

**City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

1. Discussion and/or requests for the 6/10/2025 Council Agenda

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 6/10/25 agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan,  
Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel

Motion passes 5/0

2. Discuss and review recent Court Services Contract proposed.

Thurston County Court contract presented. The quote for Thurston County Court to take on Tenino Municipals rounded to \$25,000.00 annually. We would still provide the Prosecutor and Public Defender, they would provide the Judge. We would not pay for the record keeping and save money on the administration portion. When they collect fines & fees a portion will come back to the city. We will still have jail cost but would be arraigned quickly.

3. Discuss and review draft of changes to Tenino's gambling tax ordinance.

Discussed draft changes to Gambling Tax Ordinance. This could potentially assist with the additional revenue needed for an additional Police Officer. The only commercial alcohol establishment, that is not listed as non-profit is the Landmark Tavern.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Watterson convened the work session at 6:30 PM with:

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac  
Councilmember Elaine Klamn  
Councilmember John O'Callahan  
Councilmember Jason Lawton  
Councilmember Jeff Eisel

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

4. Agenda Approval for 6/10/25

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 6/10/2025 agenda as presented.

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Councilmember Gotovac motioned to amend the agenda to include Old Highway 99 Overly Project Expansion update and the Property Surplus under New Business item for next vote. Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. Approval of Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 5/27/2025 minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Consent Calendar for May 28, 2025 through June 10, 2025 consisting of Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$62,222.17 and Claims Checks #33335 through # 33377 and EFT's in the amount of \$198,008.15 for a Grand Total of \$260,230.32

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

7. Presentation by Deb Reichelderfer for the Depot Museums 50th anniversary celebration. Also, to thank the Mayor and City Council for the approval for the Friends of Tenino Park to purchase pool passes at a reduced rate for the 2025 season.

No presenter present during council.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cheryl Pearce President of the Chamber of Commerce Board presented a check in the amount of \$1,632.52 for half of the cost for the large hanging flower baskets on the main street.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

8. Old Highway 99 Overlay Project Expansion

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the award recommendation letter.

Councilmember Gotovac moved to table the award letter until next Council meeting. Motioned to move to New Business. Seconded by Councilmember O'Callahan.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9. Clerk/Treasurer Reddick requests approval of CERB a 2-year deferral.

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to approve a 2-year deferral, to begin making the payments for the Ag Park CERB loan, this will allow us to complete another loan pay-off before beginning payments on this loan but will reduce the loan to 18 years rather than 20.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **ORDINANCES**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **10. Outside Agency**

1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp of the Chamber and EDC, shared a big Thank You to Jessica Reeves-Rush for her outstanding organization and hosting for the 'WA ST Arts Creative Commission District' tour on 6/12/25 & 6/13/25. And a thank you to Councilmember Eisel and Mayor Watterson for helping with tours and interacting with the groups. There will be a Tenino Chamber Lunch Forum on June 18th at noon at the

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Sandstone Cafe, with Mayor Watterson as the guest speaker to share the quarterly update and the Community Survey results.

2) Economic Development Council (EDC) - EDC has received their office furniture and next week the internet service to get to move in. There will be a mini Information Center / Visitor Guide put in at the Tenino AG Park.

3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - to meet on Friday 6/20/25 in Bucoda.

#### **11. 13. Committees/Commissions**

1) Civil Service Commission - Nothing firm on a new officer. They are working on getting the Federal grant done.

2) Finance Committee - Councilmember Klamn reported that the city has already received 57% our revenue. There was a large payment due but our bank account is okay. Reviewed the request for AG Park Loan to be delayed. Will review all contracts to see if there are better options and fees.

5) Public Works Committee - Councilmembers Eisel and Klamn reported the Overlay project on Old HWY 99 is to be starting Pre-Construction, they are expecting the project to get moving quickly. There will be a meeting 6/12/25.

#### **12.**

##### **14. Staff**

1) Chief of Police - Working on Grants for a new Officer.

2) Director of Public Works - The Quarry Pool is almost ready. Conversing with promoters about leasing the ballparks and the school district about possibly offering their fields as well to bring both parties revenue.

4) PARC Specialist - Stone City Arts Festival

5) Clerk/Treasurer - Working on Bank Reconciliation and Federal Grant audit. Still working on IRS, mailing forms that didn't get received. Getting grants tidied up that are ending on the 30th. The Comp plan is not finished or billed to us as of yet, but stated they would get us an invoice. Working on better record keeping for grants.

6) Mayor - Assisting Treasurer to get information and things cleaned up. Assisted with the WA ST Arts Creative Commission Tour.

#### **13. 15. Liaisons**

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board - Legislation passed 5 bills for a big change to recycling, increased penalties for littering.

4) Tenino School Board - Tenino High School graduation Friday 6/13/25 at 6:00PM.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Planning Manager Allison Osterberg to serve as Acting Executive Director for TRPC.

6) Transportation Policy Board - Meeting to be on 6/12/25

**PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Strickland coming to the AG Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM