

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 09, 2025

Minutes

WORK SESSION

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

1. Sample of the Interpretive Sign for the Veterans Wall near the Quarry Pool.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:30PM with the absence of Councilmember Gotovac:

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

AGENDA APPROVAL

2. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 09/09/2025 agenda as presented.

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes

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Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 8/26/2025 minutes as presented.

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Consent Calendar for August 27, 2025 through September 9, 2025 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$85,003.32 and Claims Checks #33554 through #33596 and EFT's in the amount of \$644,601.21 for a Grand Total of \$729,604.53.

This includes the reissuance of checks originally written to Gibbs & Olsen which needed to be made payable to the actual contractors of Lakeside Industries (\$340,090.34) and Travers Electric (\$176,020.81)

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Huber of 328 Briar Lane S, representing for The Home Owners Association on Briar Lane. "I am here about previous council meeting talking about engineering for the trail extension to the Agricultural Park. We look forward to it as a community but want to reiterate our offer that you previously declined. We did make an offer to the City, we own a pretty substantial chunk of the right of way along Old Hwy 99 and we wanted to reiterate that we do hold that and are open to talks to the city about potentially taking some of that right of way."

Mayor Watterson responded: "I will mention that to our people doing the design work out there and make them aware of that. Thank you for bringing that up."

PUBLIC HEARING

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None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Contract Renewal for Real Estate Services with Amy Evans-Harding.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Contract Renewal for Real Estate Service.

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

6. Remove retired employee, Ronna Barnes, from the City's Bank Accounts at Timberland Bank.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the removal of Ronna Barnes from the City's Bank Accounts at Timberland Bank.

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

RESOLUTIONS

7. Resolution adopting the 2025 Hazardous Waste Plan Update.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve adopting the 2025 Hazardous Waste Plan Update..

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

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

Motion passes: 4/0.

ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS

8. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp reported Chamber Luncheon on September 17th at noon at the Sandstone Café with guest speaker Adam Carney.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC) - Real Estate Forum at SPSCC September 25th held at the SPSCC Lacey Campus.
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) next meeting will be September 19th at 8-9:30AM at the Quarry House, followed by a tour of Wolf Haven.

9. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 2) Finance Committee - the meeting was today 9/9/25. The group spoke about the audit, the Federal Grant did not meet the criteria. All department heads are working on budgets. Clerk Reddick hopes to have the draft/calendar for 2026. We currently do not need to buy police department vests, we have two new vests on hand.
- 5) Public Works Committee - Quarry pool is done for the year and closed.

10. 14. Staff

- 1) Chief of Police - Had staff meeting today and Chief Auderer stated the new officer is riding second and field training.
- 2) Director of Public Works - Working on ballfields, they will require an archeological study before any further movement is made. And with weather coming the plans may be put on hold. The treatment plant is still working on the screens. They are submitting an emergency Grant for these screens. The main Auger broke and has been repaired twice, may need to replace it down the road.
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer - Reddick stated the state auditor asked when the reports. Councilmember O'Callahan suggested that a mid-year review be done to ensure they are on course. Clerk Reddick asked the councilmembers if they were okay with getting them emailed or preferred a hard copy. Most noted that if they came in an email they would just have to print a copy, so a hard copy seems the most effective. If any questions, please email her. The August reconciliation was done within 2-3 hours instead of days. Bank statements and budget reports will be provided but email if requiring anything further. It has been mentioned to look into pricing on a payroll company, but only for review at this time. We will not be renewing the Pitney Bowes postage meter once the contract is up in early 2026. We are finding ways to cut costs.
- 6) Mayor - Thurston County Court tried to shorten the length of time for when they take over the contract. Recently went to a meeting with the Tenino Food Warehouse and the Food Lifeline Group representative was there to see what work they have done with the facility. Grants and volunteers are assisting and making a lot of progress. They have helped over 500 people this last month and about 118 people in the last week. Long time

volunteers Ray Cooper and wife are leaving. The Food Bank is in need of help/volunteers. This Saturday 9/13/25 from 5-8PM is the Food Bank Dinner fundraiser.

11. 15. **Liaisons**

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board - The bike refurbishing project started and is done, 181 bicycles all ready and handed out. Christmas tree recycling projects in the works. Researching reduction in schools with focus on 4-5 grade.

4) Tenino School Board - Councilmember Lawton reported the football team won their 1st game. Girls Soccer and Volleyball have started.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Councilmember O'Callahan stated that they are going through End of Year cleanup.

6) Transportation Policy Board - Councilmember O'Callahan stated that they are going through End of Year cleanup.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember O'Callahan shared:

The Tenino Food Bank Fundraiser Dinner is this Saturday 9/13/25 from 5PM-8PM. During the day from noon-2PM at the High School there will be a First Responders Potluck, please bring a dish if you can. This will be his last one and Dave Champaign will taking over for him next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:43PM.