Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2026, 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

203 Main Avenue East Twin Falls, Idaho

1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Mayor Jason Brown, Vice Mayor Craig Hawkins, Council Members Christopher Reid, Nathan Murray, Cherie Vollmer & Ruth Pierce.

Absent: Council Member 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, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, Parks & Recreation Director Wendy Davis, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, City Planner Kelli Ebersole, City Planner Lisa Strickland, Captain Terry Thueson, Lieutenant Steven Gassert, Captain Brent Wright, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Captain Mitchell Brooks, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove,
CFO Breanna Howard, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Water Distribution Supervisor Rob Bohling, Assistant Public Works Director Erin Steel.

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 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 August 10, minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 06-12, 2026.
c) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley Doula Collective Walk for Postpartum Mental Health.
d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the 2026 Youth Highland Games.
e) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Rim2Rim Race 4Homes
f) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of The Gathering
g) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Latino Fest.
h) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Magic Valley 9/11 Memorial.
i) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Bands at the Bridge.
j) Request City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Dani Bates XC Race.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Request for the Council to approve a contract with Jacobs Engineering in the amount of $140,000 for the program management and support of the Rock Creek Watershed Restoration Collaborative.

Assistant to the City Manager, Thompson requested approval of a contract with Jacobs Engineering in the amount of $140,000 for the program management and support of the Rock Creek Watershed Restoration Collaborative.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Pierce: Will these funds be reimbursed?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve a contract with Jacobs Engineering in the amount of $140,000 for the program management and support of the Rock Creek Watershed Restoration Collaborative. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

b) Request to enter negotiations with Suburban Construction Management to provide CM/GC services associated with the park property located at the corner of Elizabeth Blvd and Hankins Road.

P&R Director Davis requested to enter negotiations with Suburban Construction Management to provide CM/GC services associated with the park property located at the corner of Elizabeth Blvd and Hankins Road.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to enter negotiations with Suburban Construction Management to provide CM/GC services associated with the park property located at the corner of Elizabeth Blvd and Hankins Road. **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 enter negotiations with Guho Corp. for CM/GC services associated with the Baxter's Park renovation project.

P&R Director Davis requested to enter negotiations with Guho Corp. for CM/GCservices associated with the Baxter's Park renovation project.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Reid: This is for the improvements that have been discussed for several years?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to enter negotiations with Guho Corp. for CM/GC services associated with the Baxter's Park renovation project. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 5 to 1.

d) A request to authorize the use of $899,672.79 Street Fund reserves, $884,456.88 Capital Fund reserves, $1,120,300.00 of park impact fees, $1,085,563.07 of Water Fund reserves, $980,924.68 of Wastewater Fund reserves, and $115,000.00 of Library Fund reserves for a total amount of $5,085,917.42 to finish twelve different projects in fiscal year 2026.

Deputy City Manager Humble made a request to authorize the use of $899,672.79 Street Fund Reserves, $884,456.88 of Capital Fund Reserves, $1,120,300.00 of Park Impact Fees, $1,085,563.07 of Water Fund Reserves, $980,924.68 of Wastewater Fund Reserves, and $115,000.00 of Library Fund Reserves for a total amount of $5,085,917.42 to finish twelve different projects in fiscal year 2026.

Discussion ensued as follows:

Council Member Pierce: Asked for clarification.

City Manager Rothweiler: Provided some clarification on this request and where the reserves are at this time.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to authorize the use of $899,672.79 of Street Fund Reserves, $884,456.88 of Capital Fund Reserves, $1,120,300.00 of Park Impact Fees, $1,085,563.07 of Water Fund Reserves, $980,924.68 of Wastewater Fund Reserves, and $115,000.00 of Library Fund Reserves for a total amount of $5,085,917.42 to finish twelve different projects in fiscal year 2026. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

e) Council review of FY 2027 Budget Recap.

City Manager Rothweiler presented the Council with the FY2027 Budget recap.

5) General Public Input

Citizen Maria Hernandez played a song and spoke about the In-N-Out tragedy.

Citizen William Losey spoke about the streets and their maintenance.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Hawkins reminded all about the Joining Forces Meeting tomorrow morning, 7:00 am at County West.

7) Public Hearings

a) Request for a Zoning District Change from Central City (CC) to Town Neighborhood-3 (TN-3) on property located at 451 Russet St., c/o Juan Torress. (PZ26-0057)

City Planner Ebersol requested a Zoning District change from Central City (CC) to Town Neighborhood-2 (TN-3) on property located at 451 Russet St., c/o Juan Torres. (PZ26-0057)

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Vollmer: Asked for some clarification on the rezoning of just one lot or getting a special use.

The applicant spoke about the request.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:03 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:04 pm

Discussion ensued as follows: None

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request a Zoning District change from Central City (CC) to Town Neighborhood-2 (TN-3) on property located at 451 Russet St., c/o Juan Torres. (PZ26-0057) **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

b) Request for annexation of 2.42 acres with a proposed zoning district of Community Market for property located at 857 Hankins Road North. c/o Goeffrey Wardle on behalf of Mountain West Council — Boy Scouts of America. (PZ26-0069)

City Planner Strickland requested an annexation of 2.42 acres with a proposed zoning district of Community Market for property located at 857 Hankins Road North. c/o Geoffrey Wardle on behalf of Mountain West Council — Boy Scouts of America. (PZ26-0069)

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

The applicant spoke about the request.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:20 pm
Citizen David Walker: spoke about the foot traffic that happens in this area and is concerned about the future traffic here. I would like the zoning to be more restrictive.
Citizen Jay Dodds: spoke about property history and what it should be used for. Recommends what the zoning commission recommended.
Citizen Robin Shenk: concurs with the above citizens.
Citizen Nikki Cruz: would like this zoning to be restrictive and uphold the country's falling of the area.
Public Hearing Closed: 6:36 pm

The applicant spoke about the citizens' concerns.

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

Council Member Hawkins: recused himself from voting on this item.
Council Member Murray: Asked for some clarification.
Public Hearing Closed: 6:36 pm

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Spoke about some concerns and recommended a zoning desire of Town Neighborhood 1 with the professional overlay and annexation.
Council Member Murray: Asked for clarification on the recommendation.
Council Member Pierce: Agreed with Community Market zoning and has confidence that future councils will be diligent in what they allow.
Council Member Vollmer: Likes the idea of community market zoning except for a gas station.
Mayor Brown: Expressed his concerns and desires related to this request.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for annexation of 2.42 acres with a proposed zoning district of Town Neighborhood for property located at 857 Hankins Road North, including the two stipulations as presented. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted. Motion failed, 2 to 3 with **Council Member Hawkins** abstaining.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request for annexation of 2.42 acres with a proposed zoning district of Community Market for property located at 857 Hankins Road North, including the two stipulations as presented. **Council Member Murray** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 3 to 2 with **Council Member Hawkins** abstaining.

8) Executive Session

a) Request to adjourn to Executive Session § 74-206(1)(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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9) Adjournment
The meeting adjourned into executive session at 06:46 PM and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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