Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, June 23, 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 Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Council Member Craig Hawkins

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Building Official Matthew Long, City Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Police Chief Matt Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Network Administrator Adam Day

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) Twin Falls Transit Day
Mayor Pierce read and presented the Twin Falls Transit Day Proclamation.

4) 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, 6 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2025 June 16, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for June12-18, 2025.
c) Request to approve an Alcohol License for 2025-2026
d) Request to approve June 18, 2025, Travel Requests
e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Paul Walker Meet event.
f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Hispanic Culture Event.
g) Request to approve Amended Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law for the following:
   - PZ24-0087 - Annexation on Harrison St S (Elevate Academy)
   - PZ25-0002 - ZDC/ZDA Wendell ST
h) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a donation from the Twin Falls Lion's Club of a bench to be placed near Evel Knievel jump site on the Canyon Rim Trail.
i) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a future donation from Marsha White of a park bench to be placed at Northern Ridge Park.
j) Consider a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a donation from Beverly and Randall Cullison of a bench to be placed near Sportsman's Warehouse on the Canyon Rim Trail.

5) Items of Consideration

a) Consider a recommendation from Mayor Pierce to reappoint Janeale Dean and Amy Westover to the Public Art Commission.

P&R Director Davis presented a recommendation from Mayor Pierce to re-appoint Janeale Dean and Amy Westover to the Public Art Commission.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to re-appoint Janeale Dean and Amy Westover to the Public Art Commission. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

b) Request to re-appoint the Building Advisory committee members.
Building Official Long requested to re-appoint the Building Advisory committee members for 3-year terms.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to re-appoint the Building Advisory committee members. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) Request to appoint Kahler Nield with EHM to the Building Advisory committee for the Engineering position.
Building Official Long requested to appoint Kahler Nield with EHM to the Building Advisory committee for the Engineering position.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to appoint Kahler Nield with EHM to the Building Advisory committee for the Engineering position and waive the city limit requirement. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

d) Swearing in ceremony for two new Twin Falls Police Department police officers. It is requested that Honorable Mayor Ruth Pierce administer the Oath of Office to Sebastian Kondracki and Austin Titus.
Police Chief Hicks conducted the swearing-in ceremony for two new Twin Falls Police Department police officers.

Mayor Pierce administered the Oath of Office to Sebastian Kondracki and Austin Titus.

e) Formal ceremony promoting Terry Thueson to the position of Captain, Steven Gassert to the position of Lieutenant, Justin Hendrickson to the position of Lieutenant, Elisha Batteiger to the position of Sergeant, Preston Stephenson to the position of Sergeant, Martin Becerra to the position of Corporal, and Josh Rivers to the position of Corporal before the City Council.
Police Chief Hicks conducted the formal ceremony promoting Terry Thueson to the position of Captain, Steve Gassert to the position of Lieutenant, Justin Hendrickson to the position of Lieutenant, Elish Batteiger to the position of Sergeant, Preston Stephenson to the position of Sergeant, Martin Becerra to the position of Corporal, and Josh Rivers to the position of Corporal before the City Council.

f) A request to approve a contract with Core Construction to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the construction and development of Vista Bonita Park expansion project.
P&R Director Davis made a request to approve a contract with Core Construction to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the construction and development of the Vista Bonita Park expansion project.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Cutler: Thanked the contractors for attending the meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve a contract with Core Construction to serve as the City's construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) for the construction and development of Vista Bonita Park expansion project. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

g) Request for a budget amendment to use $47,300.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to pay for the 2026-2031 5-year Consolidated Plan.
Senior Planner Klaver requested a budget amendment to use $47,300.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to pay for the 2026-2031 5-year Consolidated Plan.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request for a budget amendment to use $47,300.00 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to pay for the 2026-2031 5-year Consolidated Plan. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

6) General Public Input
Citizen Ron Yates spoke against the proposed Library Plaza.
Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about the Sarah Atame cause and her support for her.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements
City Manager Rothweiler announced that the City Council Meeting on June 30th will be canceled so that the council members can attend the public discussion about the third bridge crossing. City Offices will be closed on July 4th, and the fireworks display will start at about 10 pm on July 4th. On Monday, July 7th, 2025, we will start budget talks.

8) Public Hearings

a) Request to approve improvement alternatives 1 and 3 from the Magic Valley Regional Airport Water System Facilities Plan.
Assistant City Engineer Glaesemann requested to approve improvement alternatives 1 and 3 for the Magic Valley Regional Airport Water System Facilities Plan.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Mayor Pierce: Asked what the timeframe is for this.
Vice Mayor Brown: Asked for clarification.
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the price.
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarifying information.

Opened: 6:09 PM
Closed: 6:10 PM

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve improvement of alternatives 1 and 3 for the Magic Valley Regional Airport Water System Facilities Plan. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

9) Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 06:12 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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