

**City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

1. Discussion from Friends of Tenino Park (Deb Reichelderfer) to Mayor and Council regarding possibly purchasing pool passes at a reduced rate for the 2025 season.
2. Discussion and/or requests for the 6/10/2025 Council Agenda
3. Discussion of vacant city properties for possible surplus.

**CALL TO ORDER 6:30PM**

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm with

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT** Councilmember Jason Lawton

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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4. Agenda Approval for 5/27/25

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

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac to approve the amended Agenda, adding in the excusal for Councilmember Lawton.

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

Motion passes 4/0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. Approval of Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 5/13/2025 minutes as presented.

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

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

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Motion passes 4/0

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Consent Calendar for May 14, 2025 through May 27, 2025 consisting of Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$48,009.02 and Claims Checks #33306 through #33334 and EFT's in the amount of \$532,181.87 for a Grand Total of \$580,190.89

Excusal of Councilmember J Lawton

Liquor/Cannabis License Renewals: Tenino Cannabis Company

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

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

Motion passes 4/0

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

7. Tenino Arts Stone City Arts Festival are requesting Mayor and Council to waive the Special Events fee and deposit for the 2025 season.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve waiving the fees for the Tenino Arts Stone City Arts Festival for year 2025.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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8. Friends of Tenino purchase of pool passes for 2025 season.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the Friends of Tenino to purchase pool passes for the 2025 season at a reduced rate:

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac to approve The Friends of Tenino to purchase pool passes for the reduced rate of \$75.00/ea.

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

Motion passes 4/0

9. Budget amendment Fund 310 QH Reno.

**Recommended action:** Motion to approve Budget Amendment Fund 310 QH Reno.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0

10. Grants ARTS WA 387-CP24-026

**Recommended action:** Motion to approve the budget amendment for the Grants ARTS WA 387-CP24-026 as presented.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0

11. Planning Commission Appointment

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the appointment of Valerie Roberts to position 5.

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

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

Motion passes 4/0

## RESOLUTIONS

None

## **ORDINANCES**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **12. Outside Agency**

1) Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Watterson read the report of George Sharp into the record.

The Chamber launched the Experience Tenino Campaign May 20th. Tenino Chamber Lunch Forum, June 18th, 2025, Noon at the Sandstone Café. They are excited to support Jessica Reeves-Rush with the Creative Arts Walk Thursday June 14, 2025. The EDC will be opening their satellite office at the AG Park as soon as the furniture arrives in the next two weeks. "STEDI" will be held June 20th, 2025 at the Bucoda Community Center.

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

2) Finance Committee: Next meeting is June 10, 2025. Mayor Watterson reported that the year end report is close to being done.

3) Planning Commission: Planning Commissioner Adam Carney stated that the Planning Commission voted to recruit Valerie Roberts to Chair Position 5. The Planning Commission made full recommendation. During the recent meeting on 5/14 the Community Survey was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Carney went over the bullet points of the housing preferences and community changes and improvements the community would like to see occur. Most important issues were for a safe community, people like the historic identity, parks and low crime. Housing preferences are single family homes. The survey reflected people would like to see more sidewalks and crosswalks preferably a safe crossing near/at the Market. Many people in the survey are planning to stay in Tenino long term. They state it will depend on taxes, and affordability.

5) Public Works Committee: Issued the bid to Lakeside for the Old Hwy 99 overlay project. They have been working on the Quarry Pool and warranty work. There was discussion regarding the feedback and questions that have come through regarding the bus stop and the concern of it not being ADA compliant. Mayor Watterson commented that he has reached out to Rural Transit regarding these concerns as they were whom requested the stops placement. PW director Cannon recommends the bus stop being at the City Park where there is shelter and better accommodations. The Lifeguards for the Quarry Pool summer have been hired. Pickleball and Basketball court are going in. The screens at the sewer plant need replaced, they will look into the emergency grant from Department of Ecology. The paving project was bid at almost half of what the project was estimated for, the thought is that PW could potentially pave a further distance than originally planned, they will look into the option.

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

1) Chief of Police: No officers attended but Mayor Watterson reported that he authorized to hire another officer.

4) PARC Specialist: Deliberation on potentially implementing a process for memorials at the City Park.

5) Clerk/Treasurer: Chad is ready to close 2024. Working on grants with Ronna and Jessica and getting details on grants progress. Councilmember Eisel requested a 5 year plan, C/T Reddick stated that she has started but will require the 2024 year to be closed before being able to proceed accurately.

6) Mayor: Mayor Watterson and C/T Reddick will attend the AWC conference, and they asked the Mayor to speak on grants. Mayor Watterson stated we are just trying to get the budget settled and everyone in the office is doing great work. He spoke on the court changes, we received notice that our Prosecutor has turned in their resignation. We now have a solid candidate for the position. He is still awaiting word back from the County regarding taking over the Court for Tenino.

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

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT): "Mondays in Bucoda" next will be the 2nd of June. Bucoda will be at the Creative Market on June 14th.

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board: Meeting next week.

4) Tenino School Board: End of the school year. Graduation is on June 13th, 2025. 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is June 16, 2025. Last day of school is June 17, 2025.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:46PM