

CITY OF ROYAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES September 16, 2025

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on September 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Christensen.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received throughout the meeting and summarized below

- Randy Dunn followed upon his request for a variance to install a 6' fence along the sidewalk on the adjacent property, which is owned by his parents. There was discussion regarding the street curve, visibility and the minimal effect on the neighbor. Mr. Dunn indicated his neighbor provided him with a letter stating they (Davies) did not have an issue with the fence. A motion was made to allow a 6' fence 5' from the property edge of the sidewalk, (m/s Fanning/Kannely), the motion carried.
- Gary Piercy came to discuss the request by Spud Brown for reimbursement by the City for excavation work done near the Moose. Mr. Piercy stated that Mr. Brown requested the work be done and that Mr. Brown also stated would pay for it. Mr. Brown was not present at the meeting. The Mayor stated Mr. Brown spoke with him earlier in the day regarding this matter. The Moose would like the City to designate the area for Moose parking.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from September 02, 2025
- Payroll 09/15/2025 in the amount of \$36,032.81
- Claims for 09/16/2025 #32197 32222 in the amount of \$65,061.99

REGULAR MEETING PAUSED AT 8:17

PUBLIC HEARING

 Close out hearing for CDBG Contracts #20-62210-027 and #20-62210-040 began at 8:17. Janice Flynn presented each contract with project purpose and amounts.
Jake Hollopeter with Anderson Perry & Associates stated the goals reached for each.

#20-62210-027 – Small Water System Management Plan & Asset Management Program. Goals reached include development of a new plan and GIS inventory system. Identified deficiencies in City water system.

#20-62210-040 – Water System Improvements – Goals reached included 13,000' of pipe replaced, reducing water leakage.

There was no public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 8:25

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 8:25

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- SOQ's for professional engineering services were received from Anderson Perry & Associates and Davis Architects. The committee scored each and recommended Anderson Perry & Associates. <u>A motion was made to award the contract to Anderson Perry & Associates and approve the Mayor to enter into negotiations and sign a three year contract, after review and approval by City attorney, (m/s Rodriguez/Fanning), the motion carried.</u>
- The contract with Kovach Architects PS Inc. is still under review and will be presented at a later date.
- Waterline Replacement Project A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign Pay App No 7 in the amount of \$126,080.10 to Premier Excavation Inc. (m/s Kannely/Fanning), the motion carried.

City of Royal City Council Minutes 09-16-2025 - Soccer Field Project - A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign Pay App No 2 in the amount of \$193,659.84 to Northwest Turf Solutions Inc, m/s Fanning/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- Officer Bronn made a presentation regarding his previous request to join the area Tactical Response Team. Office Caleb Martin, Moses Lake Team Lead, was present to provide information and answer questions. Initial outfitting costs are estimated at \$15,000 and a one week class is required. Office Bronn would be on call for the TRT 24/7. 232 hours of training are required annually. There is a one year probation period. Officer Bronn would be the only TRT member in south Grant County. To be further discussed by Council at next meeting.
- Flock Safety Cameras Chief requested approval to have six Flock cameras installed around town. They would read license plates and notify if other agencies are searching for certain vehicles. Cost is \$18,000 annually with a three year contract. Installation fee of \$3,900 may apply. To be further discussed by Council at next meeting.

Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- Asphalt repairs on streets continue to be completed.
- Park irrigation pump system is now complete and being used.

Planning & Building:

- None

Legal: Katherine Kenison was present via phone for a discussion on the Food Vendor ordinance only

- None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS -

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MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS -

- There was discussion regarding use of the new soccer field; if and when the City will allow the field to be reserved, if a fee will be charged for use, the amount of the fee(s). Research will be conducted and this will be discussed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting a	<u>at</u>
9:25 pm. (Fanning), Motion carried unanimously.	

	Michael Christensen, Mayo
EST:	