



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2026, 5:00 PM City

Council Chambers
203 Main Ave E, Twin Falls, ID 83301

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Jason Brown, Vice Mayor Craig Hawkins, Council Members Ruth Pierce, Christopher Reid, Nathan Murray, 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, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Waste Water Superintendent Doug Gonzales, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel, Airport Director Matt Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Police Chief Matt Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brown invited all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- a) Request to approve City Council February 09, 2026, minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for February 05-18, 2026.
- c) Request to approve February 18, 2026, Travel Requests.
- d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Falls2Falls.
- e) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the FLUDGlow in the Dark 5K Fundraiser.
- f) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Over-the Falls Climbing Competition.
- g) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Engagein Education - community Picnic.
- h) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls St. Patty's Day Parade.
- i) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls St. Patty's Day Festival.
- j) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the City Pool on Locust Subdivision consisting of two lots on 20 (+/-) acres c/o EHM Engineers, LLC on behalf of the City of Twin Falls. (PZ26-0011)
- k) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Mason Subdivision consisting of two lots on 1.5 (+/-) acres c/o FOCUS Engineering & Surveying on behalf of Kurt Mason. (PZ26-0012)
- l) Consideration of a request to accept public right-of-way.
- m) Consideration of a request to quitclaim a portion of a vacated alley to the adjacent property owner.
- n) Consideration of a request to quitclaim a portion of Magic Road Right of Way, located in Perrine Point Subdivision, to Tres Gringos, LLC.
- o) Request for approval of the Final Plat for Little Creek Subdivision, consisting of 8 lots on 2.81 acres located at the 900-1000 Block of Creekside Way c/o EHM Engineers, Inc on behalf of Gary Wolverton. (PZ26-0014).

4) Items of Consideration

- a) A presentation to recognize Water and Wastewater Collection Operator Licenses.
Public Works Director Baird recognized Water and Wastewater Collection Operator Licenses for members of each department.

Mayor Brown congratulated the members and thanked Josh for his presentation.

City Manager Rothweiler spoke about the upcoming retirements of Doug Gonzales and Elmer Freeman and thanked them for their dedication to the City of Twin Falls.

- b) A presentation on the 2025 legislative deregulation of public swimming pools.
Josh Jensen from South Central Public Health District presented the 2025 legislative deregulation of public swimming pools.

Council Member Pierce: Asked for clarification.

Council Member Reid: What regulations that you work with are the most concerning?

Mayor Brown: How do you see permitting work for this?

Council Member Murray: Asked for additional clarifications.

Council Member Pierce: Asked how much staff time would be required?

Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification.

City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification on how to move forward.

The council agreed to move forward with this process.

Mayor Brown thanked Josh for their presentation.

- c) Consideration of a request to use \$50,000 of Airport Reserve Funds to repair the Airport Farm irrigation well.
Airport Director Barnes requested to use \$50,000 from Airport Reserve Funds to repair the Airport Farm irrigation well.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Has the legal department looked at the contract?

Council Member Murray: Does the FAA have any issues with this?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use \$50,000 of Airport Reserve Funds to repair the Airport Farm irrigation well. **Council Member Murray** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Request to approve the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$375,133.62 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.
Street Department Superintendent Thomson requested to approve the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$375,133.62 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone: What is the timeframe for this?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner truck fitted with a mechanical broom sweeper at a cost of \$375,133.62 using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- e) Consider a request to allocate \$57,300 contingency funds for the demolition of Priebe Hatchery
Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to allocate \$57,300 in contingency funds for the demolition of Priebe Hatchery.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to allocate \$57,300 contingency funds for the demolition of Priebe Hatchery. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- f) Request to adopt **Ordinance #O-2026-003** for Annexation on property located at the southwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and Orchard Drive.
Senior Planner Klaver requested to adopt **Ordinance #O-2026-003** for annexation on property located at the southwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and Orchard Drive.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put **Ordinance #O-202-003** on the third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Brown read **Ordinance #2026-003** by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance #O-2026- 003 for Annexation on property located at the southwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard South and Orchard Drive. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

5) General Public Input

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the veteran's fair that took place last week.

7) Executive Session

- a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(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 74206(1)(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. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 05:44 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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