



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 01, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on July 01, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Christensen.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Christensen, Councilmembers Fanning, Garcia, Rodriguez, Piercy and Kannely.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Mauricio Romero, Finance Director Janice Flynn and Chief Rodriguez.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- None
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**PUBLIC COMMENT –** Comments were received and summarized below

- Susan Piercy invited Council to the new library VIP open house on 07/11/25 from 5:00 – 6:30.
- Susan Piercy also discussed the Community Meeting Room at the library. Council will need to discuss how to utilize this space and establish rules.
- Gary Piercy presented a bill for paving 2,220 square feet of parking space owned by the City that is behind Confluence Health. He will also be submitting a bill for leveling work done prior to paving.
- Gary Piercy also discussed the possibility of an ordinance that requires property owners to pay for parking improvements completed by the City.
- Josh Fanning suggested trading the parking areas to adjacent property owners if the owner agrees to improve said parking area
- Josh Fanning, representing Harvest Foods, stated Harvest Foods would like to purchase the old library property. They would like to invest in the community and would likely tear down the building and make a parking lot. They feel this will bring more property and sales tax to the City as they could expand their existing building on the adjacent property. They are open to the existing library being moved. They can possibly schedule deliveries to help alleviate the delivery issue along Camilia Street and Royal Avenue.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2025
- Payroll 06/30/2025 in the amount of \$59,775.74
- Claims for 07/01/2025 #32097 – 32107 in the amount of \$16,356.32

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

**ORDINANCES**

- None
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**RESOLUTIONS**

- None

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Finance:** The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- Water System Plan Project Amendment No. 1 to Anderson Perry & Associates Agreement
- Wastewater Facility Plan Project Amendment No. 2 to Anderson Perry & Associates Agreement. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign Water System Plan Project Amendment No 1 and Wastewater Facility Plan Project Amendment No 2 to the Anderson Perry & Associates agreements. (m/s Piercy/Fanning), the motion carried.**
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**Police Department:** The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- New on-call pay policy as prepared by City attorney. There was discussion. City attorney, Katherine Kenison indicated that the City cannot do retroactive pay as it is considered gifting and that non-exempt employees are the only ones that can get stand-by pay. This is to be studied and discussed at the next Council meeting.

**Public Works:** The following was presented by Mauricio Romero

- Agreement with Anderson Perry & Assoc for GIS services. City attorney will review most recent agreement from AP&A. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement for GIS services with Anderson**

**Perry & Associates pending review and approval by City Attorney. (m/s Piercy/Garcia), the motion carried.**

- Soccer Field Project – There was discussion regarding the recommendation from Anderson Perry & Assoc to award this contract to Northwest Turf Solutions with the seed option or sod option. **A motion was made to award the Soccer Field Project to Northwest Turf Solutions with the option of using hydroseed and approved the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award. (m/s Piercy/Rodriguez), the motion carried with Piercy, Rodriguez and Fanning voting “yea” and Garcia and Kannely voting “nay.”**
- Jeremy Garnick will travel one day to take his Wastewater II test. **A motion was made to approve the expenses associated with testing and travel. (m/s Kannely/Garcia), the motion carried.**
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**Planning & Building:** The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- Contract with WA State Dept of Commerce for a Climate Planning Grant. There was discussion. City Attorney, Katherine Kenison, indicated she has not reviewed, but if it is a standard Commerce contract, it is acceptable to sign. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with the Dept of Commerce for the Climate Planning Grant of \$100,000.00 and ending 06/30/2027. (m/s Fanning/Piercy), the motion carried.**
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**Legal:**

- Royal City Friends of the Library will send a notice cancelling the lease and the building can be accepted as complete by the City at the 07/15/2025 Council meeting.
- Katherine Kenison suggested that it is time to go out for RFQ, Request for Qualifications, for engineering services. This is required to be done from time to time by the State.
- Regarding the matter of the future of the old library building, Katherine Kenison suggested the City consider all municipal options prior to surplussing the property.

**COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –**

- None
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**MAYOR's REPORT & COMMENTS –**

- Mayor Christensen has been preparing salary comparisons for all City employees. It appears many City salaries are in need of an increase to stay competitive. He will continue to research for later discussions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. (Stanton), Motion carried unanimously.**

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Flynn, Finance Director