



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:30 PM

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

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.
Absent: Vice Mayor Brown (only for executive session), Council Member Chris Reid
Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Police Chief Crag Kingsbury, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Waste Water Collection Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Waste Water Collection Supervisor Elmer Freeman, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Help Desk Technician Brettrick Barker, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Executive Session

- a) Request to convene to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(E) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to convene Executive Session 74206(1)(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

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

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to remove Item F from the Consent Calendar to be voted on separately. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar items A-E as presented. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the Consent Calendar Item F as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting on the motion, motion passed 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.

- a) Request to approve City Council 2025 February 24, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for February 20-26, 2025.
c) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Municipal Band Concerts.
d) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Canyon Rim Spring Classic event.
e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Pride Festival.
f) Request to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ25-0018 Final Plat for Gemini Business Park

5) Items of Consideration

- a) To confirm the appointment of Jeff Bulkley to the Planning and Zoning Commission, as the Area of Impact representative.

P&Z Director Spendlove requested confirmation of Jeff Bulkley to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Area of Impact representative.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to confirm Jeff Bulkley to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Area of Impact representative. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- b) Request that the Council approve using wastewater reserve funds, not exceeding \$50,000, to purchase Smart Cover sensors to monitor flow levels in the city sewer system.

Environmental Manager Erickson requested approval to use wastewater reserve funds not exceeding \$50,000 to purchase Smart Cover sensors to monitor flow levels in the city sewer system.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: Spoke in favor of this request. What is the reasonable life expectancy of these sensors?

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to use wastewater reserve funds, not exceeding \$50,000, to purchase Smart Cover sensors to monitor flow levels in the city sewer system. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- c) A request to approve an exchange agreement between the city and the Twin Falls School District regarding the City Pool and the Sawtooth Softball Fields.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested approval of an exchange agreement between the city and the Twin Falls School District regarding the City Pool and the Sawtooth Softball Fields.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on the costs.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve an exchange agreement between the city and the Twin Falls School District regarding the City Pool and the Sawtooth Softball Fields. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- d) A request to approve a contract with Starr Corporation to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the remodel of the former Council Chambers and the Police Administration building.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to approve a contract with Starr Corporation to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the remodel of the former Council Chambers by the Police Administration building.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of this request. Will be removing himself from the discussion as he has family involved.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to approve a contract with Starr Corporation to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the remodel of the former Council Chambers and the Police Administration building and authorize Deputy City Manager Humble to sign. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting on the motion, 4 to 0, with 1 abstention.

6) General Public Input

Citizen David Brown spoke about some dangerous intersections in the downtown area.

Mayor Pierce advised that the city would investigate this issue.

Deputy City Manager Humble remarked about this issue.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Cutler reported on the Library Board.

Council Member Hawkins mentioned that after the March 10, 2025, council meeting the Art Commission will have a short celebration of the new artwork in the City Commons.

Council Member Vollmer reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission is still looking for another member.

Council Member Stone spoke about the Twin Falls Chamber Banquet event coming up on March 13, 2025.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 05:41 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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