



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, June 2, 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, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Vice Mayor Jason Brown, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Police Chief Matt Hicks, Police Captain Brent Wright, Captain Terry Thueson, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove.

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

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, 5 to 0.

- Request to approve City Council 2025 May 27, Minutes.
- Request to approve Accounts Payable for May 22-28, 2025.
- Request to approve May 25, 2025, Travel Requests.
- Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of The CoveCamp Out.
- Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of The Gathering.

5) Items of Consideration

- A request to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Andy Hohwieler to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls Board of Commissioners.

Economic Development Director Barigar requested to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Andy Hohwieler to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls Board of Commissioners.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to confirm the Mayoral appointment of Andy Hohwieler to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Twin Falls Board of Commissioners and waive the City resident requirement. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- Consideration of Resolution 2025-008, adopting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Future Land Use Map by adding new areas to the planning boundary, extending the utility service boundary, and assigning future land use categories.

P&Z Director Spendlove requests the Consideration of **Resolution #2025-008**, adopting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Future Land Use Map by adding new areas to the planning boundary, extending the utility service boundary, and assigning future land use categories.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt **Resolution #2025-008**, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Future Land Use Map, by adding new areas to the planning boundary, extending the utility service boundary, and assigning future land use categories. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- c) Consider a request to approve Wright Brothers Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,613,252 for construction of the Canyon Trail Junction project.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to approve the Wright Brothers Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,613,252 for construction of the Canyon Trail Junction project.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the amount.

Council Member Reid: Asked for information on where the park will be and what the amenities will be.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to approve Wright Brothers Construction's Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,613,252 for construction of the Canyon Trail Junction project. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- d) Request for Direction from Council Regarding Twin Falls Recreation Center Feasibility Study. **Parks and Recreation Director Davis** requested direction from the council regarding the Twin Falls recreation center feasibility study.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the bond amount and what this would look like to move forward.

City Manager Rothweiler: Provided additional information about the costs related to the bond.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about this being struck down and the concern about increasing property taxes.

Council Member Stone: Thanked all involved, but the financial side is hard to swallow. Spoke on the local option sales tax.

Council Member Hawkins: Thanked the community for working on this and is also concerned about the funding to build and operate.

Council Member Stone: Asked what the next steps would be.

Mayor Pierce: Asked if this number is solid.

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification.

Council Member Reid: Shared some thoughts on this request. Spoke of concerns about moving forward at this time.

Council Member Stone: Agreed with Council Member Reid.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about allowing the community to make the decision. What are the hard costs of putting a bond out for voting?

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification on putting out a bond for a vote.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about what could be needed to move forward.

Council Member Stone: Asked if the committee is comfortable going out for the bond?

Council Member Cutler: Wondered about moving forward and seeing where it goes.

Council Member Stone: Asked about trading with URA for a piece of property.

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some thoughts on this.

Mayor Pierce: Not sure that we are in a position to move forward at this time.

Council Member Reid: The dollar amount is the biggest issue at this time.

Council Member Stone: Not against letting the people decide.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about working on the Strategic Plan and getting additional information while doing so.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for further clarification.

P&R Director Davis: Spoke about doing another survey to see how to move forward. Look at some additional ways to gauge the citizens.

Deputy City Manager Humble: Provided some additional information on the previous survey.

Council Member Stone: Asked for some clarification on the survey percentage.

Council Member Reid: Are we willing to spend money on land?

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some additional clarification on the money that was originally budgeted for this project.

Mayor Pierce: Asked what the amount in cash reserves is now.

Council Member Reid: We need a piece of land and dollar amounts to move forward.

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some direction on how to move forward.

Council Member Cutler: spoke against moving forward at this time.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to authorize the committee to locate a piece(s) of property(s) and come back to council with the method of payment and terms. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting; the motion passed, 3 to 2.

6) General Public Input

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

City Manager Rothweiler notified the council and community of the first of several community open houses regarding the Rock Creek Midigation project that will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, 2025, from 5pm to 8pm at City Hall.

8) Appeal Hearing

- a) Request to appeal for Tristan May on Transient Business License Denial
Police Captain Wright gave details on why the Police department denied Tristan May a Transient Business License.

City Attorney Castleton spoke about the reasons for the denial.

Tristan May appealed the decision and gave reasons why he should be allowed to have the city license.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to grant the appeal of the denied Transient Vendor License. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting; the motion was denied, 0 to 5.

9) Executive Session

- a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(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 convene to Executive Session 74206(1)(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 Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 06:28 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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