



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, April 21, 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, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Building Official Matthew Long, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Code Enforcement Sean Standley, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Nicle Swafford, Lieutenant Terry Thueson, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Parks Superintendent Chance Munns, Deputy Public Works Director Erin Steel, Streets Supervisor Bud Stradley, WWC Supervisor Doug Gonzales, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Police Captains Matthew Hicks & Brent Wright.

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) Proclamations

a) Arbor Day

Mayor Pierce read and presented the Arbor Day Proclamation.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** 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 2025 April 14, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 10-16, 2025.
- c) Request to approve April 16, 2025, Travel Requests.

5) Items of Consideration

- a) Consideration of a request to amend City Code 9-6-8 by omitting subsection (A) 3 A trailer of more than one half (1/2) ton capacity and replacing with: (A) 3. Any trailer. Staff would also like to add the definition of a Recreational Vehicle to City Code: Recreational Vehicle-- a vehicle that has living quarters and is designed for recreational use, such as camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Code Enforcement Officer Standley requested to amend City Code 9-6-8 by omitting subsection (A) 3 A trailer of more than one half (1/2) ton capacity and replacing it with: (A) 3. Any trailer. Staff would also like to add the definition of a Recreational Vehicle to the City Code: recreational Vehicle - a vehicle that has living quarters and is designed for recreational use, such as camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification on the request.

Council Member Reid: Asked about construction trailers.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2025-008** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read **Ordinance #2025-008** by title only.

Discussion ensued with the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve **Ordinance #2025-008**, a request to amend City Code 9-6-8 by omitting subsection (A) 3 A trailer of more than one half (1/2) ton capacity and replacing it with: (A) 3. Any trailer. Staff would also like to add the definition of a Recreational Vehicle to the City Code: Recreational Vehicle - a vehicle that has living quarters and is designed for recreational use, such as camping, travel, or seasonal use. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Consideration of a request to adopt a new city code for Unlawful Assemblies in Public Spaces. Staff would also like to include a section for Failure to Disperse in this code.

Lieutenant Thueson requested to adopt **Ordinance #2025-007**, a new city code for Unlawful Assemblies in Public Spaces. Staff would also like to include a section about Failure to Disperse in this code.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of this request and asked for some clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #2025-007** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read **Ordinance #2024-005** by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt **Ordinance #2025- 007**, a request for a new city code for Unlawful Assemblies in Public Spaces. Staff would also like to include a section about Failure to Disperse in this code. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- c) Consider a request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the mayor to sign it.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the mayor to sign it.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the staffing.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the mayor to sign it. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- d) Request to approve the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$365,503.21 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcwell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.

Streets Superintendent Thomson requested to approve the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$365,503.21 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcwell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification on cooperative purchasing.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$365,503.21 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell, to reallocate the use of \$5,503.21 from the operation budget and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- e) Request to authorize up to \$60,000 from wastewater reserve funds for the preliminary design of the Canyon Rim Drop Line project and approve a contract with Hazen and Sawyer to perform that work.
Environmental Manager Erickson requested to authorize up to \$60,000 from wastewater reserve funds for the preliminary design of the Canyon Rim Drop Line project and approve a contract with Hazen and Sawyer to perform that work.

Discussion ensued with the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on where the funds would come from.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to authorize up to \$60,000 from wastewater reserve funds for the preliminary design of the Canyon Rim Drop Line project and approve a contract with Hazen and Sawyer to perform that work. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- f) Fee Waiver/refund Request for Mechanical permit, (Theron W. Ward Judicial Building) 427 Shoshone St N, Permit #25-1265
Building Official Long requested a Fee Waiver/refund for Mechanical permit, (Theron W. Ward Judicial Building), 427 Shoshone St N, Permit #25-1265.

Discussion ensued with the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to waive/refund the fee for the mechanical permit (Theron W. Ward Judicial Building), 427 Shoshone St N, Permit #25- 1265. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- g) The Twin Falls School District is requesting a fee waiver for Lincoln Elementary HVAC upgrade 238 Buhl St N Permit#25-0874
Building Official Long requested a fee waiver for the Twin Falls School District for Lincoln Elementary HVAC upgrade, 238 Buhl St N Permit#25-0874.

Discussion ensued with the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request to waive the fee for the Twin Falls School District for Lincoln Elementary HVAC upgrade, 238 Buhl St N Permit#25-0874. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) General Public Input

Citizen John Jacobson spoke against having religious prayer during the City Council Meeting. **Citizen Eric Winner** spoke against having religious prayer during the City Council Meeting. **Citizen Maria Hernandez** wanted to give honor where honor is due and asked for a moment of silence for the Pope. **Citizen Whit Meyers** requested to have an Earth Day in the city park on April 26, 2025.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

City Manager Rothweiler gave a reminder of the Arbor Day Celebrations this week. Asked all council members to update their summer calendars. Invited all to come celebrate Chief Kingsbury retirement on Thursday.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 05:51 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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