

**DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING**

July 16, 2026

6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

Call-in numbers 253-215-8782, 669-900-6833, 346-248-7799, 312-626-6799, 929-205-6099 or 301-715-8592, Webinar ID 882 5120 2134,
Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88251202134>

Attending:

Elected & appointed officials: **Councilmembers Dave Cox, Jeff Breckel, Adi Elliott, Erin Minnis, Tina Van Pelt. Mayor Taylor** was not in attendance. Her absence was excused.

City staff: **Jayne Borden, Finance Director; Cody Rosander, Stevenson Public Works Director; Robert Muth, City Attorney; Daniel Pitariu, Records and Permit Manager; Rachel Fuller, Administrative Support.**

Guests: Skamania County Undersheriff Tracy Wyckoff.

Public Participants: Brian McNamara, Bob Wertheimer, Rick Jessel, Greg Stafford, Debbie Taylor.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PRESENTATION TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance and conducted roll call.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Greg Stafford commented on safety concerns he had about The Riverside Community Church's installation of a play area.

Debbie Taylor also spoke about the Church's play area, citing noise and nighttime usage.

Rick Jessel thanked the council for their work on the sewer ordinance.

Bob Wertheimer acknowledged the benefits of being a Stevenson resident.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of City Council meeting minutes of June 18th, 2026.

b) Liquor License Application - WALKING MAN BREWING, LLC, endorsement applied for: "Direct Shipment Receiver- In WA Only".

Motion to approve consent agenda items a-b was made by **Councilmember Breckel**, seconded by **Councilmember Elliott**.

Voting aye: **Councilmembers Jeff Breckel, Dave Cox, Adi Elliott, Erin Minnis, Tina Van Pelt.**

5. SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT:

a) Sheriff's Report - Skamania County Undersheriff Tracy Wyckoff presented the Sheriff's report for activity within Stevenson city limits for the prior month for council review.

Updated information on training was included. He shared that search and rescue calls were down, noting there has been an effort to educate visitors on recreational safety preparation and awareness.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

a) Sewer Ordinance - Councilmembers reviewed the changes requested at the last meeting during the second reading of the ordinance. The first reading took place in June 2026.

City Attorney Muth reported he had sent out a revised ordinance that reflected comments and clarifications from the June 2026 City Council meeting. He noted the administrative appeal section (13.08.07) regarding the connection requirement had a subsection G added. A new table format was viewed as being cleaner and clearer. Muth will post the ordinance on the city website with the new edits. He suggested the reading tonight with the changes be considered a first reading, with the second reading held in August prior to passage of the ordinance at that same meeting.

b) ****Engineering Standards Ordinance - First Reading** - Councilmembers reviewed and discussed proposed Ordinance No. 2026-1234 and directed staff to return the Ordinance for a second reading and consideration of adoption on August 20, 2026.

Public Works Director Rosander provided background information on the revised standards, noting they were last updated in 1999. The proposed changes follow the redesign of engineering standards. Newer construction methods are taken into account. He talked with local contractors, developers, Skamania County and the Public Utilities District for input.

Councilmember Van Pelt questioned a prevailing wage section for private developers working on private improvements. **Rachel Fuller, Administrative Support** and **City Attorney Muth** will check on the language and its intent.

Motion to advance Ordinance No. 2026-1234, adopting the revised and updated City of Stevenson Engineering Standards for Public Works Construction, 2026 Edition, to a second reading and consideration of adoption was made by **Councilmember Elliott**, seconded by **Councilmember Van Pelt**

Voting aye: **Councilmembers Dave Cox, Jeff Breckel, Adi Elliott, Erin Minnis, Tina Van Pelt.**

7. MAYOR AND STAFF REPORTS:

a) **Cody Rosander, Public Works Director** provided a number of highlights on public works. Paving and chip sealing, storm clean up/FEMA claims, surface and ground water assessments, vehicle purchases, treatment plant and water system operations, and plant maintenance projects were all considered.

Rosander will look into ownership of and maintenance for the art display at port.

b) ****Jayne Borden, Finance Director** provided an update on current city finances. The end of June showed expenditures were within the budget. The total fund balance has increased, with revenue exceeding expenses. Investment earnings are doing better than

anticipated, some changes have been made with the investment management program. She is monitoring the timing of reimbursements for various capital projects. More detailed financial reports are in packet.

8. VOUCHER APPROVAL: Vouchers will be presented prior to the meeting for council review.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented was made by **Councilmember Van Pelt**, seconded by **Councilmember Breckel**.

Voting aye: **Councilmembers Dave Cox, Jeff Breckel, Adi Elliott, Erin Minnis, Councilmember Van Pelt.**

9. ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Councilmember Van Pelt had questions about ordinances that addressed panhandling on roadsides, due to concerns over traffic. **Attorney Muth** will check into possible ways to address the concern.

Councilmember Breckel has had Planning Commission members ask about the status of the short-term vacation rentals ordinance.

Councilmember Elliott asked about having **Rachel Fuller, Administrative Assistant** help with issues on parking, ADU's, etc. **Fuller** advised she would check with the Mayor.

10. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

None provided.

Pro-tem Mayor Cox thanked **Daniel Pitaru** for his work managing records and meeting recordings.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Pro-tem Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.