Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, April 27, 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 & Grayson Stone.

Staff Present:

City Manager Travis Rothweiler, 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, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Deputy Fire Chief Shane Smith, Battalion Chief Corey Beam, Captain Brent Wright, Captain Terrance Thueson, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, City Planner Kelly Ebersole, Planning and Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Airport Manager Matt Barnes, Public Works Director Josh Baird, Water Superintendent Robert Bohling

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) Sexual Assault Awareness
Mayor Brown read and presented the Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Reid 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 April 20, 2026 minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for April 16-22, 2026
c) Request to approve 2026 February & March Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.

d) Request to approve an Alcohol License for Hong Kong of Twin Falls.
e) Consider a recommendation from the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission to accept a bench donation from Wanda Gustafson in memory of Kathryn and Dale Tankersley.

5) Items of Consideration

a) Consideration of a request to ratify staff action and authorize the application of $114,342.40 of interest revenue toward the lease purchase agreement principal for the Pierce PUC Enforcer Pumper financed through Zions Bancorporation, N.A., and to approve the associated unbudgeted expenditure.

City Financial Officer Howard requested to ratify staff action and authorize the application of $114,342.40 of interest revenue toward the lease purchase agreement principal for the Pierce PUC Enforcer Pumper financed through Zions Bancorporation, N.A., and to approve the associated unbudgeted expenditure.

Discussion ensued on the following:
City Manager Rothweiler gave a little more clarification on the situation.

MOTION: Council Member Stone moved to approve the request to ratify staff action and authorize the application of $114,342.40 of interest revenue toward the lease purchase agreement principal for the Pierce PUC Enforcer Pumper financed through Zions Bancorporation, N.A., and to approve the associated unbudgeted expenditure. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

b) Consideration of a request for the use of funds allocated for the part-time regular Airport Custodian position to fund Janitorial Professional Services.

Airport Manager Barnes requested the use of funds allocated for the part-time regular Airport Custodian position to fund Janitorial Professional Services.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Murray asked if this is a permanent change going forward.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to allocate funds for the part-time regular Airport Custodian position to fund Janitorial Professional Services. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

c) Request to approve the use of grant funds from the State of Idaho for State approved Hazardous Material Response items up to the amount of $500,885.71.

Battalion Chief Beam requested to approve the use of grant funds from the State of Idaho for the State approved Hazardous Material Response items up to the amount of $500,885.71.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the use of grant funds from the State of Idaho for State approved Hazardous Material Response items up to the amount of $500,885.71. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Requesting approval for the Twin Falls Police Department to apply for the COPS grant.

Police Chief Hicks requested approval for the Twin Falls Police Department to apply for the COPS grant.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid asked how recruiting is going right now.
Council Member Stone asked if, to meet minimum standards, are we paying patrol overtime right now and what is the amount?
Council Member Pierce asked about sergeants coming down to cover shifts?
Mayor Brown asked if we have been awarded every time we apply for this grant?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for the Twin Falls Police Department to apply for the COPS grant. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

e) Confirming the appointment of Jason Brown and Clark Kauffman to serve as members of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO).

City Manager Rothweiler requested the City Council to confirm the appointment of Jason Brown and Clark Kauffman to serve as members of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO).

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Pierce stated she has worked with both gentlemen and fully supports them.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to confirm the re-appointment of Jason Brown and Clark Kauffman to serve as members of the policy board for the Magic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MVMPO)**. Council Member Murray** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

6) General Public Input

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements
Ruth Pierce stated that early voting opened today. Get out and vote!
Craig Hawkins stated that Ruth Pierce won the Lifetime achievement award with the Chamber.

8) Public Hearings

a) Request for a Zoning District Change to add "Professional Office Overlay" to property located at 2111 Addison Ave E. c/o Mark Jones on behalf of Carolyn Matsuoka.

City Planner Ebersole requested a Zoning District Change to add "Professional Office Overlay" to property located at 2111 Addison Ave E. c/o Mark Jones on behalf of Carolyn Matsuoka.

Public Hearing Opened: 5:41 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 5:42 pm

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Vollmer drives by this area a lot and stated this makes sense for the change.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for a Zoning District Change to add "Professional Office Overlay" to property located at 2111 Addison Ave E. c/o Mark Jones on behalf of Carolyn Matsuoka. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

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.(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.

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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. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

10) Adjournment

The meeting convened for an executive session at 05:45 PM and the executive session ended at 7:45 PM.

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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