



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
June 02, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on June 02, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Piercy.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

- Spud Brown stated the old library site should be sold to Harvest Foods so they can expand the store.
- Josh Fanning, representing Harvest Foods, indicated there has been a downturn in H2A customers, but more locals are coming into the store as it is not so crowded.
- Josh Fanning said Harvest Foods stopped selling Kratom about three years ago. He feels it is dangerous and not helping people.
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CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. (m/s Garcia/Kannely), the motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026
- Payroll 05/31/2026 in the amount of \$68,134.23
- Claims for 06/02/2026-06/02/2026 #32582 – 32597 in the amount of \$72,338.56

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 26-05 Adopting a New Chapter 8.04 Titled “Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products” of the Royal City Municipal Code - **A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 26-05. (m/s Carlson/Garcia). There was discussion. Carlson withdrew the motion.** Violation penalties were discussed. It was determined that the first violation would be a C12 penalty, second violation would be a C5 penalty and third violation would be a C1 penalty and revocation of business license. **A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 26-05 with penalties as discussed. (m/s Carlson/Kannely), the motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 26-02 Allowing for the building and development of “Spuds Convenience Store and Gas Station” on unplatted lands. Alex Kovach explained the need for the resolution. Spud Brown explained the need for a larger gas station and convenience store. A sidewalk along the north side of the site was discussed. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to adopt Resolution 26-02. (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.**

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STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business –
- Apple Ave Reconstruction – Agreement with Wheeler Excavation, LLC – Agreement was presented as received. Katherine Kenison had concerns. There was Council discussion. K Kenison will modify the agreement for return to Wheeler Excavation for signature.
- There is a possibility of a property within the City going up for a tax sale by the County. There is a structure on the site that could possibly be condemned. If the City removes the property, a lien could be filed against the parcel to recoup abatement costs. There was Council discussion and input by Katherine Kenison. No action will be taken.

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Police Department: None

- General Business –
- Councilmember Garcia asked how people should report chickens within city limits. The non-emergency number can be called.
- Councilmember Garcia stated a man is driving a vehicle with a K9 sticker on his

vehicle and tailgating other vehicles. Is this illegal? Chief indicated he can be cited for tailgating. It is illegal to impersonate a police officer and that would be addressed if and when that situation arises.

Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- General business –
- Tree removal in the park has been completed
- NW Turf will come this week to look at areas of concern regarding soccer field grass
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Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- Old Red Rock School – It does not appear the potential buyer will be receiving the ELF award. Alex will follow up with owner about putting the property up for bid. It was mentioned that weeds are a problem.
- Two more homes and a renovation were permitted.
- Hearings are set for later in June regarding the SEPA for Spud's Gas Station and Pratt Hills Phase 2
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Legal: None

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COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Councilmember Kannely again stated he feels we should sell the old library building to Harvest Foods as they have showed a consistent interest and we have previously asked for public input from interested parties. The Mayor explained this is an effort to be transparent and let everyone have a chance at purchasing the property.
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MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Mayor Piercy will be meeting with Bob Murphy this week regarding the status of the golf course.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. (Garcia), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director