



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 04, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on March 04, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Christensen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christensen, Councilmembers Perla Garcia, Hector Rodriguez and Ryan Piercy.

A motion was made to excuse Councilmembers Fanning and Kannelly. (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn, Police Chief Rodriguez and Public Works Director Curt Carpenter

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cara Hoyt stated the City has a feral cat problem and asked if something can be done about it and if we should consider humane euthanasia.
- Katherine Kenison stated that some shelters, vets and WSU may help with spaying and neutering.
- There was Council discussion. It was noted that some restaurants are adding to the cat issue. Discussion to continue at future meetings.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025
- Payroll 02/28/2025 in the amount of \$63,435.74
- Claims for 03/04/2025 #31944 – 31962 in the amount of \$57,693.92

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- Cintas Contract – Still under review with attorney
- Sleep Center RSVP – Mayor Christensen and Councilmember Piercy to attend the tour on March 10, 2025.
- DOL TBD Contract – Amendment No. 2 presented. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 to DOL Contract No. K3369 adding language to the Fee Collection section. (m/s Garcia/Piercy) the motion carried.** Katherine Kenison suggested we reevaluate the TDB fee and consider a tax rather than a fee.
- Springbrook Annual Report Workshop – Request for Janice Flynn to register for workshop and DocuSign the agreement. **A motion was made to approve Janice Flynn to register for the workshop and electronically sign the training agreement. (m/s Piercy/Garcia) the motion carried.**
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Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- New Patrol Vehicle – An Explorer may have been located.
- Request for Officer Bronn to attend Firearms Handgun Instructor Training in Tacoma from August 18-22, 2025. There will be no housing needed as he will stay with relatives. Recertification is required every two years. **A motion was made to approve Officer Bronn attending the Firearms Handgun Instructor Training. (m/s Piercy/Garcia) the motion carried.**
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Public Works: The following was presented by Curt Carpenter

- Anderson Perry Agreement for GIS services – Still under review with attorney.
- Park Irrigation Pump Station – Pipe across Acacia Street is in, that portion of project will be complete this week.
- Quality Controls Corp - **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Quality Controls Corp for SCADA and controls upgrades. (m/s Rodriguez/Garcia) the motion carried.**
- Enaqua - **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Enaqua for updates to the Wastewater Plant UV system. (m/s Garcia/Piercy) the motion carried.**

- General business – PW employees working towards certifications. The City needs to replace several pieces of equipment (sweeper, dump truck, mower, compactor, water truck, backhoe). It was suggested we surplus some items and put any funds received towards the purchase of replacement equipment. PW’s will work towards a surplus list and prioritizing replacement equipment.

Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- Pratt Hills Development – Anderson Perry had plat review comments. CAD Homes as responded. CAD is concerned about the 5’ paved path creating a tunnel as fences are installed and asked if the path could be removed. There was Council discussion. Council declined to remove the path requirement due to the significant amount of use anticipated.
- EVC Stations – LED Trails met with Mayor regarding potential electric vehicle charging stations in the City. They also offered to review City locations for possible energy saving projects. There are grants available for these types of projects. There was discussion. The company will move forward with suggested possibilities and there is no commitment on the part of the City at this time.

Legal:

- None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

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MAYOR’S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Food Truck Ordinance – A special session was scheduled for 6:00 on March 18, 2025 to discuss updating the City’s current code. It will be a public meeting, but no public comment will be taken during the special session.*
- There is a need to address how the current property lines in the City are drawn.
- Mayor Christensen addressed the issue of the location of Sweet Sips mobile vendor unit being within 300’ of another vendor. Taking the menus and hours of operation into consideration, the Mayor determined the 300’ rule does not apply. The City Right of Way at the Sweet Sips location has been vacated and therefore not applicable.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm (m/s Garcia) the motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director

*Due to scheduling conflicts, this meeting was subsequently moved to 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2025.