



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 14, 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, Human Resource Director Kristen Kohntopp, Parks and Recreation Director Wendi Davis, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Police Chief Matt Hicks, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Senior Planner Will Klaver, City Engineer Troy Vitek, IT Director Kathy Markus.

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 Hawkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Stone** 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 July 7, Minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 03-09, 2025.

4) Items of Consideration

- a) A request to reject all bids and negotiate on the open market for the sale of the former Fire Station #3, located at 929 Washington Street South.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to reject all bids and negotiate on the open market for the sale of former Fire Station #3, located at 929 Washington St S.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Cutler: Spoke in favor of the request.

Council Member Reid: Asked about the costs of moving the tower.

Council Member Stone: Did we receive a quote to move the tower?

Vice Mayor Brown: We don't need the radio on the tower? Spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification.

Council Member Stone: Spoke against the request.

Vice Mayor Brown: Gave additional clarification on the request.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to reject all bids and negotiate on the open market for the sale of former Fire Station #3, located at 929 Washington St S.

Council Member Reid seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 2.

- b) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2025-2026 (FY 2026) followed by citizen input.

Deputy City Manager Scott gave a presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2025-2026 (FY 2026), followed by citizen input.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on the old park equipment. Asked for the number of manicured acres that the parks department takes care of.

Council Member Stone: Asked about the medians on Pole Line.

Council Member Stone: Asked about focus area 8 documentation that was requested for the self-insurance process.

Mayor Pierce thanked Deputy City Manager Scott for their presentation.

5) General Public Input Budget Comments:

Francis Florance spoke about the extra funds that the Council can spend, specifically the medians and the tree grant.

General Public Input:

Maria Hernandez about an upcoming protest scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

7) Public Hearings

- a) Request for a Zoning Development Agreement/Zoning District Change, from Neighborhood Commercial to R6 High Density Residential, on property located at the 900 block of Falls Ave W. c/o EHM Engineers, Inc on behalf of Grandview Farms, LLC (PZ25-0039).

P&Z Director Spendlove requested a Zoning Development Agreement/Zoning District Change from Neighborhood Commercial to R6 High Density Residential, on property located at the 900 block of Falls Ave W. c/o EHM Engineers, Inc on behalf of Grandview Farms, LLC (PZ25- 0039).

The applicant made their presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Vollmer: What is the issue with tandem parking? Will there be an equal amount of parking without tandem parking?

Mayor Pierce: Asked for a view of the garage side.

Council Member Vollmer: Are you removing any other parking spaces? Will there be fencing around this project?

Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification of the tandem parking.

Vice Mayor Brown: Asked about flipping the direction of the buildings so you see the front of the building from the street

Council Member Reid: Spoke about the tandem parking as well.

Council Member Vollmer: Asked about traffic lights and the possibility of one being used.

Council Member Reid: Has there been a traffic study done recently?

Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification. What about the location of a couple of the schools?

Public Hearing Opened: 6:52 pm.

Tom Windsborrow spoke against the height of the buildings and the additional traffic in the area.

Steve Woods spoke in favor of this request. Jackie Metzner spoke in favor of this request. The applicant addressed the public concerns.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:04 pm.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: Spoke about the tandem parking.

Council Member Hawkins: Not bothered by the height, but the parking issue baffles him.

Council Member Vollmer: in favor of tandem parking

Vice Mayor Brown: Gave clarification about the flipping of the building.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke about the PUD change request and against the request.

Council Member Cutler: Spoke against the flipping of the buildings on Falls & Summer Mist.

Mayor Pierce: What is the distance between the garage and the road?

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request for a Zoning Development Agreement/Zoning District Change, from Neighborhood Commercial to R6 High Density Residential, on property located at the 900 block of Falls Ave W. c/o EHM Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Grandview Farms, LLC (PZ25-0039) allowing tandem parking.

Council Member Reid seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 1.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to adjust the buildings on Falls and Summer Mist 180 degrees to face the roads.

Council Member Stone seconded the motion. **Vice Mayor Brown** retracted this motion.

- b) Request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to "Supplemental Regulations" and "Wellhead Protection Overlay District". c/o City of Twin Falls
Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove and Klaver requested a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to "Supplemental Regulations" and "Wellhead Protection Overlay District". c/o City of Twin Falls.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Vollmer: Question on stacking in drive-thrus.

Mayor Pierce: Spoke in favor of this request.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:35 pm
Herkie Alves spoke in favor of this request.
Public Hearing Closed: 7:36 pm

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to “Supplemental Regulations” and “Wellhead Protection Overlay District”. c/o City of Twin Falls. Council Member Vollmer seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 07:37 PM



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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