Twin Falls City Council
Minutes

Monday, October 19, 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, Police Chief Matthew Hicks, Fire Chief Mitchell Brooks, Public Information Coordinator Joshua Palmer, Staff Engineer John Keifer, Staff Engineer AC Palmer, Assistant City Engineer Lee Glaesemann, Streets Superintendent Mark Thomson, Utility Services Supervisor Chelsea Ross, Staff Engineer Sam O'Leary, Captain Terry Thuesen, CFO Breanna Howard, Streets Supervisor Bud Stradley, Streets Lead Operator Danny Veenstra, Sergeant Ryan Howe.

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) Invocation

a) Pastor Paul Thompson
Mayor Brown thanked Pastor Thompson.

4) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Council Member Reid** 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 October 05, Minutes.
b) Request to approve Accounts Payable for October 01-14, 2026.
c) Request to approve 2026 September Wells Fargo Credit Card Summary.
d) Request City Council to approve the Special Event Permit for the organizers of the Read & Treat 2026.
e) A request from Summit Restoration Construction to terminate an unused sewer easement at 190 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
f) Request to allow the mayor to sign an agreement to deed ROW prior to Certificate of Occupancy/Letter of Completion for 2025 Highland Ave E.

5) Items of Consideration

a) Request to use $900,000 of Water Reserves to sign a Change Order with Suburban Construction for the Pheasant Pressure Reduction Valve.

Staff Engineer Keifer requested to use $900,000 of Water Reserves to sign a Change Order with Suburban Construction for the Pheasant Pressure Reduction Valve.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to use $900,000 of Water Reserves to sign a Change Order with Suburban Construction for the Pheasant Pressure Reduction Valve. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

b) Consideration of a request to accept public right-of-way from FJZ, llc and the Jae Foundation for the Pole Line Road East Sewer Project and authorize the City Engineer to sign the agreements.

Staff Engineer Palmer requested to accept public right-of-way from FJZ, llc and the Jae Foundation for the Pole Line Road East Sewer Project and authorize the City Engineer to sign the agreements.

Discussion ensued on the following: None.

MOTION: Council Member Vollmer moved to approve the request to accept public right-of- way from FJZ, llc and the Jae Foundation for the Pole Line Road East Sewer Project and authorize the City Engineer to sign the agreements. **Council Member Hawkins** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

c) Request to authorize the spending of $4,862,000 from the city's Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant funds for water quality improvements at the Airport well and related projects.

Assistant City Engineer Glaesemann requested to authorize the spending of $4,862,000 from the city's Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant funds for water quality improvements at the Airport well and related projects.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Council Member Reid: Asked for an explanation of the issue.

MOTION: Council Member Hawkins moved to approve the request to authorize the spending of $4,862,000 from the city's Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant funds for water quality improvements at the Airport well and related projects. **Council Member Reid** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

d) Approve the purchase of a 2026 Mack dump truck, a 2028 Freightliner heated asphalt truck and a 2028 International snowplow truck through competitively solicited cooperative purchasing agreements with Sourcewell at a cost not to exceed **$730,000** and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the purchase contracts after legal review and approval.

Street Department Superintendent Thomson requested to approve the purchase of a 2026 Mack dump truck, a 2028 Freightliner heated asphalt truck and a 2028 International snowplow truck through competitively solicited cooperative purchasing agreements with Sourcewell at a cost not to exceed $730,000 and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the purchase contracts after legal review and approval.

Discussion ensued on the following:
Council Member Reid: Asked for clarification on the model year of two of the trucks.
Council Member Pierce: Commented on the trade in value and sale of the other trucks.

MOTION: Council Member Pierce moved to approve the request to approve the purchase of a 2026 Mack dump truck, a 2028 Freightliner heated asphalt truck and a 2028 International snowplow truck through competitively solicited cooperative purchasing agreements with Sourcewell at a cost not to exceed $730,000 and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the purchase contracts after legal review and approval**. Council Member Vollmer** seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion, 6 to 0.

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

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

Mayor Brown thanked Chelsea for their presentation.

6) General Public Input

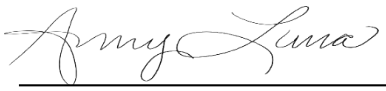
Citizen Maria Hernandez spoke about the August 1st incident memorial.
Citizen C. Martinson spoke about the African refugees.
Citizen Samuel also spoke about the African refugees and asked what they could do to help the community.

7) Advisory Board Report/Announcements

Council Member Reid spoke about the NOVA sessions and spoke about the upcoming sessions and encouraged the community to participate.
City Manager Rothweiler gave a synopsis of NOVA at the request of **Mayor Brown**. Upcoming Dates: October 28th & 29th, October 30th & November 7th
All information is listed on the city website tfid.org.
Council Member Hawkins Canyon Trail Junction ribbon cutting on October 28th at 3:00 pm.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 05:42 PM.



Amy Luna, City Clerk

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