

**MONDAY, March 10, 2025 – TWIN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
Twin Valley Community Center – 7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS:** Harold Allrich, Michael Bolton, Tammy Carlsrud, Tracy Christianson, Mike Lampton

**OTHERS:** Toni Nysetvold, Prestin Douville, Jess Riepe, Pete Pazdernik, Kerry Askelson, Deanne Peterick, Tim & Brenda Dobmeyer.

**PURSUANT DUE TO CALL** and notice thereof the Twin Valley City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025. Mayor Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**CITIZENS FORUM**—Tim and Brenda Dobmeyer addressed the Council with concerns about the trailer court in town. They were given verbal notice from the owner that the court would be closing and they needed to vacate by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Questioned if the City had any ideas on where they could move to or if any lots were available. Councilmembers expressed concern for the situation but noted that the Dobmeyer’s may be best off in contacting an attorney to find out their legal rights. Members of the Council were not aware of any currently available lots that the City owns that would be suitable. There are a couple of tax forfeited properties that may be worth looking into, Bolton will check with Askelson and Johnson later in the week to discuss possibilities if there is anything the City can do to assist in the possible move.

**MONTHLY BUSINESS**

Minutes—Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to approve the February minutes with the correction of 2 spelling typos.

Disbursements—Lampton/Allrich-m/s/p to approve disbursements totaling \$140,486.29, a full list of which is available for review in the City Clerk’s Office.

**COMMUNITY**—Allrich/Christianson-m/s/p to approve 2025 Retail Tobacco license for Dollar General.

**FIRE/RESCUE**—Pazdernik reported 2 fire calls and 13 rescue calls. County wide they will be switching to a new dispatch service, a billing for the city will be coming from the Sheriff’s office. There as been some interest in the open volunteer positions with the increased advertising but no applications have been received.

**LIQUOR**—Gross sales for February \$33,943.86. Nysetvold requested approval to hire two new bartenders, Nathan Juarez and Somer Sorenson, pending background. Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to approve. Updated Council on events. There will be a chili cookoff with horse races on 3/22. Nysetvold is watching the weather to see with the first steak night should be. Pitched idea to the Council for off-sale discounts for customers who find a hidden “duck” as an Easter incentive, hoping to increase wine sales and reduce older inventory. Noted it is almost construction season; the RV park has had a good impact on sales at the liquor store in the past.

**PERSONNEL POLICY**—Note left from Johnson stated that both Askelson and Nysetvold have received fresh copies of the Personnel Policy to make available for all their staff. Staff are asked to sign off on reviewing policy. Carlsrud requested that all Councilmembers also read the policy and sign off on having done so.

**PUBLIC WORKS**—Askelson attended training in St. Cloud last week. Still working on the new lead and copper regulations and looking into funding opportunities for which guidelines have been unclear. Any lines listed as unknown will need to be looked at to determine material, which may involve digging up yards if necessary. Askelson is beginning to receive calls to reserve camping spots in both the RV park and Heiberg Park. Discussed updating the signage at Heiberg park to note the new nightly fee of \$15.

**EDA/PARKS**—Christianson requested Council approval of two new appointments, Jessica Riepe and Prestin Douville. Carlsrud/Lampton-m/s/p to approve. Discussed skating rink project, will continue to work at spending grant money on improvements as the weather improves. EDA will be reviewing current bylaws with the intention of making updates. Discussion on information kiosks, there is a possibility that the shop class at NCE will be able

to build something for us. Would like to have information available for the parks and trails. Will be looking into fencing options for the cliff area at the North Heiberg trail.

Dan Buckle reached out the Parks Committee, hoping to see some sort of new development in the old skating rink area. Committee will be brainstorming ideas for the park. There have been issues in the past with vandalism to the public bathrooms at this park, may need to increase lighting to help to dissuade. Christianson welcomed any and all ideas to bring life back into the old park.

There is a slide broken at Heiberg Park. Askelson is in contact with the manufacturer to see what options the City has for a replacement.

Discussion on possible housing opportunities in the City. The Midwest MN Community Development Corporation out of Detroit Lakes recently worked with the City of Mahanomen on building two new affordable housing units. Clerk Johnson has reached out to begin discussions on what options the City of Twin Valley might have for future development. Note from Johnson asked that the Council or the EDA devise a plan of exactly what type of housing is requested, where the housing can be placed, and if there will be any city incentives offered for developers. Bolton has been in contact with a developer that is building a multi-unit housing in Ulen and is looking into possibilities for buildable lots in Twin Valley. Bolton has also been in preliminary discussions with a possible business owner looking to build in the area, will have more information at a future meeting if anything comes to fruition.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**—Note left from Clerk stated the delinquent tax settlement for 2024 has been received, totaling \$19,723.68 distributed between the general levy and special assessments. All insurance premiums have also been paid for the year at this time. A city fund balance statement was given to council for review. Discussed forfeited properties and blight. City is looking into options for acquiring some properties before auction to abate the nuisance.

**OLD BUSINESS**—Two quotes for the purchase of a new coffee pot for the Community Center presented. BUNN Axiom 15-3 Automatic Coffee Brewer with 3 warmers for \$863 or Curtis Gemini Stainless Steel Analog Satellite Coffee Brewer for \$999. Christianson/Lampton to approve purchase of BUNN.

**NEW BUSINESS**—Bolton expressed concerns over the plethora of junk cars around town, would like to start sending administrative fines and working on abatement procedures. Hoping come spring employee Erick Delong will return to assist in nuisance enforcement. Due to the number of complaints personally received, Bolton has reached out to the owner of 307 1<sup>st</sup> St NW to request clean-up of junk automobiles and parts, or to install the fencing that was discussed in previous years. Allrich and Carlsrud are on the nuisance committee this year, Carlsrud requested a copy of the Nuisance ordinance to better understand what to look for. Carlsrud has already been approached by a community member asking for suggestions on a neighboring home with an unsightly yard. Proposed a city property review before clean up day to give property owners an opportunity to dispose of unwanted nuisance items.

**FYI/OTHER**—Clean-up day is scheduled for Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Johnson is looking into an opportunity to have a landfill coupon for citizens who have items that cannot be collected by Fuch’s on cleanup day. Examples of the new totes for garbage service are available to view in the Utility office. Residents will have the option to choose between a 95-gallon or 64-gallon tote. Additional totes are available upon request for an additional \$5/month. City is still unsure when the totes will be available, will notify citizens at the time. Board of Appeal and Equalization is scheduled for Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

Meeting adjourned 8:34PM, Lampton/Christianson-m/s/p.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEANNE PETERICK, DEPUTY CLERK

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL BOLTON, MAYOR

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