Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, September 29, 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 & Spencer Cutler.

Absent: Cherie Vollmer, Christopher Reid & Grayson Stone.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, HR Director Lauren Nickolisen, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, Airport Manager Bill Carberry, Airshow Director Jim O'Donnell, Assistant to City Manager Mandi Thompson, City Planner Lisa Strickland, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer

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. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2025 September 22, Minutes.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for September 18-24, 2025.

c) Request to approve September 24, 2025, Travel Requests.

d) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Calistoga Springs Subdivision No. 3, consisting of six (6) lots on approximately 50,901 sf located at the 500-600 block of Orchard Drive, care of EHM Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Gerald Martens. (PZ25-0114)

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556.

Assistant HR Director Nickolisen requested approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

b) Employee Recognition Committee plaque presentation.

City Planner/Committee Chair Ebersole presented the Employee Recognition Committee plaques to City Planner Lisa Strickland and P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove.

c) Request to confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of JP O'Donnell for a second term on the Airport Advisory Board

Airport Manager Carberry requested to confirm the mayor's re-appointment of JP O'Donnell for a second term on the Airport Advisory Board.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to confirm the mayor's re-appointment of JP O'Donnell for a second term on the Airport Advisory Board. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

d) Highlights of the 2025 Magic Valley Airshow

Airshow Director Jim O'Donnell presented highlights of the 2025 Magic Valley Airshow.

Council Member Hawkins thanked the committee for all the hard work they did for the show.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. O'Donnell for his presentation.

e) Request to approve the Airport Board's recommendation to select J-U-B Engineers for FAA Airport Improvement Projects.

Airport Manager Carberry requested to approve the Airport Board's recommendation to select J-U-B Engineers for FAA Airport Improvement Projects.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the Airport Board's recommendation to select J-U-B Engineers for FAA Airport Improvement Projects. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

f) Request to approve a Resolution adopting Magic Valley Regional Airport’s Air Carrier Incentive Program and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution.

Airport Manager Carberry requested to approve **Resolution #25-015** adopting Magic Valley Regional Airport's Air Carrier Incentive Program and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve Resolution #25-015 adopting Magic Valley Regional Airport's Air Carrier Incentive Program and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution. **Council Member Cutler** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

g) A request to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $1,401,246 for the remodel of the former City Council Chambers building located at 305 3rd Avenue East.
Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $1,401,246 for the remodel of the former City Council Chambers building located at 305 3rd Avenue East.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Cutler spoke tonight that he does have family members who work for Star corporation, but he will be voting tonight**.**

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $1,401,246 for the remodel of the former City Council Chambers building located at 305 3rd Avenue East. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

h) Appointment by the City Manager and Confirmation by the Council of Amy Luna to the position of City Clerk followed by the administration of the Oath of Office for both the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.
City Manager Rothweiler requested an appointment by the City Manager and confirmation by the Council of Amy Luna to the position of City Clerk, followed by the administration of the Oath of Office for both the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk.

Discussion ensued as follows: none

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve the appointment by the City Manager and confirmation by the Council of Amy Luna to the position of City Clerk and Rachael Long as Deputy City Clerk. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

Mayor Pierce administered the Oath of Office to Amy Luna, City Clerk, and Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk.

5) General Public Input

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements
Craig Hawkins mentioned that AIC is holding their meeting on October 23.

7) Public Hearings

a) Request to amend the East Park Professional ZDA to allow a drive thru facility on Lot 11 of the Master Development Plan and amend the development standards to allow the maximum allowed building sq. ft. per lot to be combined if the lots are commonly owned c/o Dave Thibault, EHM Engineers on behalf of TD Riddle Barbara Sonya Real Estate, LLC (PZ25-0059)
City Planner Strickland requested to amend the East Park Professional ZDA to allow a drive-thru facility on Lot 11 of the Master Development Plan and amend the development standards to allow the maximum allowed building sq. ft. per lot to be combined if the lots are commonly

owned c/o Dave Thibault, EHM Engineers on behalf of TD Riddle Barbara Sonya Real Estate, LLC.

The requestor spoke about the request.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Vice Mayor Brown asked what the current zoning is for this property.
Vice Mayor Brown asked the requestor about lot 11 if the request was for both a pharmacy or a coffee shop and asked about the second building request about size.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:04 pm.
Public Hearing Closed: 6:09 pm.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Hawkins spoke in favor of this request.
Vice Mayor Brown wants to make sure that the larger building for the medical office leaves the other buildings does not get messed up.
Mayor Pierce asked for clarification about why the planning and zoning said no to the coffee shop.
Vice Mayor Brown asked for concerns about the coffee shop.
Vice Mayor Brown questioned if we should approve these in two different motions.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler to allow East Park Professional ZDA to amend the development standards to allow the maximum allowed building sq. ft. per lot to be combined total if the lots are commonly owned. **Council Member Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

Council Member Cutler asked what the normal operating hours for this ZDA are.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to amend East Park Professional ZDA to allow a drive-thru facility for a coffee shop on Lot 11 of the Master Development Plan. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted, but the motion failed.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request to amend the East Park Professional ZDA to allow a drive-thru facility for a pharmacy on Lot 11 of the Master Development Plan with no speaker, no order board, or extended hours. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Cutler moved to approve the request to amend the East Park Professional ZDA to allow the two conditions approved previously. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 4 to 0.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:30 PM

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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