



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 15, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on April 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Christensen.

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Finance Director Janice Flynn and Public Works Director Curt Carpenter

**PRESENTATIONS**

- None

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

- Gary Piercy provided a “rough” map of the library property indicating the placement of a fence across the south property line. The fence will be a combination of masonry and iron providing a safe space. A sidewalk will still provide pedestrian access to the park and the Moose.
- Spud Brown asked the purpose of the fence along the south side. He feels kids won’t be there, the greenspace is nice, but not needed.
- Gary Piercy said the object is not to block the Moose. There is a problem with trucks, H2A buses and delivery trucks passing through this area.
- Rick Pack said the area has been available to drive through for sixty years.
- Cara Hoyt asked when the actual site plan is to be published. Trucks will not be able to get into businesses, nor emergency vehicles. The outdoor areas are nice, but there is already a huge park next door. H2A workers will be the biggest patron of the new library. Cutting off the Moose’s access will cause damage. We protect mothers and children who already go to the park. Don’t cut off delivery trucks.
- McKenzie Anderson asked if a traffic study had been done.
- Susan Piercy explained that the City leased property intended to be used for public purposes to the Friends of the Library. No tax dollars went towards building the new library. The existing library has green space. The green space at the new library needs to be supervised and it is not intended to take the place of the park. There

will be parking in the front and on the west side of the building. People can use the parking spaces and walk to the Moose. The City recently put in a good drive behind the library for Moose access.

- Unknown person said the Moose kitchen is on the NW side and it will be a struggle to bring food into the Moose without access to that area and the delivery trucks won't be able to access.
- Gary Piercy said there is about 30' between the north side of the Moose and the proposed fence.
- Spud Brown said he doesn't see the purpose of the fence. Service trucks need access. Put in a speed bump, but don't block access.
- McKenzie Anderson said originally the Moose was to have access from Acacia. Can the City give more area to the Moose? Is there a safety issue if there is south access from Acacia?
- Public Works Director Curt Carpenter agreed parking is an issue.
- Monica (last name unknown) asked why not pave all lots along Camilia for everyone to use. These areas should be used for parking, but mobile vendors are taking the spaces.
- Mayor Christensen said we are still in the planning phase and more discussion is needed. The City does not want to pin in any business.
- Spud Brown said the library is not busy and asked if the new one will be that much busier.
- Unknown person said the H2A buses come into town and businesses benefit. The fence just closes off traffic flow. Buses bring a lot of business.
- Gary Piercy said when the library project started everyone knew it would take lots of parking. They preserved many parking spaces. Only the library planned for parking. He proposed a parking tariff for providing clinic parking.
- Cara Hoyt asked if the clinic was cooperating regarding parking?
- Susan Piercy said no one came to the library regarding parking. The Hospital District is encouraging the building owners to install a sidewalk on the east side of the building.
- Cara Hoyt asked if anyone approached the Moose.
- Susan Piercy said, no, because of the south access.
- Cara Hoyt said speed bumps and tickets will change driving habits, the north access has been there for sixty years and there are other options.
- Spud Brown asked why the library thinks they can put a fence across the south property line? Who gave them permission? Delivery access is a big deal.
- Gary Piercy said the Friends of the Library will gift the new Library to the City. The parking lot will be paved the last two weeks of June 2025.
- Unknown person said semi's, trucks need access
- Mayor Christensen said we will get the City Planner, Alex Kovach, and review the options. Traffic will be considered.
- Ryan Piercy asked if the Moose would pay for some paving?
- Unknown person suggested the City buy the Moose and give the Moose a new location.
- Spud Brown said to keep the clinic as is, but he doesn't agree with the fence.
- McKenzie Anderson asked about the status of the food truck ordinance and if the

ordinance codes had been entered into the system.

- Mayor Christensen said we have held two special sessions regarding the mobile food vendors, but still more discussions are needed and will be held.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2025
- Payroll 04/15/2025 in the amount of \$34,940.07
- Claims for 04/15/2025 #31996 – 32013 in the amount of \$67,039.51

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- None
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**ORDINANCES**

- None

**RESOLUTIONS**

- None

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Finance:** The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- Summerfest – Jill Larson contacted the City regarding the 2025 festival. Contract will be drafted and they will get insurance coverage for the event. There was Council discussion with Jill Larson who was present.
- The Coleman Oil fuel bill for the first half of April will be received soon and needs to be paid in April, but is not part of the consent agenda as it has not yet been received. **A motion was made to approve payment of the above referenced Coleman Oil bill in an amount that is reasonable and customary. (m/s Fanning/Piercy) the motion carried.**
- The farm lease for the spray field has been prepared, the Mayor has negotiated the terms and City attorney Katherine Kenison has reviewed. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the lease with Golden West Farms LLC, (m/s Piercy/Rodriguez), the motion carried.**

**Police Department:**

- None
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**Public Works:** The following was presented by Curt Carpenter

- General Business
- There is a need to replace the existing backhoe and dump truck, in addition to other equipment repairs needed. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve \$200,000.00 of City funds to be used for the above referenced expenditures at the discretion of Public Works Director. (m/s Piercy/Fanning), the motion carried.**
- Clean Harbors contract for removal of fuel tanks - There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the above referenced contract, (m/s Garcia/Fanning), the motion carried.**
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**Planning & Building:**

- None

**Legal:** Legal counsel was not present.

- NCW Library contact - The Mayor stated the Memorandum of Understanding to make interior improvements will be signed as is needed for NCRL to commence work.
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**COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –**

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**MAYOR's REPORT & COMMENTS –**

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm (m/s Garcia/Fanning) the motion carried.

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Flynn, Finance Director