



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2023, 4:00 PM

*****Special Meeting*****

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Vice Mayor Christopher Reid, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Jason Brown, Spencer Cutler, Nikki Boyd & Alexandra Caval.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Jeff Dearing, CFO Breanna Howard, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steele, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Deputy Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Budget Coordinator Mat Farnes, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Public Information Coordinator Josh Palmer, Desktop Support Tech Kim Hafer, Finance Administrative Assistant Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) § 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student. (c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Caval moved to adjourn to Executive Session. § 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. (c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement; **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 4:05 pm. Resumed regular session at 5:02 pm.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pierce invited all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4) PROCLAMATIONS

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Caval** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve City Council 2023 August 07, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 3-9, 2023.
- c) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the End of Summer Jam event.

6) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) Consider a request to allocate \$41,800 of cash reserves to purchase a tractor for the Twin Falls Golf Club.

P&R Director Davis requested to allocate \$41,800 of cash reserves to purchase a tractor for the Twin Falls Golf Club.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: **Vice Mayor Reid** moved to approve the request to allocate \$41,800 of cash reserves to purchase a tractor for the Twin Falls Golf Club. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Consider a request to authorize Mayor Pierce to sign the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls School District 411

P&R Director Davis requested to authorize Mayor Pierce to sign the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls School District 411.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Have the City Attorney's reviewed this agreement?

MOTION: **Council Member Boyd** moved to approve the request to authorize Mayor Pierce to sign the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Twin Falls and Twin Falls School District 411. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Utilize city contingency funds to complete the required drainage corrections at the regional fire training center in the amount of \$34,000 and authorize the fire staff to re-allocate capital funds approved in the 22-23 FF&E of \$20,000 to infrastructure for the training center for a combined total of \$54,000.

Fire Chief Kenworthy requested the use of city contingency funds to complete the required drainage corrections at the regional fire training center in the amount of \$34,000 and authorized the fire staff to re- allocate capital funds approved in the 22-23 FF&E of \$20,000 to infrastructure for the training center for a combined total of \$54,000.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Is this project contingency funds?

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the funds to be used.

MOTION: **Council Member Cutler** moved to approve the request for the use of city contingency funds to complete the required drainage corrections at the regional fire training center in the amount of \$34,000 and authorize the fire staff to re- allocate capital funds approved in the 22-23 FF&E of \$20,000 to infrastructure for the training center for a combined total of \$54,000. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) Consideration of a request to authorize staff to accept a regional grant of \$88,000.00 for a mobile air trailer and sign an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) with regional partners with matching funds as described in the attached document.

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MOTION: **Council Member Caval** moved to approve the request to authorize staff to accept a regional grant of \$88,000.00 for a mobile air trailer and sign an Inter Local Agreement (ILA) with regional partners with matching funds as described in the attached document. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) A presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the third quarter of fiscal year 2022-2023. This presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater and Sanitation.
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Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Caval: Do you know what our current percentage of openings is? When you look in your crystal ball, what do you see?

- f) Continued discussion of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget for the City of Twin Falls in the amount of \$94,275,338

City Manager Rothweiler continued discussion of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget for the City of Twin Falls in the amount of \$94,275,338.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Brown: Landscaping improvement projects - is this for hardscaping or to improve the landscaping? Is this potable irrigation or pressurized irrigation?

Vice Mayor Reid: If we are only able to fund a portion of the 150,000, is that OK?

Council Member Brown: Asked about the pool requests.

Council Member Cutler: Does the order suggest any sort of suggested priority from city staff?

Council Member Brown: Asked what feet of pipe would be needed for the Canyon Rim connection.

Vice Mayor Reid: Presented his choices.

Council Member Caval: Asked for clarification on the bathroom proposal.

Council Member Boyd: Asked for clarification on the weed situation on Pole Line.

Council Member Brown: Asked for more information on the weed situation before including this item.

Vice Mayor Reid: Agreed with Council Member Brown on the weed situation and needing more info.

Cost	Project Description
\$ 290,000	– Set up costs for transition to new financial software
\$ 146,000	– <i>Design for a full remodel of the restrooms, showers, and office area at City Pool</i>
\$ 210,000	– Canyon Rim Trail connection across Twin Falls Gun Club
\$ 12,400	– City Hall roof protective walking pads
\$ 40,000	– Security cameras (City Hall, Commons Plaza, & Police Department)
\$ 15,098	– HVAC improvements training room, roofing bid included
\$ 713,498	Total

MOTION: Vice Mayor Reid moved to fund the above-listed projects. **Council Member Brown** seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted. Approved 7 to 0.

7) GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT

Budget Input: None

General Public Input:

Citizen Maria Hernandez: Asked for an action item for a public protest.

Citizen Kyle Parrish: Suggested a community yard sale at the end of October. Also, he spoke about the weeds in the median.

8) ADVISORY BOARD REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Cutler spoke about the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

City Manager Rottweiler spoke about the upcoming budget public hearing to be held on August 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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9) PUBLIC HEARINGS

10) ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned back into Executive Session at 07:01 PM. Executive Session adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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