

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 09, 2025

Minutes

WORK SESSION

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:31PM with:

PRESENT

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

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AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 12/9/2025 agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 11/25/2025 minutes 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.

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Motion passes: 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Consent Calendar for November 26, 2025 through December 09, 2025 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$68,296.21 and Claims Checks #33753 through #33783 and EFT's in the amount of \$28,070.12 for a Grand Total of \$96,366.33.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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.

4. Treasurer's Report November 2025

Bank Reconciliation, November Bank Statements, Treasurer's Report, and Budget Position

C/T Reddick presented and discussed the Bank Reconciliation, November Bank Statements, Treasurer's Report, and Budget Position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Misty Dell a paraeducator at the Tenino Middle School and chair of the Community and Parent Engagement Committee this year. She explained that the committee recently worked on a plan to display five 4'X2' banners throughout the community to express our gratitude to parents and community members for their support of our schools and Camp Cispus. "While we can acknowledge parents through Facebook posts, we recognize that non-parent community members also significantly contribute to our schools success. Therefore, we would like to inquire if the City Council would grant us permission to hang these banners around town, and if so, what locations would be suitable and whether there are specific size requirements we need to adhere to."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Ordinance 938 Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year January1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Recommended Action: Move to accept as the second reading and motion to adopt Ordinance 938 2026 Budget.

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At 7:36PM, Mayor Watterson introduced C/T Reddick to explain the Ordinance 938 2026 Budget for Public Comment. The Mayor then opened the floor to Public Comment at 7:39PM, hearing no comment, opened to the Council, hearing no comment the Public Hearing was closed at 7:39PM.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Levy Certification amount change. No changes to Resolution 2025-07.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Presentation on Letter to Centralia Chronical of 5 November, 2025 from Councilmember Eisel.

Discussion only.

Councilmember Eisel presented his concerns regarding a letter submitted to the Centralia Chronicle that published on Nov 5th 2025 from Councilmember Jason Lawton.

Councilmember Lawton stated the he will not comment at this time.

8. Added Cancellation of City Council Meeting for 12/23/25.

Recommended Action: Motion to cancel City Council Meeting for 12/23/25.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

RESOLUTIONS

9. Resolution 2024-07 authorizing an interfund loan, loan was unused in 2024. This resolution will replace that at a lesser amount.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08 Interfund Loan

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

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

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Motion passes: 5/0.

ORDINANCES

10. Ordinance 937 2025 Budget Amendment.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance 937 2025 Budget Amendment.

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.

REPORTS

11. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp reports : Chambers meeting Wednesday Dec 17th at noon at the Sandstone Cafe.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC) - Next meeting on Friday Dec 19th at 8am at the AG Park.

12. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 2) Finance Committee - C/T Reddick discussed the Treasurers report and budget.
- 3) Planning Commission - Work on Draft Code Revisions on 12/10/25. Flood Plain.
- 5) Public Works Committee - Councilmember Klamn reported the PW crew have been catching up and cleaning up drains. They have recently acquired sandbags to be used throughout the city and are available at the public works department upon need.

13. 14. Staff

- 4) PARC Specialist - Jessica Reeves-Rush presented the the Tenino Museum will be having it's "Christmas at the Museum" on Saturday 12/13/25, there will be Santa Claus, kids crafts, drinks, scavenger hunt, great old fashioned decorations.
RCO grants update: COA /ball field grant, we have permission to proceed. The grant expires in June, so they are going to do some of the hard stuff first then file for an extension. YAF grant for the half basketball and pickleball court. WWRO - Arts Grant. Late 2026 Redo parking lot in old park. Some of the trails, better access, signage and kiosks.
Met with the Chamber about lodging tax they are going to add.
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick stated that the audit is over and the exit interview is Friday 12/12/25.
- 6) Mayor - Mayor Watterson and Councilmember Gotovac attended the Economic Summit, and attended the STEDI table. Met with the new Port Commissioner. Worked on charger

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program. Met with George and Cheryl from the Tenino Chamber of Commerce and discussed the OTR.

14. 15. Liaisons

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board - Councilmember Klamn reported on the recycle program. 10% rate for the Bucoda drop box and 12% rate for the Rainier drop box. There has been acceptance of the compactor but not approved until the hydraulic leak is corrected.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Meeting 12/12/25, presentation by the Port where several people were acknowledged.

6) Transportation Policy Board - Meeting 12/10/25 morning.

7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office - Councilmember O'Callahan reported they are getting budget finalized.

8) Legislature - Councilmember Gotovac stated that she may have updates by the second meeting of January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Watterson took a moment to thank Councilmember John O'Callahan and Councilmember Jason Lawton for their time serving on the City Council as this meeting is the last in their term since the 12/23/25 meeting was voted to be canceled. Councilmember O'Callahan shared his thank you to his fellow councilmembers and the city patrons for all the years working together. Councilmember John O'Callahan served six terms and Councilmember Jason Lawton served two terms.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.