



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 5, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on January 5, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Justin Jenks.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmembers Michael Noffle, Brian Evan, Hector Rodriguez, Mike Stark and Bill Barker.

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Darin Smith, Public Works Director John Lasen, Finance Director Kelly Collins, City Attorney Jim Whitaker and City Planner Darryl Piercy.

This meeting was recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Sharon Chesterman from SHOC was present to provide a new community telephone list to Council. Mrs. Chesterman also made council aware of a neighborhood watch meeting to be held at the Royal High School Library on January 27, 2010, presented by Chris Kanoff from Grant County Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Chesterman also expressed her thanks for Council allowing holiday lights and festivities in the park.

PRESENTATIONS:

-The design presented by the Port of Royal Slope for a sign to be placed along Highway 26 on Royal City Golf Course property was approved by council.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made to approve consent agenda. (m/s Barker/Rodriguez) The motion carried. Items on Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2009
- Payroll Checking in the amount of \$45,669.56
- Claims Clearing (12/31/09) #23511- #23543 in the amount of \$57,700.52
- Claims Clearing (01/05/10) #23544 - #23553 in the amount of \$13,929.77

STAFF, COMMITTEE & AGENCY REPORTS

Finance: Finance Director Collins presented preliminary ending fund balance information.

Police:

-Activity Report was presented and discussed. Councilmember Barker requested staff to look into grant funds to purchase a laser radar system for the department. Speed limits in the school zone were discussed.

Public Works Department:

-Public Works Director Lasen reported receiving a call from Eric Lampe of the WSU Extension regarding applying for grant funds to start a community garden on City property. Location ideas were discussed and Mr. Lampe was also advised to contact the Royal School District about using school property. Lasen requested the council to commit to the city paying for the system development costs for a garden as matching funds for the grant. The consensus of the council was to agree to pay the system development costs. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

Planning & Building:

-City Planner Darryl Piercy was present to report that the city has received a letter from the Department of Commerce congratulating the city on completing the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code and CAO Updates. Piercy also stated that his goal for the city for 2010 is to get the city eligible for recreation and parks grant funding by preparing an updated Park and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & MEETING REPORTS

-The Community Calendar was presented. The Port of Royal Slope meeting has been changed to Monday, January 11, 2010, at 11:00 a.m.

MAYOR COMMENTS & REPORTS:

-A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to sign Lease Agreement between the City of Royal City and the Port of Royal Slope for 1/2 acre portion of land at the Royal City Golf Course for the purposes of placing an 8" x 16" sign. (m/s Evans/Noftle) The motion carried.

-Mayor Jenks read a resignation letter received from Councilmember Michael Noftle stating his resignation from the City Council following the January 5, 2010, meeting.

-There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. (m/s Rodriguez/Stark) The motion carried.

Justin Jenks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Collins, Finance Director