Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, February 24, 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, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Wastewater Superintendent Doug Gonzalez, Airport Director Bill Carberry, Engineer Jesse Schuerman, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Street Superintendent Mark Thomson,

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 Stone moved to remove Item G from the consent calendar. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.
MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented for items A-F. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.
MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar item G, as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2025 February 18, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for February 13-9, 2025.
c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 2025 Summer Solstice Youth Trio
d) Request the City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Easter Egg Hunt - Optimist event.
e) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of Movies in the Park.
f) Request to approve an FAA antenna site airport ground lease renewal with L3 Harris and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement.
g) Request for approval of a Final Plat for Gemini Business Park consisting of 6 lots on 78.25 (+/-) acres on property located at 3270 W 3700 N. c/o Tyler Davis-Jeffers (PZ25-0018).

4) **Items of Consideration**

a) A presentation to recognize Water and Wastewater Collection Operator Licenses.
Mayor Pierce thanked Josh Baird and Doug Gonzalez for their presentation.

b) Request to approve acceptance of a $15,000 ITD Aeronautics airport grant offer.
Airport Manager Bill Carberry request to approve acceptance of a $15,000 ITD Aeronautics airport grant offer.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid thanked Bill for all his hard work.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve acceptance of a $15,000 ITD Aeronautics airport grant offer. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

c) Request to approve City Resolution # R-2025-001, authorizing the mayor to sign the resolution and grant offer.
Airport Manager Bill Carberry requested to approve City Resolution # R-2025-001, authorizing the mayor to sign the resolution and grant offer.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to approve City Resolution # R-2025-001, authorizing the mayor to sign the resolution and grant offer**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Request to award Eastland Drive Road reconstruction project to Extreme Excavation for a total project value of $9.066 million.

Engineer Jesse Schuerman requested to award Eastland Drive Road reconstruction project to Extreme Excavation for a total project value of $9.066 million.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Stone asked if the 10% contingency is enough?
Council Member Reid asked if we have a timeline to be completed?

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to award Eastland Drive Road reconstruction project to Extreme Excavation for a total project value of $9.066 million**. Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

e) Shoshone Falls Grade Project Update and authorize the Engineering Department to negotiate with the contractor for incentives to finish access to the Shoshone Falls for the public earlier than contracted.

City Engineer Troy Vitek gave the Shoshone Falls Grade Project Update, and requested to authorize the Engineering Department to negotiate with the contractor for incentives to finish access to the Shoshone Falls for the public earlier than contracted.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Cutler spoke in favor of using the funds so that we will be able to recoup the amount back.
Mayor Pierce asked how much was in the contingency fund?
Council Member Vollmer asked how the contractor felt about getting the date done earlier.
Council Member Reid spoke in favor of this to be able to get it open in time for tourism.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to authorize the Engineering Department to negotiate with the contractor for incentives to finish access to the Shoshone Falls for the public earlier than contracted. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

f) A request to approve the reallocation of $62,178.69 of remaining SLFRF funds from the Fleet remodel project and $5,546.59 from Street Sidewalk Construction to complete landscape and sidewalk improvement.

Deputy City Manager Scott requested to approve the reallocation of $62,178.69 of remaining SLFRF funds from the Fleet remodel project and $5,546.59 from Street Sidewalk Construction to complete landscape and sidewalk improvements.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request for the reallocation of $62,178.69 of remaining SLFRF funds from the Fleet remodel project and $5,546.59 from Street Sidewalk Construction to complete landscape and sidewalk improvements. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

g) A request to authorize the use of $150,000 from the Streetlight Reserve Fund for the installation of additional subdivision lighting.

Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble requested to authorize the use of $150,000 from the Streetlight Reserve Fund for the installation of additional subdivision lighting.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid asked how much we have in the fund.
Council Member Stone asked how long it would take once the permit was requested.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to authorize the use of $150,000 from the Streetlight Reserve Fund for the installation of additional subdivision lighting**. Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

h) A request to approve the Third Addendum to the Frontier Park Joint Use and Development Agreement between the City and the College of Southern Idaho regarding a 45-year extension to the term of that agreement.

Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble requested to approve the Third Addendum to the Frontier Park Joint Use and Development Agreement between the City and the College of Southern Idaho regarding a 45-year extension to the term of that agreement.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the Third Addendum to the Frontier Park Joint Use and Development Agreement between the City and the College of Southern Idaho regarding a 45-year extension to the term of that agreement**. Council Member Vollmer** 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

Craig Hawkins thanked the city for the Veterans fair, the outcome was a great turnout.

7) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48PM

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Rachael Long, Administrative Assistant

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