Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, August 25, 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, and Cherie Vollmer on Teams

Absent: Grayson Stone

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, Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Senior Planner Will Klaver, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, City Financial Officer Breanna Howard, Desktop Support Analysis Kim Hafer, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Parks and Recreation Director Wendi Davis, Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar, Budget Coordinator Mathew Farnes, Aquatics Director Jon Pauley, City Engineer Troy Vitex, Library Director Tara Bartley

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: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 14-20, 2025.
c) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Cattail Subdivision, consisting of six (6) lots on approximately 5.59 acres located at the 1600 block of Mountain View Drive, care of EHM Engineers, Inc., on behalf of David Thibault, Northeast Investments, LLC. (PZ25-0102)
d) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Falls 2 Falls run.
e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the ERC Lunch.
f) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Bands at the Bridge
g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 9/11 Memorial.
h) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Rim2Rim for Homes 2025.
i) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Dani Bates XC Race.
j) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Latino Fest 25.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Update on the development of the Rock Creek Restoration Master Plan and public engagement by Jacobs Engineering and GGLO.

Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson introduced Jacobs Engineering and GGLO to go over the development of the Rock Creek Restoration Master Plan and public engagement.

Mayor Pierce thanked Jacobs Engineering for their presentation.

b) Request to use water reserve funds, not to exceed $150,000, to procure professional services to investigate the Canyon Springs Pump Station and adjacent water supply corridor.

Public Works Director Baird requested to use water reserve funds, not to exceed $150,000, to procure professional services to investigate the Canyon Springs Pump Station and adjacent water supply corridor.

City Manager Rothweiler gave a briefing about how the bond would work to pay for the new water master plan.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid gave positive feedback about this and that this is nothing new. They knew it was coming up.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to use water reserve funds, not to exceed $150,000, to procure professional services to investigate the Canyon Springs Pump Station and adjacent water supply corridor**. Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0**.**

c) Request to adopt ordinance #O-2025-015 for Annexation on property located at the 500 block of South Hills Rd.

Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove requested to adopt ordinance #O-2025-015 for Annexation on property located at the 500 block of South Hills Rd.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2025-015 on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting in favor of the motion. Approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-015 by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance #O- 2025-015 for Annexation on property located at the 500 block of South Hills Rd. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

d) Request to adopt ordinance #O-2025-016 for Annexation on property located at the1400 block of Sunway Dr N (aka 2700 East).

Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove requested to adopt ordinance #O-2025-016 for Annexation on property located at the 1400 block of Sunway Dr N (aka 2700 East).

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2025-016 on third and final reading by title only. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voting in favor of the motion.
Approved 5 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-016 by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance #O-2025- 016 for Annexation on property located at the 1400 block of Sunway Dr N (aka 2700 East). **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

e) Request to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $2,239,615 for the remodel and addition to the City Pool.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $2,239,615 for the remodel and addition to the City Pool.

Discussion ensued on the following: None

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $2,239,615 for the remodel and addition to the City Pool. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

f) A request to approve a letter of intent from Wireless Edge Consultants, LLC to purchase the former Fire Station Number 3 property from the City for $730,000.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to approve a letter of intent from Wireless Edge Consultants, LLC to purchase the former Fire Station Number 3 property from the City for $730,000.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Vice Mayor Brown was non-responsive, which allowed us to have negotiations with others and support going with this bid.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve a letter of intent from Wireless Edge Consultants, LLC to purchase the former Fire Station Number 3 property from the City for $730,000**. 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**
Maria Hernandez thanked City Manager Rothweiler for everything he is doing for the City.
Amanda Lyda spoke about the Eastland project and reminded the city of some issues that need to be addressed before it finishes.
Bill Martin about how bad the graffiti is around their homes and what the rules are or what the city can do about it.

6) **Advisory Board Report/Announcements**
Mayor Pierce reminded everyone there is no council next week for Labor Day and the 9-11 ceremony will happen again this year. The State of the City Address is September 3.
City Manager Rothweiler mentioned the ERC lunch coming up on Sept 4 at noon in the park.

7) **Public Hearings**

a) Request for approval of the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. (PZ25-0089)
Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove requested approval of the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. (PZ25-0089).

Public Hearing Opened: 6:24 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:25 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Hawkins asked if they had an estimation of how many parking spots they would lose.
Mayor Pierce asked for clarification about if they approve this tonight. Does it mean the design is a done deal?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve of the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. (PZ25-0089). **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

b) A public hearing on the use of $324,980 of Forgone Revenue in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY 2026) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.
City Manager Rothweiler presented a public hearing on the use of $324,980 of Forgone Revenue in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY 2026) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:28 pm **Public Hearing Closed**: 6:29 pm **Discussion ensued on the following:**
Frances Avles addressed City council that she would like to see this extra money go towards the light at the Pickle ball courts at Harmon.
City Manager Rothweiler addressed the citizen, letting her know that we have to use this money for operation costs only.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use $324,980 of Forgone Revenue in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY 2026) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026**. Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) A public hearing on the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho
City Manager Rothweiler requested to approve Ordinance #2025-014 and to approve the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:47 pm Public Hearing Closed: 6:48 pm

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #2025-014 on third and final reading by title only. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Pierce read Ordinance #2025-014 by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid thanked all staff for putting the budget together**.**
Mayor Pierce brought up that we figure out how to fund the dog park and the pickle ball court lights.
Vice Mayor Brown brought up that he would like to hire an engineer to help Parks with some of their projects.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;
City Manager Rothweiler requested to convene Executive Session 74206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to convene to Executive Session 74206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general; **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

9) Adjournment
Adjourned into executive session at 06:55 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Administrative Assistant

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