CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
August 04, 2026

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on August 04, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Piercy.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Teresa Taylor, Executive Director, WA Cops Labor Union, discussed their organization. They advocate for law enforcement to protect officers, get people to stay in law enforcement, safety and pensions. Their objective is to have a positive relationship. Ed Casey, Labor Defense Rep, also presented.
  Mayor inquired as to the next step. Response is that there are few issues so far and that they will draft a contract for discussion.
  Mayor asked what the City can't do now that the Police Dept is in a union? Mr. Casey responded, "nothing" and added we need clear contract language. PERC (Public Employment Relations Commission) has already certified Royal City PD as a guild. Officer Bronn is the president, Officer Soelter is vice president and Officer Farias is secretary.
  Mayor asked if a contract is in place, will a new officer have to join? Answer: No, it is not required, but the union must follow contract for all officers.
  Katherine Kenison suggested having a closed meeting on September 1, 2026, with the new committee for union negotiations.
  Councilmember Garcia asked why the officers felt the need for a union now? Officer Soelter answered the union will defend them if they are sued individually.
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PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments were received throughout the meeting and summarized below:

- McKenzie Anderson would like to see the Summerfest banner on Royal Avenue

replaced with a general Royal City type banner. Council is in favor. McKenzie will bring a design for approval and Boosters will cover the cost.
- McKenzie Anderson is in favor of sending K9 Ollie to drug detection school as she feels it will be beneficial to the City.
- Gerald (Spud) Brown asked the status of the old library. People have until 4:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026, to provide their offer.
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CONSENT AGENDA: **A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. (m/s Garcia/Worsham), the motion carried.**

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2026
- Payroll 07/15/2026 in the amount of $83,531.56
- Claims for 08/04/2026-08/04/2026 #32666 – 32690 in the amount of $68,625.96

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

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STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business – None
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Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General Business –
- Detection school begins August 30, is five weeks and the cost is approximately $10,000 with additional housing costs of $8,000-$10,000. There was Council discussion. Officer Bronn stated traffic stops are confirming there are drug dealers in the area and feels detection training for Ollie will be useful in identifying drugs in the City. **A motion was made to approve Officer Soelter and K9 Ollie to attend the detection school and incur associated costs as discussed. (m/s Kannely/**

Garcia), the motion carried.

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Public Works: The following was presented by PW Director Romero

- General business –
- Director Romero requested authorization to attend Evergreen Rural Water conference August 25-27 with overnight stays. **A motion was made to approve Mauricio Romero to attend Evergreen Rural Water conference from August 25-27, 2026. (m/s Garcia/Worsham), the motion carried.**
- The Pre-Construction meeting for the Apple Ave Reconstruction Phase 1 project will be held Friday, August 7, 2026.

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Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- General Business
- Pratt Hills Phase 2 planning continues
- Spud's project continues to progress. Project parcel ownership was discussed and Spud will move forward as necessary.

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Legal: The following was presented by Katherine Kenison

- Recommended a closed session on September 1 regarding the police union and recommended the City form a committee to work with the union.

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

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MAYOR's REPORT & COMMENTS –

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. (Garcia), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Flynn, Finance Director