



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2025, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Vice Mayor Jason Brown, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Cherie Vollmer

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Captain Brent Wright, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Engineer Troy Vitek, City Planner William Klaver, Network Administrator Dee Davidson, Captain Matthew Hicks, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzalez, Public Information Coordinator Josh Palmer, HR Director Kristen Kohntopp

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

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

3) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- a) Request to Approve minutes from City Council 13 January 2025 Meeting
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for January 9-22, 2025.
- c) Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing **Ellis Subdivision**.
- d) Request for approval of Final Plat for "Gartner Properties Condominium" consisting of 1 lots with 3 condo units on 0.497 (+/-) acres located at 1122 Eastland Dr N. c/o EHM Engineers, Inc. (PZ25-0006).
- e) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ24- 0151 Final Plat for Jack's 612 Subdivision

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to adopt Ordinance #O-2025-0001 for an amendment to the current Twin Falls City Code Title 3, Chapter 4.

Captain Brent Wright requested to adopt Ordinance #O-2025-001 for an amendment to the current Twin Falls City Code Title 3, Chapter 4.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked about classification of weapons.

City Attorney Castleton clarified questions about classification and explained about the gun registry.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2025-001 on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-001 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt Ordinance #O-2025- 001 for an amendment to the current Twin Falls City Code Title 3, Chapter 4. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- b) A request to approve the ranking of Construction Manager/General Contractor candidates for the City Pool remodel project and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the top ranked firm, Core Construction.

Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble requests to approve the ranking of Construction Manager/General Contractor candidates for the City Pool remodel project and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the top-ranked firm, Core Construction.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the ranking of Construction Manager/General Contractor candidates for the City Pool remodel project and authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the top ranked firm, Core Construction. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- c) Request to adopt ordinance #O-2025-0002 for a Zoning Development Agreement Amendment on property located at 2035 Washington St N.

City Planner Jonathan Spendlove request to adopt ordinance #O-2025-002 for a Zoning Development Agreement Amendment on property located at 2035 Washington St N.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2025-002 on third and final reading by title only. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-002 by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance #O-2025-002 for a Zoning Development Agreement Amendment on property located at 2035 Washington St N. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) A request to adopt an ordinance #O-2025-0003 amending City Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Sections 3 and 4 regarding the use of potable water for irrigation purposes.

City Engineer Troy Vitek requests to adopt an ordinance #O-2025-003 amending City Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Sections 3 and 4 regarding the use of potable water for irrigation purposes.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Brown asked about the funding on how the stations would work.

Council Member Reid asked if there has been conversation with developers about this change.

Council Member Cutler thanked for clarification about this he was not sure how all this worked

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2025-003 on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-003 by title only

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to adopt an ordinance #O-2025-003 amending the City Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Sections 3 and 4 regarding the use of potable water for irrigation purposes. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) A request to negotiate on the open market for the Rock Creek Sewer Crossing project and to use wastewater reserves to complete the project in the amount of \$550,890.

City Engineer Troy Vitek requested to negotiate on the open market for the Rock Creek Sewer Crossing project and to use wastewater reserves to complete the project in the amount of \$550,890.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked about the amount if it's enough to get it done

Council Member Reid would like to know a time frame and thanked Troy for his work on this

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to negotiate on the open market for the Rock Creek Sewer Crossing project and to use wastewater reserves to complete the project in the amount of \$550,890. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- f) A request to confirm the mayor's appointment of City Manager Travis Rothweiler to serve as a member of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Mayor Ruth Pierce** requests to confirm the mayor's appointment of City Manager Travis Rothweiler to serve as a member of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to confirm the mayor's appointment of City Manager Travis Rothweiler to serve as a member of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

5) General Public Input

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Travis Rothweiler talked about Association of Idaho Cities board will start have meetings for city to communicate with Legislation

7) Public Hearings

- a) Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 5 "Parking Regulations".

City Planner Jonathan Spendlove requested a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 5 "Parking Regulations"

Public Hearing Opened: 6:12 pm **Public Hearing Closed:** 6:32 pm **Discussion ensued on the following:**

Citizen Fran Florence spoke against changing the parking downtown too much to not lose the landscaping aspect to keep downtown clean

Council Member Stone asked what the average length of car for the 300 ft. is

Council Member Cutler asked if developers want landscaping in the parking lots downtown will Planning and zoning work with them to allow it.

Vice Mayor Brown is for this if we are looking at scenarios that downtown developers will want.

Council Member Reid would like to know why we do not have drive-through downtown.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 5 "Parking Regulations". **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- b) Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 7, "Required Improvements of Development".

City Planner Jonathan Spendlove requested a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 7, "Required Improvements of Development".

Public Hearing Opened: 6:37 pm **Public Hearing Closed:** 6:38 pm **Discussion ensued on the following:**

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 7, "Required Improvements of Development". **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- c) Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 12, "Floodplain Regulations".

City Planner Jonathan Spendlove requested a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 12, "Floodplain Regulations".

Public Hearing Opened: 6:39 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 6:40 pm

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10, focusing on Chapter 12, "Floodplain Regulations". **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

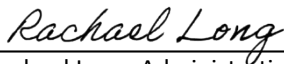
8) Executive Session

- a) Convene into Executive Session § 74-206 (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 Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(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.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:43 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 07:31 PM



Rachael Long, Administrative Assistant

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