Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, September 14, 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 & Grayson Stone, Ruth Pierce.

Absent:

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, Environmental Manager Nathan Erickson, Utility Billing Supervisor Chelsea Ross, Planning & Zoning Director Jonathan Spendlove, Budget Coordinator Mathew Farnes, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Police Captain Brent Wright, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Public Works Deputy Director Erin Steel, Assistant to the City Manager Mandi Thompson, CFO Breanna Howard, Senior Planner William Klaver,Economic Development Director Shawn Barigar.

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) National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week
Mayor Brown read and presented the National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week Proclamation.

b) Falls Prevention Awareness
Mayor Brown read and presented the Falls Prevention Awareness Proclamation.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins 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, 7 to 0.

a) Request to approve City Council August 31, 2026, minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for August 27th through September 9th, 2026.
c) Request to approve September 09, 2026, Travel Requests.
d) Request to approve Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for the following: PZ6-0077 - PUD Amendment
e) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Rock Paper Scissors Tournament of Champions.
f) The Twin Falls Police Department was tasked with obtaining an addendum from Flock Safety for its Automated License Reader (ALPR) services.

5) Items of Consideration

a) Request to approve the use of FY2026 wastewater budgeted funds, not exceeding$557,255, for funding the Canyon Rim Drop Line project final design Contract and Scope of Work with Hazen and Sawyer and authorize the mayor to sign.

Environmental Manager Erickson requested approval of the use of FY2026 budgeted wastewater funds, not exceeding $557,255, for funding the Canyon Rim Drop Line project final design Contract and Scope of Work with Hazen and Sawyer and authorized the mayor to sign.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Why would we not use the same area and use some right-hand turns?

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request for the use of FY2026 wastewater budgeted funds, not exceeding $557,255, for funding the Canyon Rim Drop Line project final design contract and Scope of Work with Hazen and Sawyer and authorize the mayor to sign. **Council Member Stone** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

b) Presentation of a citizen survey regarding residential curbside recycling and request for Council direction on survey content before public release.

Utility Billing Supervisor Ross made a presentation of a citizen survey regarding residential curbside recycling and requested Council direction on survey content before public release.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Pierce: Asked for some clarification on some suggested additional questions. Should we include them as well?
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification.
Council Member Vollmer: Why are you asking where the survey participants live?
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some additional clarification.
Council Member Pierce: Can citizens answer the survey more than once?
Mayor Brown: What types of plastics would be offered? Can this be included in the survey?
Council Member Reid: Can we see the chart of options from previous discussions?
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some additional clarification.

c) Request for the City Council to initiate a Zoning Title Amendment to correct identified errors and omissions found in Title 10.

Senior Planner Klaver requested the City Council to initiate a Zoning Title Amendment to correct identified errors and omissions found in Title 10.

Discussion ensued as follows:
P&Z Director Spendlove: Reviewed the changes that they would like to see and asked for head nods from the council if they are good to go with the changes.
Council Member Pierce: What is the time frame for completion?
Council Member Vollmer: Asked for clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request for City Council to initiate a Zoning Title Amendment to correct identified errors and omissions found in Title 10. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 7 to 0.

d) Discussion with the Council regarding customized questions for the 2026 National Citizen survey.

Assistant to the City Manager Thompson led a discussion with the Council regarding customized questions for the 2026 National Citizen survey.

Discussion ensued as follows:
Council Member Reid: Is the state looking at taking up the local option for a city our size?
City Manager Rothweiler: Gave some clarification.
Council Member Vollmer: Spoke about the explanation and would like to continue to ask the question.
Council Member Pierce: Agreed with Council Member Vollmer.
Council Member Hawkins: Agrees that we need to be able to tell our story better.

6) General Public Input

Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about a St Luke's & CSI Seminar "Living Free with Intention."
Citizen Lucy Wills spoke about the need for FLOCK cameras.
Citizen Dan King gave out invitations to the SLC Temple.
Citizen Noah Heck spoke about the importance of voting.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Stone announced his resignation from the Twin Falls City Council effective September 15th, 2026.
Mayor Brown accepted the resignation and thanked Council Member Stone for his service.
Council Member Murray reported on the library needs.
Mayor Brown gave some information on how to proceed with Council Member Stones' seat.
City Manager Rothweiler also thanked Council Member Stone for his service.

8) Public Hearings

a) Public Hearing to Amend the FY 25-26 Budget

Budget Coordinator Farnes initiated a Public Hearing to Amend the FY25-26 Budget.

Public Hearing Opened: 6:34 pm
Public Hearing Closed: 6:35 pm

Discussion ensued as follows: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put ***Ordinance #2026-009*** on third and final reading by title only. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 7 to 0.

Mayor Brown read ***Ordinance #2026-009*** by title only.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to Amend the FY25-26 Budget. **Council Member Reid** 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)(c) To acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency
MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency. **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 adjourned into executive session at 06:38 PM. Regular meeting adjourned at 06:50 PM.

Amy Luna

Amy Luna, City Clerk

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