CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 01, 2026

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on September 01, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Piercy.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn and Chief Rodriguez

PRESENTATIONS

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

- Mackenzie Anderson reminded Council that the water & sewer development fee rates were reconsidered several years ago.
- Mackenzie Anderson stated she would recommend separating city hall and the police department.
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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 August 18, 2026
- Payroll 08/31/2026 in the amount of $66,794.71
- Claims for 08/28-09/01/2026 #32715 – 32732 in the amount of $92,760.44

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

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STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business –.
- Well No. 5 Amendment No. 1 – There was Council discussion regarding the amendment. **A motion was made to accept and approve the Mayor to sign Amendment 1 to contract #DWL31537 with WA State Dept of Health making changes to the Statement of Work. (m/s Kannely/Garcia), the motion carried.**
- City Travel Policy – Updates were made to use a per diem meal allowance. There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the revised travel policy effective August 30, 2026. (m/s Kannely/Carlson), the motion carried.**
- Well No. 5 Easement & Right of Way – There was Council discussion regarding granting the PUD an easement to access Well No. 5. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the Easement and Right of Way Electric Distribution Line(s) and Communication Facilities for Parcel #07-1686-002 to Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, WA. (m/s Garcia/Carlson), the motion carried.**

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- School is back session and the Police Dept is watching for speeders
- Truck signage is needed to prevent trucks from traveling on Apple Ave during construction
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Public Works: The following was presented:

- General business
- In the absence of Director Romero, the Mayor announced that employee Frank Castro has given notice and an employment notice will be posted.
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Planning & Building: The following was presented by Alex Kovach

- Spud's New Convenience Store Water Utility Easement – There was Council discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the Water Utility**

Easement from Gerald & Bonney Brown & Golden West Farms LLC across parcels #071730001 & 210775000. (m/s Carlson/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

- Spud's New Convenience Store – There was Council discussion regarding storm water drainage and a possible need to deviate from the current code. The proper procedure will be followed once specific drainage needs are to determined.
- Climate Planning Policy Audit – First step is to review the existing plan to determine needs. Policies to be reviewed include drought, stormwater controls, heat, extreme precipitation and smoke. Community input will be sought. A survey is currently online for community input**.**
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Legal: The following was presented by Katherine Kenison via phone

None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- There was Council discussion regarding the status of the old library property and the possibility of using it for City offices. See public comment above.
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MAYOR's REPORT & COMMENTS –

- The Mayor presented the current water and sewer development fee schedule and recommends increasing the development fees in 2027 when the next regular rate increase will go into effect. There was Council discussion. See public comment above.
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. (Garcia), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Flynn, Finance Director