



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 03, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on March 03, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Piercy.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Piercy, Councilmembers Garcia, Rodriguez and Worsham.
A motion was made to excuse Councilmembers Carlson and Kannelly. (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Pam Thorsen with the South Grant County, WA Chamber presented information regarding the Chamber's structure, programs and projects. Council has been invited to join the Chamber and attend a Chamber luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Grant County Development Services Director Jim Anderson-Cook will be the speaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received throughout the meeting and summarized below:

- Beatrice Jiminez inquired as to the use of the new City soccer field. Research will be done by the Mayor and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Josh Fanning presented a preliminary plan for expansion of the existing Harvest Foods store, if they are able to purchase the adjacent old library property.

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 17, 2026
- Payroll 02/28/2026 in the amount of \$67,267.11
- Claims for 03/03/2026-03/03/2026 #32455 – 32473 in the amount of \$61,140.90

PUBLIC HEARING

- None
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ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 26-03 Approving a planned unit development district for development of 44 residential dwelling units. The ordinance was presented by Alex Kovach (via phone). A hearing was held on 01/30/26. The SEPA process has been completed. Two residents attended, but there was no public comment. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 26-03 as presented. (m/s Garcia/Worsham), the motion carried.**
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RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business - Included a reminder to use the balance of the ARPA funds from the County for park electric in 2026
- The Office of Financial Management gives us the option of conducting our own census or using OMF's estimate procedure to determine our 2025 population. There was Council discussion. It was decided to proceed with OFM's estimate procedure.
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Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General Business
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Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- General business – New meters are installed. Project to remove dead trees in park will move forward soon, but not before we are notified of a risk mitigation grant from WCIA.

- Regarding the Apple Ave Reconstruction, Mauricio recommended additional improvements at the corner of Acacia and Apple Ave to prepare for future growth. Improvements include relocating a manhole and fire hydrant as well as installing a sewer stub out. This will prevent the new street from being torn up to accommodate growth at a later date. Estimated cost is \$70,000.00, per Anderson Perry & Associates. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the additional improvements at the corner of Acacia and Apple Ave as presented, which include relocation of a manhole, fire hydrant and new sewer stub out at an approximate cost of \$70,000.00. (m/s Kannely/Carlson), the motion carried.**

Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach via phone

- Old Red Rock School Status – The potential buyer will not know if they will receive the Early Learning Facility grant until sometime in April.
- Pratt Hills Development - Six additional houses have been permitted and Phase II discussions with CAD Homes has begun.

Legal: Anna Franz was present

- Food Vendor Ordinance – Anna will forward the most recent proposed ordinance for additional review.

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- None

MAYOR’S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. (Garcia), Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Piercy Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director