



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 05, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on March 05, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Michael Christensen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Christensen, Councilmembers Stanton Fanning, Perla Garcia, Hector Rodriguea, Ryan Piercy and Rick Kannely.

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn, PW Director John Lasen, Chief Rey Rodriguez

PRESENTATIONS

- Laura Spragg, Librarian, presented the idea of a “story walk” in Royal. There was discussion. Council approved.
- Theresa Atkinson, Grant County Health District, made a presentation on GCHD services in Royal City and the need for local funding. There was discussion. A motion was made to approve the ILA with GCHD with a pay rate of \$3.00 per person. (m/s Kannely/Garcia) motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez) the motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2024
- Payroll 02/29/2024 in the amount of \$59,349.43
- Claims for 03/05/2024 #31437 – 31457 in the amount of \$96,739.38

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 24-01 Authorizing Investment of City Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool was presented. A motion was made to approve (m/s Garcia/Fanning) motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following were presented by Janice Flynn

- Special Event Application for The Circus was presented. There was discussion. A motion was made to approve the application contingent upon receiving proof of insurance. (m/s Garcia/Fanning), the motion carried.
- Request to approve an additional \$5,415.10 of ARPA funds to the Water Telemetry Upgrade project, with the balance of funds to be used for the Water Main Improvements project. A motion was made to approve (m/s Garcia/Piercy) motion carried.

Police Department: The following were presented by Chief Rodriguez

- K9, Kan, is here and training with Officer Soelter
- Request to accept a donation over \$1,000.00 from a local individual/business. A motion was made to approve (m/s Kannely/Garcia) motion carried.
- Request for Mayor to sign ILA with Grant County for purchase of vehicle with K9 equipment for \$20,000. A motion was made to approve (m/s Kannely/Fanning) motion carried.

Public Works: The following were presented by John Lasen

- Maintaining the Underground Storage Tanks. There was discussion. John will pursue removal process and costs.
- Watermain project status

Planning & Building: The following were presented by Alex Kovach

- Current permitting activity
- New building codes to go into effect March 15, 2024

Legal:

- None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Discussion regarding the income limits of the current Senior Citizen Discount on utility billings. **Matter tabled for next Council Meeting.**
- Selection of Council Rep to serve on Planned Growth Committee. A motion was made to elect Rick Kannely as Royal City representative with Ryan Piercy as alternate (Garcia/Rodriguez) motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Designating a “Day of Service” in honor of Ted Christensen. **Matter tabled for next Council Meeting.**
- Mayor has secured Vantage Wildhorse Renewable Energy Center on 04/26/2024 for a Council retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm (m/s Garcia/Piercy) the motion carried.

Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director