

CITY OF ROYAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 02, 2025

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on September 02, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Christensen.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- None

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PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received and summarized below

- Randy Dunn requested a variance for a fence on the adjacent property, which is owned by his parents. He would like to put a 6' fence closer to the front property line than the 20' restriction. There was discussion and concern regarding the neighbors. Variance was not approved. Council advised Mr. Dunn to visit with the neighbors to see if they would be in agreement.
- Spud Brown presented a bill for \$16,230.00 from ICON NW LLC for excavation and gravel for the Moose Parking Lot, asking Council to approve payment of this by the City. There was discussion. The City did not request this work be done. Council asked for specifics on the exact location of the 10,000 square feet excavated.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2025
- Payroll 08/31/2025 in the amount of \$68,355.54

City of Royal City Council Minutes 09-02-2025 - Claims for 09/02/2025 #32183 – 32196 in the amount of \$119,802.48

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 25-02 adopting an Electronic Funds Transfer policy. <u>A</u>
<u>motion was made to adopt Resolution 25-02.</u> (m/s Piercy/Stanton), the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- SOQ's for professional engineering services are due Friday, September 5th. A committee is needed to make a selection and recommendation to Council on September 16th. Committee will be the Mayor, Councilmember Kannely, PW Director Romero and Finance Director Janice Flynn.
- The contract with Kovach Architects PS Inc. has been drafted by the City attorney. Alex Kovach will review. It will be on the September 16th agenda.

Police Department:

- None

Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- Asphalt repairs have been made. More to be completed soon.
- Soccer Field is 90% complete. There was discussion regarding additional fencing on the west side.

Planning & Building: The Following was presented by Alex Kovach

 Periodic Update Grant – This grant is available through WA State Dept of Commerce and will cover expenses related to updating the City comprehensive Plan. A motion was made to approve Kovach Architects to pursue the Periodic Update Grant on behalf of the City. (m/s Fanning/Garcia), the motion

carried.

- Old Red Rock School Alex Kovach has prepared a warning letter to be sent to the owners.
- Pratt Hills Project is progressing. The Final plat still needs to be completed.

Legal: Katherine Kenison was present via phone

- None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS -

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MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS -

- Fannnings have approached the Mayor in regards to a land swap and committing funds to build a new building for City use. There was discussion. We will post a request for proposals on our website and Facebook pages asking the general public to submit their proposals for possible use of the building if they are interested in using the site.
- Discussions resumed on possible adjustments to Police Dept salaries to stay competitive. There was discussion regarding the officer pay scale. <u>A motion was made to approve a modification to the officer scale as presented by the Mayor and a 4% increase to the officers pay effective immediately.</u> (m/s Garcia/Fanning), the motion carried.
- A motion was made to increase the Police Chief salary to \$120,000.00 per year. (m/s Kannely/Piercy). There was discussion. The Mayor called for a vote, Kannely and Piercy voted yea, Fanning voted nay, Garcia requested additional discussion. There was discussion. There was a friendly amendment to the original motion to amend the salary amount to \$117,000.00 per year. (amended motion/second Kannely/Fanning), the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

	e being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at
<u>9:28</u>	om. (Garcia), Motion carried unanimously.
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	Michael Christensen, Mayor
ATTEST:	
	Janice Flynn, Finance Director