



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 21, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on October 21, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Christensen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christensen, Councilmembers Fanning, Piercy and Kannely. **A motion was made to excuse Councilmembers Garcia and Rodriguez, (m/s Fanning/Piercy), the motion carried.**

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn, Public Works Director Mauricio Romero, Chief Rodriguez and Officer Bronn

PRESENTATIONS

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

- Josh Fanning – See Police Dept section below
- Josh Fanning – See Mayor's Report & Comments below

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from October 07, 2025
- Payroll 09/30/2025 in the amount of \$35,033.15
- Claims for 10/07/2025 #32266 – 32279 in the amount of \$77,296.38

REGULAR MEETING PAUSED AT 7:02

PUBLIC HEARING

- Mayor opened the hearing for public comment regarding the 2026 preliminary

budget. There was Council discussion.
There was no public budget input.
Public Hearing closed at 7:15

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 7:15

ORDINANCES

- None
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RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business
- 3rd Quarter 2025 Budget Review – There was Council discussion

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- Tactical Response Team – Officer Bronn took the TRT testing and has been offered the position on the area TRT on a probationary basis. The uniform gear will be donated by the Moses Lake Police Dept and so the initial cost is much less than previously stated. Initial costs are estimated to be \$6,000. Bronn would need to attend a four-day certification class in December 2025. Chief Rodriguez explained the benefits of having Bronn on the TRT. Josh Fanning inquired regarding training to “talk down” a situation. Chief explained negotiations are part of training and that TRT is used as a last resort. Councilmember Piercy expressed shift coverage concerns. Mayor inquired about time sensitivity of a decision. Bronn responded if he was unable to join this year, he would have to retest and reapply next year. Officer Soelter, via phone, expressed her support for the program and indicated they are already seeing the benefits from the TRT training Bronn has received thus far and that the safety of all officers has been increased. There was Council discussion regarding initial/on-going costs and the effect on the department and other officers when Officer Bronn is at TRT training or called into service. Chief Rodriguez again stated he would be covering for Bronn during these circumstances. **A motion was made to approve Officer Bronn to complete certification and join the area Tactical Response Team.** (m/s Kannely/Fanning), the motion carried.

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Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- General business, which included water meter replacement. The balance of radio read meters needed has been received.
- The undeveloped center area of the park was discussed. Sprinklers will not be installed until a plan for that section has been created. A weed control program will be put in place.

Planning & Building: None

- General business –

Legal: None

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COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

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MAYOR's REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Status of old library – There was Council discussion. Council member Fanning did not participate in the discussion as this matter could directly affect his family. Two letters recommending the City keep the old library property were received from the public as well as an offer to purchase the property from Joshua Fanning, Ben Fanning and Andrea Visker (Harvest Foods). Josh Fanning would like to discuss options they have proposed. He further indicated if there was an agreement, they would move forward immediately as planning and building take time. He also asked if there is a possibility of annexing other property into the City should they acquire a different location. The Mayor indicated the City would seriously consider an annexation for this purpose. There was additional Council discussion. No decision was made, but Council would like to pursue talks with Fannings/Visker.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. (Fanning), Motion carried unanimously.

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director