

**MONDAY, August 10, 2026 – TWIN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Twin Valley Community Center – 7:00 PM**

MEMBERS: Harold Allrich, Michael Bolton, Tammy Carlsrud, Tracy Christianson **TELEPHONE:** Mike Lampton
OTHERS: Kerry Askelson, Toni Nysetvold, Pete Pazdernik, Prestin Douville, Connie Hamernik, Alex Ranz, MariJo Vik, Joleen Trapp.

PURSUANT DUE TO CALL and notice thereof the Twin Valley City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026. Mayor Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS FORUM—MariJo Vik addressed council to request support in endeavor to bring more daycare facilities to the Twin Valley/Gary area. Mayor Bolton agreed to be a member of team on behalf of the City.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

Minutes—Christianson/Allrich-m/s/p to approve July minutes with one spelling correction, Carlsrud requested addition to note discussion about Wimmer cabin repairs.

Disbursements—Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to approve disbursements totaling \$185,339.30, a full list of which is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS—Clerk Johnson spoke with owner at 100 Hanson Ave prior to meeting about unfinished shed. Steel sheeting went up this week and is being painted white. Owner requested extension to finish project.

Lampton/Carlsrud-m/s/p to extend permit until month end.

Discussion regarding the lawns in Herold Court after the finish of sewer project. Homeowner at 404 Oppegard Ave NW reached out to Clerk's office to inquire about lawn repairs after noting others were getting repairs. Alex Ranz from Ulteig has been in contact with Contractor. Because project is complete, it will be difficult to add addition repairs at this time. Council in agreement that due to the dry weather, homeowners should attempt a watering schedule. Allrich noted he believes the problem is more with rough/rocky sandy areas and less grass, wondering if city staff should bring in top soil and make repairs. Contractor will be returning to town in the fall to re-seed pond area, at that time Council will re-address needs for private lawns.

FIRE/RESCUE—Chief Pazdernik reported 3 fire and 11 rescue calls for July. Department members attended nite-to-unite recently, as well as Norman County emergency services softball game. Pazdernik wished to thank community for good turnout at pancake breakfast fundraiser during town and country days. Department was awarded additional grant to purchase skid unit for 6x6. Kudus offered to the department, especially Ben Fall and hired grant writer, for hard work at securing grant funding. County fire meeting scheduled for 8/25 in TV community center. Upcoming training dates scheduled for 8/19 and 8/27.

LAW ENFORCEMENT—June & July activity reports from the Norman County Sheriff's Department were distributed.

LIQUOR—July gross sales \$65,293.60, ATM revenue \$710.50. Nysetvold updated Council on events. Town & Country Days events went well, Nysetvold has booked band for next year. Upcoming events include steak night on 8/21 with live music. Pricing has been updated in on-sale, few complaints have been noted.

PUBLIC WORKS—Supt. Askelson was unable to attend meeting. Clerk Johnson addressed request to replace municipal center doors. South facing window was struck and broken during sidewalk replacement and will need to be replaced at the least. Askelson is working on gathering quotes for the two main entrance doors, estimated to cost around \$7,000 each. Bolton/Lampton-m/s/p to wait on replacing glass pane and get quotes to replace both doors for future meeting. City has reserves to cover anticipated costs. Allrich inquired about mosquito spray, hasn't noticed any since town and country days, mosquitoes are thick. Lampton would like to see spray later in the evening, after 8-9PM. Johnson asked to relay message to Askelson.

EDA/PARKS—Chairperson Christianson updated Council on committee discussions—working on playground update, looking into applying for Joseph Urdahl grant through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, also brainstorming fundraising ideas. Christianson/Carlsrud-m/s/p to approve Ashlynn Munson as new committee member and secretary. Carlsrud inquired about splash park hours, noting citizens had been at the park after 6PM. Discussed updating operational hours of the pad itself, council in agreement hours can be extended.

FINANCIALS—July financial statement and updated investment balance sheet distributed to Council for review.

NEW BUSINESS—Carlsrud inquired about live streaming Council meeting, noted larger towns such as Detroit Lakes have their meetings streamed through an Arivg local channel. Bolton voiced opinion that the costs to do that would be excessive for a town of this size. Clerk Johnson noted there may be other free or low-cost options available. Carlsrud would like to see the meetings recorded and made available for citizens, as well as having all council members visible to each other as required by state law.

Demolition incentive requested from Dan Viste for \$320 for the removal of two dilapidated sheds on the property at 311 Pleasant Ave SE. Carlsrud/Allrich-m/s/p to approve payment with proof of invoices.

FYI/OTHER—Proposed levy is due to Norman County Auditor by the end of September; Council will receive updated general fund budget information to review prior to September meeting. Local Government Aid has been certified for 2027 at \$366,622. Christianson noted that there will be increased fee related to the Norman County Airport as well as a rate increase from Lakes Community Coops. Carlsrud requested to add discussion regarding City rental cabins to the agenda for next month, wanting to update policy regarding late rent payments.

Christianson/Lampton-m/s/p to adjourn meeting, 8:05PM.

Attest: _____
RACHEL JOHNSON, CLERK TREASURER

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Signed: _____
MICHAEL BOLTON, MAYOR

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