



Twin Falls City Council Minutes

Monday, August 3, 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.

Absent: Council Member Grayson Stone.

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton(via phone), City Clerk Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Captain Brent Wright, Captain Terry Thuesen, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, P&R Director Wendy Davis, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Airport Manager Matt Barnes, CFO Breanna Howard, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Assistant PW Director Erin Steel.

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

Mayor Brown held a moment of silence for the incident on Saturday afternoon for the victims and their families.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Reid** 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 July 27, 2026, minutes.
- b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 23-29, 2026.
- c) Request to approve July 29, 2026, Travel Requests.
- d) Request to approve 2026 June Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
- e) Request to accept land dedication from Westpark Properties LLC.
- f) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ26-0091 FPLAT - South Ridge Subdivision

5) Items of Consideration

- a) Recognize Commissioners Drew Nash and Laura Stewart for their dedicated service on the Public Art Commission.
Postponed for a future date.
- b) Consider a Request to Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Hannah Arthur, Cheyenne Lobato and Chris Newbry, and waive the two-term limit and re-appoint Melissa Crane to serve on the Public Art Commission.
Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to confirm the mayor's appointment of Hannah Arthur, Cheyenne Lobato and Chris Newbry, and waive the two-term limit and re-appoint Melissa Crane to serve on the Public Art Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to appoint Hannah Arthur, Cheyenne Lobato and Chris Newbry, and waive the two-term limit and reappoint Melissa Crane to serve on the Public Art Commission. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- c) Request for the City Council to approve the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) of \$2,036,926 for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.
Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson requested the City Council to approve the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) of \$2,036,926 for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) of \$2,036,926 for the expansion of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

- d) Council review of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2026-2027 (FY 2027) and Adoption of Preliminary Budget. **City Manager Rothweiler** gave a review of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2026-2027 (FY 2027) and Adoption of the Preliminary Budget.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Pierce: Asked about adding additional items. I would like some funds for the Public Arts Commission.

Council Member Vollmer: Is the maintenance included in the Parks budget?

MOTION: **Council Member Pierce** moved to approve the request to adopt the Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-2027 (FY2027). **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

6) General Public Input

The following citizens spoke:

Dan Brizee: Spoke on the Shade Sails and possibly getting some for the City Park.

Isaac Reynolds: Spoke about the tragedy that happened on Saturday.

Kelsey Dawson: Spoke about the Southern Idaho Socialists and the crowd control equipment.

Maria Hernandez: Spoke about the amazing response to the tragedy that happened on Saturday and the grief support that is being provided.

Layton Dey: Spoke about the dangers of the Flock system.

Dan Miller: Spoke against the Flock system and plans to petition for this issue to be on the next election ballot. If used correctly, it could be a great thing.

Joseph Edgar: What part of the budget for Harmon Park is going to be for a skate park?

McCoy Peterson: Proud of our community for the response to Saturday's tragedy and how unnecessary the flock cameras in our community are.

Dana Jahn: Spoke about the need for more money for the Meals on Wheels program provided by the Twin Falls Senior Center.

William Pettingill: Asked the City Council to remove the Flock Cameras from Twin Falls.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

City Manager Rothweiler spoke about the events last weekend and how proud he is of all the individuals that stepped up in this time of need.

Police Chief Matt Hicks spoke about the events last weekend and the following items.

National Night Out will be postponed, and a new date will be determined soon.

Communities Partners: The FBI will be pushing out a victims search page in relation to the In N Out Incident.

Community and Victim Support: Sawtooth Elementary School will be open for community support on August 4th & 5th from 10 am to 8 pm.

8) Public Hearings

- a) Request to approve a resolution R-2026-004 of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho proposing new and increased fees and other amendments to the City's Master Fee Schedule. **City Financial Officer, Howard**, requested to approve resolution R-2026-004 of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho proposing new and increased fees and other amendments to the City's Master Fee Schedule.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:22 pm

Public Hearing Closed: 6:23 pm

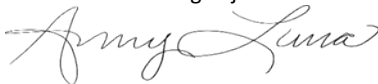
Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Hawkins: Spoke in favor of this item.

MOTION: **Council Member Pierce** moved to approve the request to approve resolution R- 2026-004 of the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho proposing new and increased fees and other amendments to the City's Master Fee Schedule. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:24 PM.



Amy Luna, City Clerk