

**MONDAY, February 9, 2026 – TWIN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL MONTHLY MEETING
Twin Valley Community Center – 7:00 PM**

MEMBERS: Harold Allrich, Michael Bolton, Tammy Carlsrud, Tracy Christianson **VIRTUAL:** Mike Lampton
OTHERS: Kerry Askelson, Prestin Douville, Pete Pazdernik, Jess Riepe, Ben Ueland

PURSUANT DUE TO CALL and notice thereof the Twin Valley City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026. Mayor Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA—Christianson/Allrich-m/s/p to approve the following additions to the agenda—LMCIT Loss Control Training, Lawful Gaming permit for the American Legion/TVFD, and discussion about Elected Leaders training Carlsrud attended.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

Minutes—Allrich/Lampton-m/s/p to approve January minutes with the addition of the date Julin law office was contacted in December.

Disbursements—Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to approve disbursements totaling \$119,733.27, a full list of which is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

COMMUNITY—Lampton/Carlsrud-m/s/p to approve sending \$100 Booster Buck donation to the NCE Post Prom. Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to approve \$100 sponsorship for the Twin Valley Rider's Club.

FIRE/RESCUE—Pazdernik reported 1 fire and 9 rescue calls for January. The onboard charger for the Rescue Truck has quit working, replacement will cost around \$1,186.00. Christianson/Allrich-m/s/p to approve purchase and repair. Allrich/Carlsrud-m/s/p to approve rehire of Gary Ledding as a member of the fire and rescue squad. Discussion regarding automatic mutual aid between Gary Rescue and Twin Valley Rescue. Gary Rescue is not affiliated with the City of Gary and is fully funded through donations. Pazdernik requested the City of Twin Valley make a donation of \$50 per call attended and \$25 per call out cancelled towards the Gary Rescue Squad for their assistance to our community. Gary rescue arrived on scene 28 times in 2025 and was cancelled twice. Pazdernik requested Council approval to donate \$1,450 towards last years answered calls, to be taken from the Rescue Squad wage budget. Christianson/Allrich-m/s/p to approve. Both newly purchased pickup trucks have been equipped and are now in service. Skid units are still 4-6 weeks out.

LAW ENFORCEMENT—Report distributed from Sheriff Fall showing 37 calls for service and 185.75 hours of patrol for the month of January. Sheriff Fall has requested to have equipment removed from 2018 Dodge squad vehicle for possible use by the Sheriffs Department, will also have stickering removed from vehicles to assist City in preparing for auction.

LIQUOR—January gross sales \$42,679.89, ATM revenue \$399.00. Note from Nysetvold stated fryer has been fixed. The bar has been re-stickered. Gave and updated on events.

PUBLIC WORKS—Council given e-mail from Anthony Reagan, rental property owner at 205 1st St NW, regarding ongoing issue with freezing water lines each winter. Ben Ueland was in attendance on behalf of Reagan. Discussed where the presumed freezing is happening—between the main and the shut off under Highway 32. Ordinance and current policies state that the City is responsible for the main and the shut off, the property owner is responsible for the entire service line to the main. Bolton/Christianson-m/s/p to send correspondence to Reagan offering suggested contractors for repairs and include City policy on ownership and water billing credits available.

Clerk Johnson, Deputy Clerk Peterick, and Utility Superintendent Askelson revised and proposed a new frozen water/sewer line policy for Council consideration. New policy lays out city procedure for notifications, allowable

credits, and actions in the event lines are frozen. Proposed policy incorporates a new 'freeze run' credit program, which would allow for a credit towards water bills of half the cost associated with running water to prevent freeze up, up to 5,000 gallons monthly or \$15.00. Amount calculated based off the estimated gallon usage for constantly running a ¼" stream from a faucet. Motion by Councilmember Allrich, seconded by Councilmember Christianson, **RESOLUTION 2026—04** Updating and implementing Frozen Water/Sewer Line Prevention Policy was duly passed with a 5:0 roll call vote. Allrich questioned when policy changed for the service pipe from the shut off to the main, all current staff have always followed City Ordinance (adopted 2015) and MN Rural Water Association guidance on line responsibility.

EDA/PARKS—Discussed skating rink—looking to add more shelving, develop and post rules, purchase rubber floor mats for the women's restroom, install First AID kit, and more bench outdoor seating areas. Will be an upcoming change in current members of the committee.

FINANCIALS—January financial statement and copy of Norman County tax payment for January given to Council for review.

AGENDA ADDITIONS—Lampton/Carlsrud-m/s/p to approve sending up to four employees to the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance loss control training, held in Mahanomen on March 31st. Christianson/Carlsrud-m/s/p to approve LG230, Application to conduct off-site Gaming for the American Legion/TVFD to host horse races in the Community Center during an event on February 21st. Carlsrud updated Council on training—suggested all new council members attend. Virtual attendees of meetings will need to be video conferenced into the meeting moving forward, asked that a note be added to the agenda stating that one or more members may be attending virtually in accordance with legislation. Would like to see roll call voting rotated differently each vote. Suggested all Council members read city roles of procedure and bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS—RENTAL ORDINANCE—Ordinance sent back to Julin Law office for review 01/14/26. Returned with no issues. Next step will be posting/*publishing* notice of Ordinance, mailing to landlords and conducting a final reading and possible vote at the March meeting. Council will then need to decide about publishing ordinance—either in its entirety or in summary. Christianson/Allrich—m/s/p to approve final draft of ordinance, post, and send notice to rental property owners. HIER CREEK LAND TRANSFER—Updated property description needed for recording documentation accounting for 22 feet of City property and road right of way. Motion by Lampton, seconded by Christianson, **RESOLUTION 2026—05** to revise RESOLUTION 2025—15 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY was duly passed with a 5:0 roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS—Council given updated information on two forfeited properties in town—211 Norman Ave NW and 400 Main Ave E. Due to ongoing legislative changes no forfeited property auctions have taken place since prior to 2023. With the new laws, both parcels will now be going up for public auction. Each parcel will be on online auction for market value minimum bid. This process will happen a second time if no bids are received the first time. After two public auctions with no qualifying bids, the City will then be given the option to request the land for public purpose/the removal of blight (as previously approved by resolution 2025—13). Council discussed options to bid on parcels at preliminary auction(s). Bolton suggested placing the minimum bid to acquire properties with the intent of abating the nuisances, using funding from the Blight & Beautification fund established in 2023 for this purpose. Lampton disagreed with spending any city funding on purchasing either property. Allrich questioned how properties would be returned to tax base if City did acquire. Council agreed to leave properties as they sit and review forfeitures after auction if necessary.

FYI/OTHER—Council given notice from West Central Regional Water District concerning a proposed regional water district being developed.

Lampton/Christianson-m/s/p to adjourn, 8:46PM.

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RACHEL JOHNSON, CLERK TREASURER

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MICHAEL BOLTON, MAYOR

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