CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
September 15, 2026

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on September 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Piercy.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

- Bob Murphy discussed Dr. Tara Zamarron's resignation from Confluence Health. He would like to see a campaign to keep her in Royal City and asked if the City can help get the word out to the community. The next Hospital District meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on September 21st at the Fire District #10 building.
- Jacque Rasmussen, candidate for PUD Commissioner #3, introduced herself, discussed why she is running and answered questions.
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CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented and included payment of the Coleman Oil 09/15/2026 statement and the US Bank VISA payment for an amount not to exceed $7,379.60, pending review of receipts. (m/s Carlson/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from September 01, 2026
- Payroll 08/31/2026 in the amount of $35,995.03
- Claims for 09/04-09/15/2026 #32733 – 32758 in the amount of $159,992.61

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

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STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- General Business –.
- Booster Station Evaluation – Electrical as-built drawings are not available, but are needed to complete the project. Anderson Perry estimated additional costs for this work of $5,000. There was Council discussion and approval to proceed. Any budget adjustment will be made at year end as needed.
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Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business
- Officer Soelter is currently in canine detection school with K9 Ollie
- Chief will proceed with the process to procure a new patrol vehicle for delivery in early 2027.
- Axon – Services with Axon will renew. They will provide new body cams with AI assistance for language translation. Councilmember Rodriguez asked if we can get some body cams with and some without AI assistance for language translation. Chief explained they all have to be the same. There was Council discussion and approval to proceed with new body cams.

Public Works: The following was presented:

- General business
- Apple Ave Reconstruction project has begun. The water line at the Poplar intersection will require unanticipated work. Additional costs are estimated at $10,000 to $15,000. The engineers will be consulted and actual costs determined.
- Several applications have been received for the Water Tech position.

Planning & Building: None

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Legal: None

COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Councilmember Rodriguez asked if there was any interest in someone purchasing the old library. There has not been any interest shown. There was Council discussion regarding the possibility of using it for City offices.
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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 7:47 pm. (Carlson), Motion carried unanimously.

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Ryan Piercy, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janice Flynn, Finance Director