Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, April 20, 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: Grayson Stone

Staff Present: 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, Network Administrator Adam Day

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) Proclamations

a) Arbor Day
Mayor Brown read and presented the Arbor Day Proclamation.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Reid 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, 6 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council 2026 April 06, Minutes.
b) Request to approve City Council 2026 April 13, Minutes.
c) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 09-15, 2026.
d) Consideration of a request to approve an airport lease agreement with SkyWest Airlines and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
e) Consideration of a request to terminate an easement on 324 Ostrander St.

5) Items of Consideration

a) Presentation recognizing promotions within the Twin Falls Fire Department: Battalion Chief Joell Miller; Captains Andy Stephenson and Kody Lewin; and Driver/Operators Joe Renaldi and Lane Barker, with the ceremonial pinning of their new rank badges.

Fire Chief Brooks promoted several members from the Twin Falls Fire Department.

Mayor Brown congratulated all the firefighters that were promoted.

b) Request authorization to begin contract negotiations with the top five-ranked firms for development of the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

CSO Cunnigham and Public Works Assistant Director Steel requested authorization to begin contract negotiations with the top five-ranked firms for development of the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Murray asked if they need to approve the two top ranked firms or all five.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to begin contract negotiations with the top five-ranked firms for development of the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) Request to use contingency funds during negotiations for the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
Public Works Assistant Director Steel and Fire Chief Brooks requested to use contingency funds during negotiations for the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to use contingency funds during negotiations for the City of Twin Falls Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

d) Consideration of a request to adopt amended chapter 14 Ordinance NO. 0-2026-004 of the City Code pertaining to Transient Merchants, Vendors, Peddlers and Solicitors.
Police Captain Wright requested to adopt the amended chapter 14 Ordinance NO. 0-2026-004 of the City Code pertaining to Transient Merchants, Vendors, Peddlers and Solicitors.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put Ordinance #O-2026-004 on the third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance #2026-004 by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to adopt the amended chapter 14 Ordinance NO. 0-2026-004 of the City Code pertaining to Transient Merchants, Vendors, Peddlers and Solicitors. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

e) Magic Valley MPO and Long-Range Planning Update.
MVMPO Executive Director Jerke presented the MVMPO Long range plan.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Murray asked about the 174 projects, if there is one that is the main focus that has the most impact.

Mayor Brown thanked Nathan Jerke for his presentation.

6) General Public Input
Maria Hernandez recognized and thanked a former co-worker who influenced her and took a chance on her.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements
Craig Hawkins said this Thursday is the District AIC meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn.
Deputy City Manager Humble mentioned the Battalion Chief Schmitz retirement on Friday and that we will be doing the Grand opening of the City Pool.

8) Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 06:15 PM

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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