



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 05, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on August 05, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Christensen.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Mauricio Romero, Finance Director Janice Flynn and Chief Rodriguez, Officer Bronn and Brent Flinn of Public Works.

PRESENTATIONS

- None
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PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received and summarized below

- None

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 July 15, 2025
- Payroll 07/31/2025 in the amount of \$67,071.01
- Claims for 08/05/2025 #32138 – 32168 in the amount of \$338,568.27

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None
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RESOLUTIONS

- None
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STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business
- 2nd Quarter 2025 budget review. There was discussion.
- Garbage Rates – 4% increase in trash removal rates effective September 1, 2025. Rates should be reviewed again for 2025. There was discussion. Council was in agreement. An ordinance will be presented at the August 19, 2025, Council meeting.
- Wastewater Facility Improvement funding – We can pursue funding to improve the facility through the Dept of Ecology, Anderson Perry can assist with the application process and a task order was presented. There was discussion. **A motion was made to pursue Dept of Ecology funding, through the Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance program, for Wastewater Facility Improvements and for the Mayor to sign the task order with Anderson Perry for assistance with completion of the funding application process, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, (m/s Kannely/Garcia), the motion carried.**

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- The new patrol vehicle has arrived. **A motion was made to approve payment for the vehicle to Corwin Ford in the amount of \$71,923.77, (m/s Fanning/Hector), the motion carried.**
- Janice Flynn met with the Royal School District regarding the renewal of the expiring SRO contract. It will be renewed for three years with an adjustment to the reimbursement amount for the police vehicle. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the 2025-2028 agreement with the Royal School District for SRO services, (m/s Kannely/Fanning), the motion carried.**
- Officer Bronn is interested in becoming a certified member of an area Tactical Response Team (TRT). It will require a forty (40) hour class and continuing education of twelve (12) hours per month. Officer Bronn will make a presentation at the next Council meeting.
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Public Works: The following was presented by Mauricio Romero

- General Business
- The tank removal process is complete. Ground testing came back negative for contaminants. The area has been filled and final cleanup of the general area is underway.

- Soccer Field – Status of improvement. Janice Flynn presented the contract with Northwest Turf Solutions, Change Order #1 amending the contract regarding the use of sod and Pay Application No. 1 for reimbursement. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Northwest Turf Solutions, Change Order #1 to the contract and Pay App No. 1, (m/s Garcia/Fanning), the motion carried.**
- Councilmember Kannely expressed concern regarding potential trip and fall areas around the Confluence Clinic. Mauricio will review and correct.
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Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- General Business
- The Pratt development has begun. The plat needs to be finalized. The storm water system is being coordinated. An abandoned water easement needs to be released by the City to clear the parcels. Fire hydrants need to be in place prior to combustible construction. There was discussion and concern over ongoing maintenance of storm water retention areas.
- Work on the Climate Change grant has begun. This is outside the scope of Alex's planning duties. A contract needs to be in place for his services.

Legal: Katherine Kenison was present and responded to the following as requested by the Police Department

- The old Red Rock School property is becoming an issue for the Police Department as calls for service are becoming more frequent. Options to address were discussed. The building could be determined to be a dangerous building. Alex Kovach to inspect and make determination.

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Discussions regarding use of the old library continued. There has been interest in the Police Department relocating to the building. There was discussion. The Mayor and Mauricio will complete a walkthrough of the building. Discussions will continue.
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MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Mayor Christensen presented salary comparisons and possible adjustments to staff salary, not including the Police Department. There were options of a 4% raise, a 7% raise and “suggested” increases to allow for some positions to be brought in line with current duties being performed. There was discussion. **A motion was made to increase salaries, effective immediately, to the “suggested” levels as provided on the presented spreadsheet for employees employed prior to July 1, 2025. (m/s Garcia/Fanning), the motion carried. Councilmember Kannely voted nay.**
- Police Department salaries will be reviewed and presented by the Mayor at a later date.
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm. (Kannely), Motion carried unanimously.

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Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director