



## Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026, 5:00 PM

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, & Grayson Stone.

Absent: Cherie Vollmer

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer

**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 Hawkins** moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

**Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- a) Request to approve City Council May 11, 2026, minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable May 7-May 13, 2026.
- c) Authorize the Mayor to sign Termination of Airport Lease Agreement
- d) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Airport Advertising Agreement
- e) Request the City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Iron Warriors Regional Dinner.
- f) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 250th Anniversary Celebration of Our Independence.
- g) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Two Creeks No. 1 at the Preserve, a PUD, Subdivision, consisting of 32 lots on 8 (+/-) acres c/o Mark Kelly, Preserve PUD, LLC. (PZ26-0058)
- h) Request for approval of a Final Plat for the Two Creeks No. 2 at the Preserve, a PUD, Subdivision, consisting of 47 lots on 17.6 (+/-) acres c/o Mark Kelly, Preserve PUD, LLC. (PZ26-0059)
- i) Request to declare city equipment #7219 1994 John Deer 4x2 Utility surplus and authorize its sale by online auction.

### 4) Items of Consideration

- a) A formal ceremony swearing in three new Twin Falls Police Department. It is requested that Mayor Jason Brown administer the Oath of Office to Alexander Baiz, Efrain Deleon, and Colin Jensen.

**Police Chief Hicks** requested the swearing in of three new Twin Falls Police Department Police Officers.

**Mayor Brown** issued the Oath of Office to the three new Police officers and congratulated them.

- b) Presentation of POST Basic Certificates to Officers Malakai Brune, Luke Heninger, Sebastian Kondracki, Eric Ryan, and Austin Titus, and the POST Advanced Certificate to ECO Erin Ash and Officer Dzevad Mandzic.

**Police Chief Hicks** made a presentation of POST Basic Certificates to Officers Malakai Brune, Luke Heninger, Sebastian Kondracki, Eric Ryan, and Austin Titus, and the POST Advanced Certificate to ECO Erin Ash and Officer Dzevad Mandzic.

**Mayor Brown** congratulated all the members.

- c) Recognition of Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Achievement by Jared Grimm  
**Deputy City Manager Scott** presented the Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Achievement to Jared Grimm.

**Mayor Brown** congratulated Jared Grimm on his accomplishment.

- d) Requesting the consideration to approve adding delineators to Washington Street North between Addison and Shoup.  
**Officer Howe and Engineer Vitek** requested consideration to approve adding delineators to Washington Street North between Addison and Shoup.

**Discussion ensued on the following:**

**Council Member Stone** asked Officer Howe how many officers and hours it takes when there is an accident there.

**Council Member Pierce** asked if they could do a U-turn at Shoup if it is legal?

**Mayor Brown** stated this makes it difficult since this is the economy versus traffic accidents.

**Council Member Reid** asked the City Attorney what the Council's obligation was now to decide.

**City Attorney Castleton** falls under the Tort Claim Act, which is for safety. Specifically. The council is given the discretion to make the policy decision for safety reasons, so that the council will be protected.

**Council Member Reid** asked how easy it was to put up and take down. If they do not work, how quickly can they be removed?

**Business Owner Ben Swensen** presented a slide show against using the delineators and gave some other options than the delineators to use so that his delivery truck drivers do not have to find an alternate route and his business suffer. His slide show is attached after the minutes.

**Business Owner Darren Kyle** also spoke against using the delineators and that it will be hard for his delivery drivers to go down the alley to get to his business, he is for trying to help with the car wrecks, but he does not feel this is the right route.

**Citizen Matt Stearns** presented a letter to council to be read about his Motorcycle accident that happened at this exact location due to a car turning the wrong way and pulling out in front of him. His letter is attached after the minutes.

**Council Member Murray** stated that 1 accident a month is too much. He agreed with that and asked if there was an intermediate phase before the delineators.

**Council Member Pierce** stated this is a constant complaint that she gets the most where her business is, but they have saved several accidents from happening.

**Council Member Stone** asked if we could table this item for tonight and try to come up with a different solutions. He does not like to have to make this choice, and it will affect the business owners.

**Council Member Reid** says this is a very hard decision because we could hurt the business owners, but life's safety is also at risk.

**Council Member Hawkins** stated this a tough decision and that he would like a middle ground, so we do not make the wrong choice.

**Council Member Reid** asked the City Engineer if there was another option.

**MOTION: Council Member Stone** moved to table this discussion to June 15th so that City staff, City Council, and business owners can have a workshop on adding delineators to Washington Street North between Addison and Shoup. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The Motion failed 2 to 4.

**MOTION: Council Member Murray** moved to approve the request to approve adding delineators to Washington Street North between Addison and Shoup for a minimum one year

after installation to review and report back to council on whether the delineators are working for life safety measures and for the business owners. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 1.

- e) Request to authorize the City Engineer to award the 2026 Mill and Inlay project to Knife River Corporation, in the amount of \$461,766.00 and authorize use of the remaining \$175,000 of the budgeted line item for additional work.

**Staff Engineer Palmer** requested to authorize the City Engineer to award the 2026 Mill and Inlay project to Knife River Corporation, in the amount of \$461,766.00 and authorize use of the remaining \$175,000 of the budgeted line item for additional work.

**Discussion ensued on the following:**

**Council Member Pierce** just wanted to clarify the price on the price for the estimate?

**MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved** to approve the request to authorize the City Engineer to award the 2026 Mill and Inlay project to Knife River Corporation, in the amount of \$461,766.00 and authorize use of the remaining \$175,000 of the budgeted line item for additional work. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- f) Consider a request to use Source Well Pricing for the purchase and installation of lighting at Harmon Park and accept a quote for \$320,000 from Musco Sports Lighting.

**Parks and Recreation Director Davis** requested to use Source Well Pricing for the purchase and installation of lighting at Harmon Park and accept a quote for \$320,000 from Musco Sports Lighting.

**Discussion ensued on the following: none**

**MOTION: Council Member Reid** moved to approve the request to use Source Well Pricing for the purchase and installation of lighting at Harmon Park and accept a quote for \$320,000 from Musco Sports Lighting. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- g) Consider a request to allocate \$30,000 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete the signage plan and design phase.

**Parks and Recreation Director Davis** requested to allocate \$30,000 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete the signage plan and design phase.

**Discussion ensued on the following: none**

**MOTION: Council Member Hawkins** moved to approve the request to allocate \$30,000 of Shoshone Falls cash reserves to complete the signage plan and design phase. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- h) Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-003 authorizing the Lease of Water Shares.

**The City Manager Rothweiler** requested to authorize the Lease of Water Shares Resolution No. 2026-003 to release 500 water shares to the Southwest Irrigation District.

**Discussion ensued on the following: none**

**MOTION: Council Member Reid** moved to approve the request to authorize the Lease of Water Shares Resolution No. 2026-003 as presented. **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**

**Maria Hernandez** spoke about a musician, Leon Patillo, who came to Twin Falls, Idaho. He is working on a movie about teen suicide and will include Twin Falls in it.

**Ron Yates** apologized for his comments last week. He had no idea about the public comment was not allowed for items on the item on the agenda.

**6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements**

**Ruth Pierce** reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day.

**City Manager Rothweiler** stated that the City Hall will be closed next Monday for Memorial Day and that City Council will be canceled on Tuesday the 26th. We will meet again in June.

## 7) Public Hearings

- a) Request for a recommendation to City Council for a Zoning Title Amendment to clarify policy language and references to improve consistency and implementation; clarify administrative processes such as application submittal requirements, review procedures, and notice procedures; clarify land use regulations/standards and how specific uses are categorized and reviewed.

**Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove and Senior Planner Klaver** requested a recommendation from City Council for a Zoning Title Amendment to clarify policy language and references to improve consistency and implementation; clarify administrative processes such as application submittal requirements, review procedures, and notice procedures; clarify land use regulations/standards and how specific uses are categorized and reviewed.

**Public Hearing Opened:** 7:15 pm

**Public Hearing Closed:** 7:16 pm

**Discussion ensued on the following: none**

**MOTION: Council Member Reid** moved to approve the request to clarify policy language and references to improve consistency and implementation; clarify administrative processes such as application submittal requirements, review procedures, and notice procedures; clarify land use regulations/standards and how specific uses are categorized and reviewed for a Zoning Title Amendment. **Council Member Stone** 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)(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 Pierce** moved to convene 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 Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

## 9) Adjournment

Adjourn to Executive Session at 07:18 PM, Executive session ended at 7:35PM.

  
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Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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