



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 5, 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.

Absent: Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, Information Technology Director Kathy Markus, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Wastewater Collection Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Network Administrator Adam Day, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna & Administrative Assistant Rachael Long.

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 Reid moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- Request to approve City Council 2025 April 28, Minutes.
- Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 24-30, 2025.
- Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Western Days.
- Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the KTSY Summer Concerts.
- Request to approve the disposal of surplus equipment by online auction.

4) Public Hearings

- A request to initiate a public auction process to dispose of surplus City-owned real property located at 929 Washington Street South.

Deputy City Manager Humble made a request to initiate a public auction process to dispose of surplus city real property located at 929 Washington Street South.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Asked for clarification.

Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of this request.

Open Public Hearing: 5:05 pm

Close Public Hearing: 5:06 pm

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to initiate a public auction process to dispose of surplus city real property located at 929 Washington Street South with a minimum bid of \$353,000.00. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

5) General Public Input

Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about Cinco De Mayo and the local protesters.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the Treatment Plant and Library Tours that happened today.

7) Work Session Items

- a) A presentation to the City Council to introduce a process for Business Verifications, explain the need for a process, and to hear council concerns or interest in moving forward.

Information Technology Director Markus introduced a process for Business Verifications, explained the need for the process, and requested to hear council concerns or interest in moving forward.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for some clarification. What about including QR Codes?

Council Member Hawkins: Asked if the Chamber would be able to help with this.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke on a concern.

Vice Mayor Brown: What are you going to do with the information? What are the security measures?

Council Member Reid: Spoke about this being optional. Remarked that terminology is important for clarification.

Mayor Pierce: How does Waste Water get the required information now?

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke in favor of collecting wastewater information.

Council Member Reid: The delivery method is great but needs an opt-out option.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke about business already being registered with the state.

Economic Development Director Barigar: Commented on the information that is available.

Vice Mayor Brown: I would like us to be very clear on why we would collect the information. Maybe do this in phases.

Council Member Reid: Completely optional.

Mayor Pierce: Likes the personal touch but is unsure what kind of reception they would receive.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for some clarification on business going out of business.

Council Member Reid: Needs information verified so that we don't have fake businesses on our website.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about liability to the City.

Council Member Cutler: Talked about not putting it on the Website.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about how far outside the city limits do we respond.

Chief Hicks: Responded to our area of response.

Vice Mayor Brown: Can we do this in phases and see how it goes?

Council Member Reid: Agree with phases.

- b) A presentation to the city council about the creation of a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program and to allow the council to provide feedback about the proposed rollout.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel made a presentation to the Council about the creation of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program and to allow the council to provide feedback about the proposed rollout.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke on the issues this causes. In favor of moving forward.

Council Member Hawkins: Is there a requirement for businesses to have a trap in place?

Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of this process going in phases.

Mayor Pierce: Stated that this is the number one claim for city insurance. Do we know who is doing it correctly currently?

- c) A presentation to the City Council to discuss the use of facade easements as part of a program for funding storefront improvements by the Urban Renewal Agency

Urban Renewal Director Barigar made a presentation to the Council to discuss the use of facade easements as part of a program for funding storefront improvements by the Urban Renewal Agency.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke against the monster that this could become

Council Member Reid: Spoke against moving forward.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke against moving forward.

Mayor Pierce: Was surprised that this made it to the council and is not in favor of this request.

Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke in favor of the business owner coming in and opening this conversation.

Mayor Pierce: Who will take care of this in the future would be a problem.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:36 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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