



**CITY OF ROYAL CITY
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 21, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Royal City, Grant County, Washington, met in regular session on January 21, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Christensen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Christensen, Councilmembers Stanton Fanning, Hector Rodriguez and Rick Kannely.

A motion was made to excuse Councilmembers Garcia and Piercy. (m/s Kannely/Fanning), the motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT: Finance Director Janice Flynn, Public Works Director Curt Carpenter and Police Chief Rey Rodriguez

PRESENTATIONS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented with the correction of Council Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2025. (m/s Fanning/Rodriguez), the motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- Council Meeting Minutes from January 07, 2025
- Payroll 01/15/2025 in the amount of \$40,829.15
- Claims for 12/31/2024 #31884 – 31890 in the amount of \$91,373.30
- Claims for 01/21/2025 #31891 – 31902 in the amount of \$8,267.07

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

ORDINANCES

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Finance: The following was presented by Janice Flynn

- Interlocal Agreement with Grant County regarding the Investment Fund. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement with changes as presented by City attorney, pending acceptance by Grant County. (m/s Kannely/Fanning) the motion carried.**
- **A motion was made to approve all wages on the January 15, 2025 payroll, including those from the previous pay period to be paid at the 2025 wage rates. (m/s Fanning/Rodriguez) the motion carried.**

Police Department: The following was presented by Chief Rodriguez

- General business – The dealer through whom the new patrol car was ordered has closed their doors. Vehicle no longer at the site. Another dealership has been contacted to try and locate.
- K9 Program – There was discussion regarding donations. **A motion was made to approve a monthly donation of dog food from a basin business valued at over \$1,000.00 per year and a donation over \$1,000.00 from a local business. (m/s Fanning/Kannely) the motion carried.**
- Salary adjustment for our K9 officer. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve a salary increase of 5% over the officer's base salary retroactive to 12/01/2024. Increase will continue as long as the K9 is in service. (m/s Kannely/Fanning) the motion carried.**
- Code enforcement – City municipal codes need to be updated and entered into new police program to coordinate with Grant County District Court system. Chief Rodriguez stated that code enforcement officer Rick Rodriguez with the Moses Lake Police Dept could complete this project. The estimated time for completion is eighty (80) hours and cost would be \$50.00 per hour. Chief also stated that Rick Rodriguez is his brother. There was discussion. **A motion was made to approve the use of services of Officer Rick Rodriguez to update the City municipal code. Services are limited to a maximum of eighty (80) hours at \$50.00 per hour. (m/s Kannely/Hector) the motion carried.**

Public Works: The following was presented by Curt Carpenter

- General business
- Bulk waste program – There was discussion. Program to be re-evaluated at a later date.
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Planning & Building:

- None

Legal:

- None

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COUNCIL REPORT & COMMENTS –

- Councilmember Rodriguez discussed using the Golf Course Community Center on a regular basis for a counseling group.

MAYOR’S REPORT & COMMENTS –

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ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm (motion by Kannely). Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice Flynn, Finance Director