be \$220.00, which amounts to a slight discount over the cost of buying 12 monthly passes.

The parking program requires a certain level of revenue to operate which includes administration costs as well as enforcement costs. The City needs to charge these parking pass rates to gather the necessary revenue to administer and enforce the parking program. Since the City has removed the parking meters and eliminated the lease program, revenue from the sale of parking passes is crucial for the operation of the parking program. It is expected that the revenue coming in from the sale of parking passes will be less than the combined revenue collected from the meters and leases. However, changes have been made to the program to help accommodate for the decline in revenue. In addition to the rates for parking pass sales, staff is proposing to amend the fine structure for violations to the downtown parking regulations. The proposed new fine structure was part of the ordinance amendment adopted by the Council at their September 10, 2012, meeting. At that meeting discussed was the prior escalating fine structure. The first violation in a month was a warning with no fine. The fines escalated up to \$50 for the fifth and subsequent violations in the same month. The section also established increases if a fine is not paid in a timely manner. Proposed is for the adoption of eliminating the fee escalation and replacing it with a simple flat fee for all violations.

He continued to explain that the Council had approved this fine structure; however, some of the changes represent an increase of greater than 5%. Therefore, a public hearing is required prior to the implementation of the fine structure. As a reminder, the Council also set November 1, 2012, as the implementation date, leaving plenty of time to hold the required public hearing.

Councilperson Hall stated his concern regarding the \$35.00 rate fee.

The public testimony of the hearing was opened at 6:22 P.M.

Minutes

September 24, 2012

Page 5 of 5

Clark Parish of Jerome asked the Council to work parking as an ambassador system. His concern is to not run customers off because of the parking. Also he wanted to know when the signage would be going up.

The public testimony of the public hearing was closed at 6:25 P.M.

Community Development Director Humble explained that each space will have colored blocks with lettering, indicating the type of parking. He indicated that they have started installing the blocks. Directional signs are also going up now.

Council reviewed the fine amounts.

Councilperson Mills Sojka made a motion to make the first violation a zero dollar amount. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Talkington and roll call vote showed those voting aye Councilpersons Mills Sojka and Talkington. Those voting nay were Councilpersons Barigar, Hall, Hawkins, Lanting, and Munn. Motion failed 5 to 2.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Councilperson Barigar made the motion to approve Resolution ~~1894~~, 1893, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, SETTING PARKING PASS RATES FOR DOWNTOWN PARKING.

The motion was seconded by Councilperson Hall and roll call vote showed those voting aye Councilpersons Munn, Mills Sojka, Barigar, Hall, Hawkins, and Lanting. Those voting nay Councilperson Talkington. Approved 6 to 1.

V. ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 P.M.

Sharon Bryan
Deputy City Clerk/Recording Secretary