



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:00 PM

Special Notice

City Council will meet at 305 3rd Ave E from 3:30-4:30 for a tour of the new gym, then return to City Hall for a regular meeting at 5.

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, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Nathan Murray, Christopher Reid

Staff Present:

City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, Police Captain Terry Thueson, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Building Official Matthew Long, Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Street Department Superintendent Mark Thomson, Public Works Director Josh Baird

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) Invocation

a) Reverend Andrew Hamblen

Mayor Brown thanked Andrew Hamblen for their invocation.

4) Proclamations

a) Public Service Recognition Week

Mayor Brown read and presented the Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation.

b) Peace Officer Memorial

Mayor Brown read and presented the Peace Officer Memorial Proclamation.

c) Idaho Gives Week

Mayor Brown read and presented the Idaho Gives Week Proclamation.

5) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Stone 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 Council approval on April 27, 2026, Minutes.

b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 23-29, 2026.

c) Motion to declare city equipment #3243 2009 Volvo Roller and #3277 2019 Sweeper surplus and authorize its sale by online auction.

d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls

Pride Festival.

- e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Pride Kickoff Rally.
- f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Summer Reading Kickoff 2026.
- g) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Twin Falls Municipal Band 121st Concert Season.
- h) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Law Enforcement Memorial.
- i) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the St. Edward's Catholic School Variety Show.
- j) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Girls on the Run 5K.
- k) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of Market on Main.
- l) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following:
PZ26-0008 ZDC - rezone to add Professional Office Overlay

6) Items of Consideration

- a) Twin Falls School District is requesting a fee waiver for Robert Stuart for their HVAC remodel and upgrade at 644 Caswell Ave W. Permit # 26-0878.
Building Official Long requested approval for a fee waiver for Robert Stuart for their HVAC remodel and upgrade at 644 Caswell Ave W. Permit # 26-0878.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request for a fee waiver for Robert Stuart for their HVAC remodel and upgrade at 644 Caswell Ave W. Permit # 26-0878. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- b) Twin Falls School District is requesting a fee waiver for Bickel Elementary school HVAC remodel and upgrade at 607 2nd Ave E. Permit # 26-0886.
Building Official Long requested approval for a fee waiver for Bickel Elementary school HVAC remodel and upgrade at 607 2nd Ave E. Permit # 26-0886.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request for a fee waiver for Bickel Elementary School HVAC remodel and upgrade at 607 2nd Ave E. Permit # 26-0886. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- c) Request approval to purchase two crack-sealing machines through the State of Idaho contract, along with additional equipment needed to expand the Street Department's crack-sealing program at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be funded using street reserves.
Streets Department Superintendent Thomson requested approval to purchase two crack-sealing machines through the State of Idaho contract, along with additional equipment needed to expand the Street Department's crack-sealing program at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be funded using street reserves.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked what the lifespan of this machine is.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to purchase two crack-sealing machines through the State of Idaho contract, along with additional equipment needed to expand the Street Department's crack-sealing program at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00,

to be funded using street reserves. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- d) Consider a request to accept a quote for \$190,720 from Big T Recreation for a playground purchase and installation for the park at Elizabeth and Hankins and authorize the Director to sign the quote.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to accept a quote for \$190,720 from Big T Recreation for a playground purchase and installation for the park at Elizabeth and Hankins, and authorize the Director to sign the quote.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked about the Ninja course at the bottom of the quote.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to accept a quote for \$190,720 from Big T Recreation for a playground purchase and installation for the park at Elizabeth and Hankins and authorize the Director to sign the quote. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

- e) Consider a request to approve CORE Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,643,945 for construction of the Vista Bonita Expansion project.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to approve CORE Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,643,945 for construction of the Vista Bonita Expansion project.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve CORE Construction Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,643,945 for construction of the Vista Bonita Expansion project. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

7) General Public Input

Maria Hernandez thanked Les Schwab for being loyal business owners in the City of Twin Falls and keeping fair prices.

8) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

9) Executive Session

- a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(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;(e) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations;(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.

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satisfy this requirement; **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 0.

10) Adjournment

The meeting was convened into executive session at 05:42 PM and executive session ended at 6:45 PM.

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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