

CITY COUNCIL WORKING MEETING & TOWNHALL

OCTOBER 28, 2024  
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Pamela McClain	Mayor	Don Hall	Twin Falls County Commissioner
Michael Higbee	Council President	Brent Reinke	Twin Falls County Commissioner
Kelly Peterson	Council Member	Jack Johnson	Twin Falls County Commissioner
Marla Sisson	Council Member	Rocky Matthews	Twin Falls County Commissioner
Karen Drown	Clerk		Candidate
Autumn Jones	Treasurer	Concerned Citizens	
Jazmine Mills	P & Z Admin		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of October 14, 2024 – Regular Session
2. Claims for Payment

Michael moved to approve the consent agenda. Marla seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was a roll call vote. Kelly voted yes, Marla voted yes, Amanda voted yes, and Michael voted yes. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Hall Meeting: Twin Falls County Commissioner Don Hall presented information on the five major projects the counties in Idaho will be focused on in the 2025 Idaho Legislative session. Those included a vape tax with funds going to juvenile service needs, election consolidation, visitor tax on hotel beds to help cover cost of tourism influx, public defense and recent changes management and funding, and finally 911 fees for dispatch infrastructure. Don also discussed the new Twin Falls County courthouse project in downtown Twin Falls.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson noted since he was unopposed in the November 5<sup>th</sup> election he will be the Twin Falls County elect sheriff. He discussed the plans and project for

the county facility on Wright Avenue that had been the juvenile services, which was moved to the County West building. This project will turn the facility into a jail as Twin Falls County is paying other counties each month to house Twin Falls County inmates in their jails. He stated the first phase will add 165 beds. Jack also discussed the situations with Lava Ridge and Salmon Falls and what the county had recently done to control energy projects on private ground within the county.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke presented information on the recent treatment of the quagga muscle in the Snake River. He stated the Department of Agriculture had covered eight miles for ten days using 60,000 gallons of product. The totes used to dispense the product were monitored 24/7 and approximately 40 people work those ten days; they will be back in November for an additional treatment.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Candidate Rocky Matthews provided information about a recent project at Centennial Park funded by Idaho State Department of Agriculture to repave and restripe the park to coordinate users of the park. He noted the park is still closed to watercraft but hopes to open up soon.

Brent also mentioned the recent training that was taking place at the Twin Falls Airport with the US Airforce f-15 and approximately 200 service staff living in tents. He added that Twin Falls County is asking for volunteers to the county planning and zoning board.

Questions for the Commissioners and Council were then taken from the audience.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Marla moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All vote aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk