



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, July 27, 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, 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, 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 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, 7 to 0.

- a) Request to approve City Council 2026July20, minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts payable July 15–22, 2026.
- c) Request to approve the Final Plat for the South Ridge Subdivision, consisting of 10 (ten) lots on 3 (+/-) acres, c/o David Thibault, EHM Engineers, Inc. on behalf of Gerald Martens, First Gen Developments, LLC. (PZ26-0091)

4) Items of Consideration

- a) Request to authorize the use of up to \$750,000 in reserves for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson requested to authorize the use of up to \$750,000 in reserves for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked Debbie and Jackie to come forward and share their success story. Debbie Blackwood shared her story on how the shelter started and the success it has had.

Council Member Pierce stated she has been to many fundraisers, and they are amazing.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to authorize the use of up to \$750,000 in reserves for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

- b) A presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2026-2027 (FY 2027) followed by citizen input, Focus Areas 2&3.

Deputy City Manager Scott and several presenters from different departments gave a presentation of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2026-2027.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Stone asked if we plan to remove the Flock Safety Real time from the budget?

City Manager Rothweiler got up and finished the budget presentation for a quick re-cap. Council Member Pierce thanked the presenters for all their hard work.

Council Member Reid would like speed limits signs for walking trails that show the speed of what they are going?

Mayor Brown thanked all the presenters for their presentation.

5) General Public Input

Michael Wendler spoke in favor of Flock.

Maria Hernandez spoke in favor of supporting the PD and council.

Craig Kingsbury spoke in favor of Flock.

George Dunn asked how many people had been to PD national night out, that the public could learn a lot if they just came and got engaged.

Bob Brobobsky spoke against Flock.

Webb Glauner Spoke against Flock.

Scout Irby spoke against Flock.

Joshua Van Dyke spoke against Flock.

Dan Miller Spoke against flock.

Steven Ogan spoke against flock.

Tyler Cain spoke against flock.

Kandace Miano spoke against flock.

Ben Miano Spoke against flock.

Doug Burrow spoke against flock.

Tori Wakewood spoke againstflock.

Cheyenne Labato spoke against flock.

Julian Kessel spoke against flock.

Brennan Meek spoke against flock.

Liyah Babayan spoke against flock.

Jeffery Nielsen spoke against flock.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Reid stated that we follow our Agenda and that we will be addressing these comments issue.

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 adjourn 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, 7 to 0.

8) Adjournment

Convene to Executive Session 74206(1)(f) at 07:48 PM. Executive session ended at 8:45PM.



Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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