Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, December 22, 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, City Clerk Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Airport Director Bill Carberry.

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 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, 7 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council December 08, 2025, minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for December 11-17, 2025.
c) Request to approve December 17, 2025, Travel Requests.
d) Request to approve 2025 October Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
e) Request to terminate an airport hangar ground lease (Blk 13 Lot 1) with Gary Wolverton Jr.
f) Request to approve an airport hangar ground lease (Blk 13 Lot 1) with Rebecca L. Jones
g) Request to approve an Alcohol License for St. Luke's.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request for the Council to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the Twin Falls Animal Shelter expansion project and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract.

Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson requested the Council to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the Twin Falls Animal Shelter expansion project and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Cutler: Abstained from voting on this and the next item.
Council Member Reid: Do we know the timeline for this project?

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the Twin Falls Animal Shelter expansion project and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0 and Council Member Cutler abstained.

b) Request for the Council to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the remodel of Fire Station 1 and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract.

Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson requested the Council to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the remodel of Fire Station 1 and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Cutler: Abstained from voting on this item.
Council Member Reid: Can you remind us of what is being remodeled?

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to approve the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Starr Corporation for the CM/GC services on the remodel of Fire Station 1 and to authorize the mayor to sign the contract**. Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0, and **Council Member Cutler** abstained.

c) Request to use up to $225,000 of water reserves to pay for design services and temporary stormwater repairs for the HMI remediation project.

Assistant Public Works Director Steel requested to use up to $225,000 of water reserves to pay for design services and temporary stormwater repairs for the HMI remediation project.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Thanked all city staff for their work on this

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to use up to $225,000 of water reserves to pay for design services and temporary stormwater repairs for the HMI remediation project. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Request to allocate $76,372.03 Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake cash reserves for emergency road repair and dock ramp purchase.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to allocate $76,372.03 from Shoshone Falls/ Dierkes Lake cash reserves for emergency road repair and dock ramp purchase.

Discussion ensued on the following: None**.**

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to allocate $76,372.03 from Shoshone Falls/Dierkes Lake cash reserves for emergency road repair and dock ramp purchase. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

e) Request to authorize the use of a cooperative purchase agreement for $351,409 to rebuild the Harmon Park west tennis courts and authorize the director to sign the proposal.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to authorize the use of a cooperative purchase agreement for $351,409 to rebuild the Harmon Park west tennis courts and authorize the director to sign the proposal.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Asked for more clarification on the lawsuits.
Vice Mayor Brown: Spoke against the sound dampening and in favor of putting in the reinforced poles.
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave a clarification on the request.
Council Member Reid: Asked about the lighting at Harmon Park and automating them being a part of the improvements.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to authorize the use of a cooperative purchase agreement for $400,000 to rebuild the Harmon Park west tennis courts and authorize the director to sign the proposal**. Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

f) A request for $70,000 of additional funding for architectural services associated with the City Pool addition and remodel project.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to authorize additional funding for architectural services associated with the City Pool addition and remodel project in the amount of $70,000.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Mayor Pierce: Asked for clarification on the request.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to authorize additional funding for architectural services associated with the City Pool addition and remodel project in the amount of $70,000**. Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

5) General Public Input

Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about the P&R Director Wendy Davis and presented a book to her. **County Commissioner Don Hall** spoke about his recent appointment and that his door will always be open to the City of Twin Falls.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Mayor Pierce wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the next meeting will be on January 5, 2026.

City Manager Rothweiler: City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Also, Bill Carberry will be retiring on December 3oth, 2025.

Council Member Stone: Twin Falls Chamber will be rescheduling their next meeting.

7) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(B)(C)(F) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency;(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to Convene to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(B)(C)(F) (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency;(f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement. **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

Adjourn into Executive Session at 05:39 PM and the regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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