



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 11, 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, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner William Klaver, Chief of Police Matt Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Economic Director Shawn Barigar, City Financial Officer Breanna Howard, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Parks and Recreation Director Wendi Davis, Assistant HR Director Lauren Nickolisen, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Network Administrator Dee Davidson

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 Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- Request to approve City Council 2025 August 4 Minutes
- Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 31- Aug 6, 2025.
- Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Sundance Subdivision No. 4, consisting of 53 lots on approximately 16.72 acres located at 2971 E 3600 N, care of EHM Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Gerald Martens, Sundance Partners, LLC. (PZ25-0090)
- Consideration of a request to accept public right-of-way.
- Request to accept the Improvement Agreement for the purpose of developing Cattail Subdivision public infrastructure for a future subdivision.

4) Items of Consideration

- Request to award the 2025 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Vortex Services LLC, of Helena, MT, in the amount of \$912,500.00 and authorize use of the total budget of \$1.1 million for potential change orders and contingencies.

Staff Engineer Stowe requested to award the 2025 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Vortex Services LLC, of Helena, MT, in the amount of \$912,500.00 and authorize use of the total budget of \$1.1 million for potential change orders and contingencies.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid asked how it is holding up in the areas we have already done.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to award the 2025 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Vortex Services LLC, of Helena, MT, in the amount of \$912,500.00

and authorize use of the total budget of \$1.1 million for potential change orders and contingencies. **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 contract with Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the Police Evidence Storage and Training facility.

Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson requested the consideration of a contract with Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the Police Evidence Storage and Training facility.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

Council Member Cutler is removing himself from voting on this one since he has family members on this contract.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request of a contract with Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on Police Evidence Storage and Training facility. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0, 1 Abstained.

- c) Council review of FY 2026 Budget Recap with focus on Council Capital.
City Manager Rothweiler presented the Council review of the FY 2026 Budget Recap with a focus on Council Capital.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked why the dollar amount is different from the council capital spreadsheet?

Mayor Pierce asked how many pickle ball courts we have.

Council member Vollmer asked if the lights would go up at this stage.

Council member Reid mentioned that he was out there this summer and the skate park is a very dark area.

Council member Stone asked about slide 10 and asked about the area in Coeur D'Alene and its tax bracket.

Council member Cutler brought up the need to decide on the MPOG before moving forward.

Council member Reid mentioned he thinks we should get rid of the MPOG and find a different route to do it in the future.

Mayor Pierce asked for clarification on how much money they must allocate for council capital.

Council member Stone asked Reid if we could take certain amounts of money for MPOG.

Vice Mayor Brown wants to table MPOG.

Mayor Pierce asked Wendi for some clarification on the Light amount for Harmon Park. The 385k is for lighting only.

Council member Cutler said he would like to approve the Resource officer and the senior citizen center.

Vice Mayor Brown said he is good at all the small items and the big discussion will be the big-ticket items.

Mayor Pierce said we are at 387K right now without any of the three big items.

Vice Mayor Brown said he would like to move the dog park to a different time.

Council member Vollmer said she feels the skate park lighting is the most important out of the big three items.

City Manager Rothweiler suggested to the Council picking a project that can be completed so that we do not create false expectations to the public.

Council member Cutler mentioned that we do not want to jump around in Harmon Park because if we start with the project, we will need to commit to redoing the entire Harmon

Park.

Council member Stone asked about the tennis and pickle ball courts if the resurface is just a phase or if it completes that area.

Council member Cutler asked about the lighting and is there a recommendation from staff on which light is more important for safety?

City Manager Rothweiler said that if they do not allocate all the money tonight, it will sit in contingency and can be used another time in the year.

Vice Mayor Brown does not approve of the three big items. He does not feel we should move forward on the Harmon Park.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to approve all the current items under the supported project column in the amount of \$776,335, leaving off Harmon skate park infrastructure and Baxter dog park. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted, 3 to 4, motion failed.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request for the supported projects for a total of \$982,960 as listed in column D. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted, 3 to 4, motion failed.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request for the supported projects in the dollar amount of \$387960 in column D. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

Council Stone asked if we could table the last three items and decide later or if we need to approve them tonight.

City Manager Rothweiler said he would like them to decide tonight so they can move forward with the rest of the budget.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for the Harmon Skate Park infrastructure and Harmon West tennis pickle bar courts minus the lighting, with a total of \$351,500. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 2.

5) General Public Input

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Reid brought up the Air Show this weekend, and please come out and support.

Council Member Hawkins mentioned the National Night Out and they did a great job with a great turn out.

City Manager Rothweiler mentioned that we will not be meeting on Sept 2, and we will have the State of the City Address on Sept 3.

7) Public Hearings

- a) Request to City Council on the appropriate zoning district for a proposed Annexation on property generally located on the east side of the intersection of Kimberly Rd (Hwy 30) and Champlin Way (3300 East). c/o Champ LLC (PZ25-0015)

Senior Planner Klaver requested to City Council on the appropriate zoning district for a proposed Annexation on property generally located on the east side of the intersection of Kimberly Rd (Hwy 30) and Champlin Way (3300 East). c/o Champ LLC (PZ25-0015)

Public Hearing Opened: 6:44 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 6:45 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:

Gerald Marten spoke about this property that they do not have an exact company wanting the property that he wants to get annexed before they decide on the development, but that the railroad is what will determine who comes in and then deciding on the Champlin and Kimberly RD intersection on how that would work for Safety.

Council Member Stone asked what the annexation is exactly.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to City Council on the appropriate zoning district for a proposed Annexation on property generally located on the east side of the intersection of Kimberly Rd (Hwy 30) and Champlin Way (3300 East). c/o Champ LLC (PZ25-0015). **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) Request for a recommendation for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to "Land Use Conditions". c/o City of Twin Falls (PZ24-0121).

Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove requested a recommendation for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to "Land Use Conditions". c/o City of Twin Falls (PZ24-0121).

Public Hearing Opened: 7:53 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 7:57 pm

Frances Alves spoke in favor of the ADU and that she does not feel that they should have removed the ADU when that owner moves.

Rosanna Campbell spoke in favor the ADU to help some of our homeless in the area. She is from the Region IV homeless coalition.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Mayor Pierce asked what the community market it.

Council member Stone asked about the recreation centers, asked what the special use is and that he would like to see no drive-through in Canyon rim overlay areas.

Mayor Pierce asked what they see most in storage sheds or shops. What is the number of occupants for this?

Mayor Pierce asked about the owner's occupancy and that there was a public comment about this.

Mayor Pierce said that they should not limit the number of cars at home for in-residence business, that we should have it at 6.

Mayor Pierce asked if we have stealth towers in Twin as of now.

Council member Cutler asked about the parking zone in the CSI area.

Council member Vollmer asked if we have a smell from cremations right now. Is that where the comment came from the commission?

Council member Reid he agrees in removing home-owner occupancy with ADU, and he would like to change drive-through to zone permits instead of special use permits.

Council member Stone would like to change that drive through to add anything north of the poleline.

Vice Mayor Brown has made a comment about the drive-through businesses already and that we should not regulate them.

Deputy City Manager Humble said we would be opening ourselves up to lawsuits with the drive-through.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a recommendation for a Zoning Title Amendment to repeal and replace Title 10. Items to include are regulations pertaining to “Land Use Conditions”. c/o City of Twin Falls (PZ24-0121). **Vice Mayor Brown** 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 08:06 PM



Rachael Long, Administrative Assistant

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