Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, August 24, 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 Christopher Reid, Nathan Murray, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone, Ruth Pierce.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Manager Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, City Clerk Amy Luna, Staff Engineer John Keifer, P&R Director Wendy Davis, Airport Manager Mat Barnes, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Captains Terry Thuesen & Brent Wright, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, CFO Breanna Howard, Lt Steven Gassert, Sgt Ryan Howe, Lt Justin Hendrickson, Crime Analyst Courtney Cunningham, Officer Tyler Kuder, Lt Justin Dimond, Lt Luke Allen, Lt Chuck Garner, P& Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, Budget Coordinator Mathew Farnes, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Help Desk Technician Brettrick Barker

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 Pierce** 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 2026 August 17, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 13-19, 2026.
c) Request to approve 2026 July Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
d) Request to approve August 19, 2026, Travel Requests.
e) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Dierkes Boulderfest.
f) Request to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Haunted Swamp.
g) Request for Final Plat extension for PZ24-0088 Ellis Subdivision.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request to authorize the City Engineer to approve a South Well #5 change order for Pheasant PRV in the amount of $847,410 and include some contingency for a total request of $900,000.

Staff Engineer Keifer requested to authorize the City Engineer to approve a South Well #5 change order for Pheasant PRV in the amount of $847,410 and include some contingency for a total request of $900,000.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to authorize the City Engineer to approve a South Well #5 change order for Pheasant PRV in the amount of $847,410 and include some contingency for a total request of $900,000. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

b) Consider a request to use the savings from Harmon Park court lighting project to finish the landscaping and purchase benches.

P&R Director Davis requested to use the savings from Harmon Park court lighting project to finish the landscaping and purchase benches.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to use the savings from Harmon Park court lighting project to finish the landscaping and purchase benches. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

c) Consider a request to approve the Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorize the Mayor to sign it.

P&R Director Davis requested to approve the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorized the Mayor to sign it.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request for an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the City of Twin Falls and authorized the Mayor to sign it. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Consideration of a request to Award a contract to Knife River Corporation in the amount of $1,306,787.00 and authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant application and contract for Terminal Access Improvement.

Airport Manager Barnes requested to award a contract to Knife River Corporation in the amount of $1,306,787.00 and authorize the mayor to sign the FAA grant application and contract for Terminal Access Improvement.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Asked about the time frame.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to award a contract to Knife River Corporation in the amount of $1,306,787.00 and authorized the mayor to sign the FAA grant application and contract for Terminal Access Improvement. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

5) General Public Input
Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about the victims of the In-N-Out Incident.
Citizen Sandi King spoke against FLOCK cameras.
Citizen Jeff Nelsen spoke against FLOCK cameras.
Citizen Noah Heck spoke about the work that the city has done at the skate park.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

7) Public Hearings

a) Request for a Planned Unit Development Amendment – River Hawk Plaza PUD – to allow"Health/Fitness Facility – Minor" on property located at 1341 Park View Dr. c/o Gerald Martens. (PZ26-0077)

City Planner Ebersole requested a Planned Unit Development Amendment – River Hawk Plaza PUD – to allow "Health/Fitness Facility – Minor" on property located at 1341 Park View Dr. c/o Gerald Martens. (PZ26-0077)

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Pierce: Asked for clarification on the occupancy (major vs minor).
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the times of business

The applicants spoke about the request.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:37 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 5:38 pm

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request for a Planned Unit Development Amendment – River Hawk Plaza PUD – to allow "Health/Fitness Facility – Minor" on property located at 1341 Park View Dr. c/o Gerald Martens. (PZ26-0077) **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 public hearing on the use of $342,816 of Forgone Revenue in the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year (FY 2027) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.

City Manager Rothweiler conducted a public hearing on the use of $342,868 of Forgone Revenue in the 2026–2027 Fiscal Year (FY 2027) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:43 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 5:44 pm

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Pierce: Clarified the actual amount requested.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve ***Resolution #2026-005*** authorizing the use of $342,868 of Forgone Revenue in the 2026–2027 Fiscal Year (FY 2027) to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs, beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0**.**

c) A public hearing on the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.

City Manager Rothweiler conducted a public hearing on the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:29 pm
Citizen Hilber Nelson: Spoke against the FLOCK camera funding.
Public Hearing Closed: 6:33 pm

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the large jump from 2024 to 2025.
Council Member Reid: Would like to make a line-item adjustment to the budget.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to suspend the use and financial obligation of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR cameras) until the Idaho Legislator adopts comprehensive rules, regulations and accountability measures governing the use of ALPR technology, including consequences for misuse. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted on the motion. Motion failed 2 to 5.

MOTION: Council Member Stone made a motion for the City of Twin Falls to implement any and all laws associated with license plate reading technology within seven days of being signed into law by the governor with fiscal responsibility regarding the city, to enforce it. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Murray: Asked for clarification on the motion.
Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of this motion. Asked if the seven days are reasonable.
City Manager Rothweiler: Provided some clarification on the issue.
Council Member Pierce: Requested some clarification on the motion.
Council Member Stone: Gave clarifying information about his request.
Council Member Pierce: Will be voting no on the motion as presented. I would like to propose adopting some revisions. Read the proposed revisions.
Council Member Stone: Asked to complete the motion before revisions.
Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of both options.
Council Member Stone: Spoke in agreement with Council Member Reid.
Council Member Pierce: Are we handling this correctly?
Mayor Brown: Reiterated the motion that is on the table.
Council Member Pierce: Asked for additional clarification on the motion.
City Attorney Castleton: Reviewed the legalities of the actions.
Council Member Stone: Asked for more clarification.
City Attorney Castleton: State, open to amendments to the contract as it sits.

MOTION: Council Member Stone made a motion for the City of Twin Falls to implement any and all laws associated with license plate reading technology within seven days of being signed into law by the governor and our current contract be open to amendments per chief's recommendations and approved by Council. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce made a motion to accept the current FLOCK contract with the following revisions:

- Turn off the AI learning component of the contract.
- The national search function remains off unless the PD needs access for a local crime.
- Authorize the chief to sign the contract.

Council Member Murray seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. The Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 1.

Council Member Reid: Thanked all involved in the budget process.
Council Member Pierce: Spoke positively about our budget process

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put ***Ordinance #2026-008*** on 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 7 to 0.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to approve ***Ordinance #2026- 008*** for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

8) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn into Executive Session 74206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

9) Adjournment

Adjourned into Executive Session at 06:52 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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