Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026, 5:00 PM

203 Main Ave W
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, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Chief Matt Hicks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, Utility Services Supervisor Chelsea Ross, Public Works Director Josh Baird, CFO Breanna Howard, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove.

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) Invocation from Paul Thompson from Eastside Baptist Church.
Mayor Brown thanked Pastor Thompson.

4) Proclamations

a) Week of the Young Child
Mayor Brown read and presented the ***Week of Young Child*** Proclamation.

b) Month of the Military Child
Mayor Brown read and presented the ***Month of the Military Child*** Proclamation.

c) Community College Month
Mayor Brown read and presented the ***Community College Month*** Proclamation.

5) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Vice Mayor 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, 7 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council March 30, 2026, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts payable for March 26-April 1, 2026.
c) Request to approve Travel requests for April 1, 2026.
d) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the America250TF.
e) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Kids Day Celebration - Pokémon Theme.
f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the National Day of Prayer.
g) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ26-0002 - Annexation
PZ26-0035 - Final Plat - Knife River
h) Motion to declare city equipment #4545 2001 C7500 Bucket Truck surplus and authorize its sale by online auction.

6) Items of Consideration

a) Consider a Request to Confirm the Mayor's appointment of McKenzie Redd and reappointment Christiana Sipe-Pauley and Todd Shaw to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Davis requested to confirm the mayor's appointment of McKenzie Redd and the reappointment of Christiana Sipe-Pauley and Todd Shaw to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Hawkins moved to approve the request to confirm the mayor's appointment of McKenzie Redd and the reappointment of Christiana Sipe-Pauley and Todd Shaw to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

b) Presentation on PSI's RFP response, Limited vs. Unlimited waste, and the new proposed recycling program

Utility Service Manager Ross gave a presentation on PSI's RFP response, Limited vs. Unlimited waste, and the newly proposed recycling program.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Stone: How often do you see extra bags?
Council Member Vollmer: Is there a limit on the number of cans a citizen can have?
Mayor Brown: What would be considered a bulky item?
Council Member Pierce: Asked for clarification.
Council Member Reid: Asked about the recycling options and if it is all or nothing. This would be City wide.
Council Member Stone: Are there any other cities that follow this recommendation?
Council Member Pierce: How many customers do you estimate as being recycling customers?
Council Member Reid: Is there a guarantee that this will work, and then we must start pulling things back again?
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification on terminology in the agreement.
Council Member Stone: Would like to see a cost-by-cost spreadsheet with the contract presentation.
Council Member Pierce: When should we expect to get the staff recommendation on this?
Mayor Brown: Reiterated some items for clarification.
Council Member Reid: Asked what staff is looking for tonight.
Council Member Reid: Spoke in favor of the recycling option with limits on increased costs.
Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of option 4
Council Member Stone: Asked for clarification on Council Member Reid's desire. Would like to go along with Reid.
Council Member Pierce: Spoke about the options.
Vice Mayor Hawkins: In favor of option 2
Council Member Murray: would like to see a combination of 3 and 4 options, but not passionate right now.
Mayor Brown: Would like to see a better breakdown of the costs.
Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification.
Council Member Pierce: Some customers don't put out garbage every week and therefore subsidize other citizens.
Council Member Reid: Asked for some clarification on some of the language. Stated that education is the key.
Council Member Stone: Asked for some clarification.
Mayor Brown: Would like to see all trash be contained so that it is easy to be picked up. Would we be able to do phases with this?
Vice Mayor Hawkins: Let's keep it simple.
Council Member Murray: Asked for some clarification regarding growth.
Mayor Brown: Thanked the presenter.

c) Seeking City Council priorities on the development of the FY 2026-2027 budget.

City Manager Rothweiler spoke with the council about priorities for the development of the FY 2026-2027 Budget.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Stone: Do you still think that a local sales tax is still a viable option?
Council Member Pierce: Spoke about being competitive with our employees, being an important priority.
Council Member Reid: Spoke about communication with the citizens being very important.
Mayor Brown: Asked if the council can email comments to staff as they think about these options.

7) General Public Input

Citizen Avalon Martinez spoke about an event coming up in June and if she could add a day to that event. Also, she would like to know about pop-up events in front of her business though the summer.

8) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Murray spoke about the funeral of Doug Manning that he attended on Friday.
Vice Mayor Hawkins spoke about the AIC district meeting on April 23, 2026, here in Twin Falls,

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 06:42 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, City Clerk

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