



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 05, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on May 06, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Piercy.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- None

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

- RE: Old Library Building – Josh Fanning, representing Harvest Foods stated their current store needs to expand and this will create additional sales and property taxes for the City. It would be an improvement for the City. Sharon Chesterman said as a community member she feels the community should not pass up the opportunity for a larger store. See Council Comments below.

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

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026
- Payroll 04/30/2026 in the amount of \$66,027.62
- Claims for 05/06/2026-05/06/2026 #32545 – 32558 in the amount of \$26,693.90

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business –
- The TIB Consultant Agreement with Anderson Perry for the 2026 Crack Seal project was presented. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the TIB Consultant Agreement for \$4,000.00 with Anderson Perry for the crack sealing of existing paved roadways. (m/s Worsham/Carlson), the motion carried.**
- 1st Quarter 2026 budget review was presented to Council. There was Council discussion.

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General Business –
- Gorge contract with Live Nation – Contract was presented. It had been reviewed by the City attorney and there is concern over the commercial general liability limits of \$1mil. Attorney recommended \$2mil CGL and a waiver of subrogation endorsement. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Live Nation as presented, contingent upon Live Nation providing \$2mil CGL and a waiver of subrogation. (m/s Kannely/Worsham), the motion carried.**
- K9 Detection School – Chief met with a past donor to the K9 program and he is still in support of the program. Function First (trainer) is still working out the details of the detection school planned for later this year. There was Council discussion. The Mayor indicated he reviewed the budget and the PD has a minor deficit, but the detection school would not break the bank. Kannely asked if the dog could be used for drug detection in the schools. Officer Bronn said it could be used in school, but is not trained to detect cannabis.
- An update on TRT training was given. Officer Bronn is a trained sniper. More training is available and provides additional knowledge that could benefit the department. Additional trainings include surveillance, sniper advanced and team leader development. By the end of 2027, Officer Bronn will have completed all of

these trainings.

Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- General business –
- Jeremy Garnick will begin CDL school next week
- Frank Castro will be taking his pesticides license soon.
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Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- 2027 Periodic Update – Currently working on how to accommodate growth. Working with the County, it was projected the City will add 456 residents over the next twenty years. The next step is how to provide sufficient housing. Housing must be planned for all economic needs. Where in the City this can happen needs to be determined. We must analyze land capacity in each zone. Royal City has no deficiencies in this matter. An evaluation of infrastructure needs will have to be completed. The next step will be conversations with the community. Mayor inquired about the effects of annexing additional commercial property. Alex indicated commercial property will provide jobs and the proximity of housing to jobs is a consideration. Housing needs to be sufficient.
- Berk Consulting – Assistance is needed to continue work on the Climate Planning Element of the comp plan. Berk Consulting has the experience for the vulnerability and risk assessment component of the Hazard Resiliency Element. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the contract with Berk Consulting, Inc. as presented for the vulnerability and risk assessment component of the Hazard Resiliency Element.** (m/s Kannelly/Carlson), the motion carried.
- Hazard Mitigation needed for our comp plan. We can add a new chapter to our comp plan or we can adopt the Grant County Hazard Mitigation plan, if approved. Katherine Kenison said we may want our own plan in case there is an emergency that involves the City and Grant County and the County's resources are not able to assist the City.

Legal: None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Old Library Property – Mayor Piercy has not ordered the appraisal as it was more expensive than anticipated. Council needs to make a definite decision about selling and how to go about it. Katherine Kenison said if the property is to be sold, it needs to be declared surplus and a value determined through appraisal or broker estimate. There is no requirement to go out for public bid. If the building is to be put out to bid, we need to have the appraisal, announce to the public we are selling and put it out for bid. There was public comment. See above. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to proceed with an appraisal in**

preparation for selling the property and putting the old library property out for bid. (m/s Carlson/ Rodriguez), Carlson, Rodriguez and Worsham voted yea. Kannely voted nay. The motion carried. The Mayor will proceed with an appraisal of the property.

MAYOR'S REPORT & COMMENTS –

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. (Carlson), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director