Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, September 28, 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:

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 Captain Brent Wright, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Deputy Fire Chief Shane Smith, HR Director Kristen Kohntopp, P&Z Director Jonathan Spendlove, CFO Breanna Howard.

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 September 21, 2026, minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for September 17-23, 2026.
c) Request to approve September 23, 2026, Travel Requests.

4) Items of Consideration

a) Presentation recognizing a promotion within the Twin Falls Fire Department: Driver/Operator Aaron Iles, with the ceremonial pinning of his new rank badge.

Deputy Fire Chief Smith presented Aaron Iles with a promotion to Driver/Operator for the Twin Falls Fire Department.

Mayor Brown congratulated Aaron Iles on his promotion.

b) Request approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556.

HR Director Kohntopp requested approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Twin Falls Firefighters Local 1556**. Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) Consideration of an Employee Agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law PLLC for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A.

City Manager Rothweiler requested consideration of an Employee Agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law PLLC for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Murray: Who will the attorney report to?

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to enter an Employee Agreement with Bruce Castleton of Castleton Law PLLC for City Attorney services as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-208A**. Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

d) Request for the Council to approve the funding agreement with ITD for $107,360 and the FY2027 contract with Downtowner/Via in the amount of $1,759,203 and authorize the mayor to sign both agreements.

City Manager Rothweiler requested Council to approve the funding agreement with ITD for $107,360 and the FY2027 contract with Downtowner/Via in the amount of $1,759,203 and authorize the mayor to sign both agreements.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Pierce: Asked for clarification.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to enter into the funding agreement with ITD for $107,360 and the FY2027 contract with Downtowner/Via in the amount of $1,759,203 and authorize the Mayor to sign both agreements. **Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

e) Request to adopt ordinance #O-2026-10 for Zoning District Change on property located at 451 Russet St.

Planning and Zoning Director Spendlove requested to adopt ordinance ***#O-2026-10*** for Zoning District Change on property located at 451 Russet St.

MOTION: Council Member Reid made a motion to dispense with reading the rules and put *Ordinance #O-2026-10* 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 6 to 0.

Mayor Brown read Ordinance #2026-10 by title only.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to approve the request to adopt ordinance ***#O-2026- 10*** for Zoning District Change on property located at 451 Russet St**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

f) A presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2025- 2026. This presentation will be an overview of the tax-supported funds and the three major enterprise funds: Water, Wastewater and Sanitation.

CFO Howard gave a presentation on the finances of the City of Twin Falls for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mayor Brown thanked Mrs. Howard for her presentation.

5) General Public Input

Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke on the many songs that she has written and how they have helped.

6) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Hawkins spoke about the AIC District Meeting on October 22nd. Also coming up on October 6th, there will be an unveiling of the sculpture of the heart at the visitor center at 1:00 pm.
Council Member Murray thanked Jonathan Spendlove for the talk about housing at CSI.
Mayor Brown spoke about the council vacancy and the process of filling it.

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.

MOTION: Council Member Reid moved to adjourn to Executive Session 74206(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. **Council Member Pierce** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 05:55 PM. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Amy Luna, Deputy City Clerk

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