



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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christensen, Councilmembers Stanton Fanning, Perla Garcia, Hector Rodriguez, Ryan Piercy and Rick Kannely.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Maria Rodriguez with Royal Community Prevention Coalition presented a Special Event Application for National Take Back Day on April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Resolution No. 22-02 permits regular Take Back Days each year. Application approved, pending review of insurance coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizen comments were made throughout the meeting and are summarized below:

- Cara Hoyt Expressed concerns about emergency and use access between the clinic and the Moose due to the new library. The Moose has used this access for fifty plus years and it is their main entrance. She asked if the area will be fenced off by the library and eliminate access to the Moose as well as who approved the fence. People should have access to their social club (the Moose) and citizens should be made aware if that is to be stopped. Cara also expressed concern that “Yolanda’s” business is being hit hard by vendors being with 300’ and will be even more if the drive thru window is no longer available in the alley way.
- Gary Piercy said the Friends of the Library plan to place a fence across the south property line of the new library site.
- Unidentified person asked why the 300’ restriction on mobile vendors is not observed, that it is not fair to the brick and mortar businesses and that “Yolanda’s” business is being hit hard by two mobiles within 300’. She later expressed concern over the adjacent alley way, now being used for the drive thru window, being used for two way access.

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 March 18, 2025
- Payroll 03/31/2025 in the amount of \$65,855.66
- Claims for 04/01/2025 #31978 – 31995 in the amount of \$27,242.82

PUBLIC HEARING

- None
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ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- Apple Ave Reconstruction Project – The Project Funding Status Form and TIB Agreement for TIB Project #6-E-864(005)-1 need to be signed to move forward with the project. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City attorney. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the Project Funding Status Form and TIB Agreement. (m/s Piercy/Fanning) the motion carried.**
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Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- Council is invited to watch Officer Soelter completing K9 training on April 23, 2025.
- A new patrol vehicle continues to be pursued. There is availability through Corwin Ford in Tri-Cities. A budget amendment will be needed. There was Council discussion.
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Public Works: The following was presented by Curt Carpenter

- Lions Park access alley improvements – Emergency access, parking and the north/south alley way leading to the proposed park parking area needs to be

addressed. The alley needs to be cleared and used as a thoroughfare. There was Council discussion. Permission requested and granted to move forward in regards to finding funding and achieve a design to meet future needs.

- Clean Harbors contract – Contract concern is liability. Need to get tanks removed. There was Council discussion. City attorney Kenison will review the latest contract.
 - Dog Park Sign Ceremony – There was Council discussion. Ceremony to be held on April 22, 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Soccer Field – Groundbreaking ceremony will be April 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
 - Several pieces of equipment are in need of repair or replacement. Approximate costs are as follows:
 - 1) Street Sweeper - \$120K to replace. Repair numbers being gathered.
 - 2) Grader - \$3,200 to rebuild. Will be ready in about a week.
 - 3) Water Truck – Plan to repair the existing truck.
 - 4) Backhoe - \$114K to replace. Recently fixed the leaks at cost of \$4,200. Total repairs \$20-\$30K
 - 5) Dump Truck – Existing has cracked frame. Replacement \$80K including shipping.
- There was Council discussion.

Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- Annexation of Spud Brown Property – Confirmed with Mr. Brown that he only wants to annex the smaller parcel as indicated by the boundary line adjustment survey. There was Council discussion. City attorney Kenison to draft annexation ordinance.
- Land Use Permit – Parcel 071732000 – Potential owners, Tyler & Rikki Schmitt, inquired as to what improvements they would be responsible for making if they improved the parcel. City would require sewer and water to be brought to site, install sidewalks and possibly streets. City attorney Kenison suggested a late comers agreement to recoup a portion of any improvements made. City engineers, Anderson Perry & Associates needs to be involved in determining street requirements, if any. Curt Carpenter will set up a meeting.

Legal: Katherine Kenison was present to discuss the following:

- NCW Library contact - Janitorial costs and the square footage reimbursement are items of concern. Tim Dillman with NCWRL indicated historically the City agreed and wanted to pay for janitorial. Library employees are union. If the janitorial services were not done by City staff, they would have to be paid prevailing wages.
- The Memorandum of Understanding to make interior improvements needs to be signed by the April 15, 2025 Council meeting. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the MOU with NCWRL for interior improvements to the new library. (m/s Garcia/Fanning) the motion carried.**
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COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

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MAYOR’S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Mayor Christensen explained that after review of menus and hours, he determined that there was not enough similarity to restrict the mobile vendor from being within 300’ of “Yolanda’s” establishment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm (m/s Kannely/Garcia) the motion carried.

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director