



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 21, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on April 21, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Piercy.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Piercy, Councilmembers Carlson, Garcia, Rodriguez and Worsham. **A motion was made to excuse Councilmember Kannelly. (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez, the motion carried.**

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn, Public Works rep Brent Flinn, Chief Rodriguez and Officers Bronn and Soelter

PRESENTATIONS

- None
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PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received throughout the meeting and summarized below:

- Re: K9 training - Paul Davies asked how much the City would charge for services to other agencies. Officer Soelter explained it is mutual aid as agencies assist each other as needed. See Police Dept below.
- RE: Old Library Building – Josh Fanning, representing Harvest Foods stated they have invested in the City in the past and wish to continue to do so by expanding the current store by approximately 7,000 square feet as the town needs a larger store. The expansion cannot happen without the old library site. They feel the best use of the property is to sell it to Harvest Foods as this will benefit the City.
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CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. (m/s Garcia/Carlson), the motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from April 07, 2026
- Payroll 04/15/2026 in the amount of \$47,161.53
- Claims for 04/21/2026-04/21/2026 #32529 – 32544 in the amount of \$80,935.43

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business –
- A grant award in the amount of \$18,000 was received from WCIA for tree removal in the park.
- A Recreation and Conservation Office Youth Athletic Facility small grant is being pursued for construction of a pump track. RCO requires submittal of their authorization form. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the RCO authorization form.** (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General Business -
- A letter will be included in the April utility bills reminding residents that no farm animals are allowed within the city limits.
- A request was made for Officer Bronn to attend TRT Training in Yakima from May 26-28, 2026. Cost of the training is \$300, but there will be no cost for overnight lodging accommodations. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the overnight travel for TRT training.** (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.
- Officer Soelter requested Council approve her and K9 Ollie to attend five weeks of detection school in the fall of 2026 at Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM). Cost of the training is \$1,500.00 per week. K9 Ollie would be trained to detect drugs. We would be able to assist neighboring agencies. There was Council discussion. There was public comment. See above. Chief will make contact with potential donors to the K9 program. Topic to be discussed at next meeting.

Public Works: The following was presented by Janice Flynn on behalf of PW Director Romero

- General business – Included acknowledgement by Mayor Piercy that Brent Flinn now has his Group 3 Operator license for Wastewater Treatment Facility operations.
- Soccer field work is completed and final Council acceptance is needed. **A motion was made to approve final acceptance of the Soccer Field project at Lion’s Park. (m/s Carlson/Garcia), the motion carried.**
- Apple Avenue Construction Project – The bids were received and opened. Anderson Perry recommended the contract be awarded to Wheeler Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$903,309.00. **A motion was made to award the Apple Avenue Construction Project to Wheeler Excavation, LLC and approve the Mayor to sign Notice of Award. (m/s Garcia/Carlson), the motion carried.**
- Apple Avenue Construction & Engineering - A Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Updated Cost Estimate for construction costs in the amount of \$1,059,319.00 and TIB Consultant Supplemental Agreement with Anderson Perry for engineering services in the amount of \$255,000.00 were presented. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the TIB Updated Cost Estimate and TIB Consultant Supplemental Agreement with Anderson Perry. (m/s Garcia/Rodriguez), the motion carried.**

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Planning & Building: None

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Legal: None

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COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Old Library Property – Mayor Piercy reiterated the options for the old library property. There was public comment. See above. The Mayor will proceed with an appraisal of the property.

MAYOR’S REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Food Vendor Ordinance – Mayor Piercy will get the final draft for adoption at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. (Carlson), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director