Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Ruth Pierce, Vice Mayor Jason Brown, Council Members Craig Hawkins, Christopher Reid, Spencer Cutler, Cherie Vollmer & Grayson Stone.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Amy Luna, Administrative Assistant Rachael Long, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Assistant to City Manager Mandi Thompson.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. A quorum was present.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pierce invited all present, who wished, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) Invocation

a) Greg Morton from Magic Valley Bible Church

Greg Morton from Magic Valley Bible Church presented the invocation.

4) Proclamations

a) College of Southern Idaho 60th Anniversary

Mayor Pierce read and presented the College of Southern Idaho 60th Anniversary Proclamation.

5) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Volmer 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 2025 August 18, Minutes.
b) Request to approve City Council 2025 August 25, Minutes.
c) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 21 through September 3, 2025
d) Request to approve September 3, 2025, Travel Requests.
e) Request to approve 2025 July Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
f) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament of Champions event.
g) Request to approve the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ25-0102 - Final Plat for Cattail Subdivision

6) Items of Consideration

a) Formal ceremony promoting Officer Jason Haringsma to the position of Corporal, and Corporal Dallas Garner to the position of Sergeant before Honorable Mayor Pierce and the City Council.

Police Chief Hicks led the formal ceremony, promoting Officer Jason Haringsma to the position of Corporal, and Corporal Dallas Garner to the position of Sergeant.

b) Swearing in of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney - Mitch Benjamin

City Attorney Castleton requested the swearing in of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Benjamin.

Mayor Pierce administered the oath of office.

c) Consideration of an independent contractor agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law, PLCC for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A.

City Manager Rothweiler requested consideration of an independent contractor agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law, PLCC for City Attorney Services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Brown moved to approve the request to approve an independent contractor agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law, PLCC for City Attorney Services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Request to authorize the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of Ride TFT for FY 2026.

Assistant to City Manager Thompson requested to authorize the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of Ride TFT for FY 2026.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Thanked staff for the work on this project. Asked for a report on our relationship with Downtowner. What feedback are we receiving from the community?
Mayor Pierce: Asked if the City Attorney has looked at the contract.
Council Member Cutler: Shared thoughts from citizens.
Mayor Pierce: Spoke of a citizen that is blind and now gets to get out of his home.
Council Member Vollmer: Spoke in favor of this request.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to authorize the mayor to sign the contract between the City of Twin Falls and Downtowner Holdings LLC for the operation of Ride TFT for FY 2026. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

e) A discussion regarding the possibility of adding a short-term rental regulation to the City Code.

Deputy City Manager Humble led a discussion regarding the possibility of adding a short- term rental regulation to the City Code.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Vollmer: Spoke against this regulation. Asked if Hotels & Motels would be included.
Council Member Reid: This is a Title 10 issue that would be addressed that way. Spoke against this regulation.
Council Member Cutler: This is a zoning issue, not a staff issue. Spoke against this regulation.
Council Member Hawkins: Concurs with what everyone else has already said.
Mayor Pierce: Spoke against this regulation as well.

f) A request to authorize the use of $1,576,167 of impact fees and cash reserves for the acquisition and development of a neighborhood park in the Eastern Sun subdivision.

Deputy City Manager Humble requested to authorize the use of $1,576,167 of impact fees and cash reserves for the acquisition and development of a neighborhood park in the Eastern Sun Subdivision.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Asked for some clarification.
Mayor Pierce: Asked for some clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to authorize the use of $1,576,167 of impact fees and cash reserves for the acquisition and development of a neighborhood park in the Eastern Sun Subdivision. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

7) General Public Input

8) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

City Manager Rothweiler reminded everyone about the pool groundbreaking on Wednesday and the 911 Celebration and the public discussion on the proposed round-about on Thursday.

9) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public- school student (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 counselat an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session § 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student; (c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency; (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. **Vice Mayor Brown** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 06:04 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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