Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, August 10, 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.

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Deputy City Managers Mitch Humble & Gretchen Scott, City Attorney Bruce Castleton, Deputy City Clerk Rachael Long, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, City Engineer Troy Vitek, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Parks and Recreation Director Wendi Davis

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 Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Stone** 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 August 03, 2026 Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for July 30 through August 05, 2026.
c) Request to approve August 05, 2026, Travel Requests.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Presentation of Road Master Certificates
City Engineer Vitek and **Streets Superintendent Thomson** presented Road Master certificates to Will Fuller and Zakery Hausner.

Mayor Brown congratulated everyone.

b) Swearing in ceremony for the Twin Falls Police Department's three newest officers: Kyle Boas, Patrick Jones, and Murad Salvarov.
Police Chief Hicks requested the swearing in of three new officers: Kyle Boas, Patrick Jones, and Murad Salvarov.

Mayor Brown swore in all three officers and congratulated them.

c) Presentation of POST Basic Emergency Communications Certificate to Justice Larson, POST Basic Emergency Communications Certificate to Megan Parker-Smith, POST Advanced Emergency Communications Certificate to Emily Hill, POST Advanced Certificate Martin Becerra, and POST Master Certificate to Jason Kelly.
Chief of Police Hicks presented POST Basic Emergency communication certificates to Justice Larson, Emily Hill and Officer Martin.
Mayor Brown congratulated all of the individuals.

d) Request to authorize $91,284.34 from wastewater reserve funds for HVAC units at the WWTP in the Dewatering and Headworks #2 buildings.
Environmental Manager Erickson requested to authorize $91,284.34 from wastewater reserve funds for HVAC units at the WWTP in the Dewatering and Headworks #2 buildings.

Discussion ensued on the following: none

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to authorize $91,284.34 from wastewater reserve funds for HVAC units at the WWTP in the Dewatering and Headworks #2 buildings.
Council Member Stone seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

e) Council review of FY 2027 Budget Recap with focus on Council Capital.
City Manager Rothweiler reviewed the FY 2027 Budget Recap and focused on Council Capital.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Pierce stated that her recommendation is for an allocation to the Arts council.
Mayor Brown asked **Wendi Davis** to come forward and speak about the project with the Skate Park at Harmon Park.
Wendi Davis came up and explained what Parks and Rec is already doing for the Skate Park.
Council Member Vollmer asked about the shades on the park and if we could do temporary shades for now.
Council Member Murray spoke up that the temporary shades fell over every time the wind came up.
Council Member Pierce brought up the snow loads for the sunshades.
Council Member Murray asked about how the funding for meals on wheels and how it works exactly with a contract for service.
Council Member Pierce asked if we approve the funding for meals on wheels if that means Council would be allocated to do the service every year.
Mayor Brown asked Travis to go over the Art portion numbers again.
Council Member Pierce asked if Council needs to come up with a number tonight or will this be a discussion later?
Council Member Stone asked what the steps would be to use the rest of the council money.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to accept the Council-directed capital in the amount of $721,000 and keep the remaining amount of money for a council decision later, using the full $820,000**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0**.**

5) General Public Input
Maria Hernanadez thanked Chief Hicks and Chief Brooks for all they have done for our Community since the tragedy on August 1st.
Kandace Miano spoke on freedom and removing the Flock cameras.
Ben Miano also spoke on removing the Flock cameras.
Blake Coleman spoke on why we should remove the Flock Cameras.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements
Council Member Craig Hawkins met with Art Council last week and things are going great.

7) 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 counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(b) to

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

8) Adjournment

Convene to Executive Session 74206(1)(b)(f) at 06:29 PM, Executive Session ended at 8:00 PM.

Rachael Long

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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