

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

Minutes

WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Linda Gotovac 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

2. Agenda Approval for 6/24/25

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 6/24/2025 agenda as presented.

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

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

Motion passes 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

Motion passes 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Consent Calendar for June 11, 2025 through June 24,2025 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$43,825.26 and Claims Checks #33378 through # 33397 and EFT's
in the amount of \$34,058.48 for a Grand Total of \$77,878.74.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PRESENTATIONS

5. Pam Light would like to present a check to the City on behalf of the Splash Bash Committee for the Quarry Pool as well as a check to the City (Jessica Reeves-Rush) for Family Fun Day.

Recommended Motion: Motion to approve acceptance of the donations.

Pam Light presented \$400 in support of the Library for the summer reading program as a Quarry Pool pass incentive.

Pam thanked Linda McKenna from the Timberland Library. Linda did a visit to the Parkside Elementary to present the reading program and the incentive prize of a pass to the quarry pool. Thanking the Splash Bash Committee

Tenino Splash Bash Committee and the Park Foundation of Thurston County presented a donation of \$9,000.00 grant of funds to support the City of Tenino operations and Quarry Pool and \$1,000.00 for Tenino Family Fun day for the 2025 other operations as well as the Family Fun Day.

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

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

Motion passes 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discuss and review recent 2023 Audit Report.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the and accept the 2023 Audit Report and cities response.

Treasurer Reddick the one for the regular Audit, financial statement and load. She has a written response to send to the auditors on Friday or the following Monday. We will also have a finding for our single audit CDBG Grant, we failed to have language in the contracts for that with our subcontractors regarding prevailing wage. Those will be the two finding for the 2023 audit year. Councilmember Eisel responded with concerns in the statement in the financial report response regarding the clause "the cause of condition". His concern with the statement of the City having recent turnover in key positions and employees responsible for financial oversight having a lack of experience and training in financial reporting, as such employees did not make the cities management and council aware of the cities poor financial health. He does not agree with not stating that it was management and council who are responsible for the oversights and should not be blamed solely on the employees as he feels the statement represents. He has requested that response be amended with acknowledging that the management and council be addressed as accountable for the oversights and the cities financial health. Treasurer Reddick agreed if she were to edit the response that the councilmember please email the requested edits to be discussed with the Mayor before amending. We need to have this 2023 Audit response turned in on 7/2/25. Councilmember Gotovac agrees with the response and supports sending it as is. It was agreed to edit the response to include management and council to be included in the fault. Mayor Watterson confirmed that he read the response and would like to have the letter sent as is for the 2023 report and when we move to the 2024 report we can address the concerns further. Treasurer Reddick states the findings are pretty black and white, the city as at fault for the incorrect reporting. Councilmember O'Callahan agrees that the Mayor sign the response and approve it to be sent. Treasurer Reddick will go through the report and edit any wording placing the blame on employees except for the the Council, Mayor and the Treasurer as the responsible party for the reporting that was inaccurate. It was stated the Auditors Office only puts the responsibility on the City as a whole, not individual employees.

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

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

Motion passes 5/0.

7. Transportation Improvement Board "Consultant Supplemental Agreement"

Recommended Action: Move to approve the TIB's Consultant Supplemental Agreement.

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

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

Motion passes 5/0.

8. 2025-2045 Tenino Comprehensive Plan Draft

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the draft of the Tenino Comprehensive Plan.

9. Bob Shaw - request for refund/credit to account due to leak.

Recommended Action: Move to approve or deny the request for bill reduction due to a leak under the house.

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

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

Motion denied 5/0.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

None

REPORTS

10. Outside Agency

3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - Councilmember O'Callahan reported that George Sharp from the EDC spoke about the tours that were given by the Arts Commission. There will not be another meeting until the end of September.

5) Timberland Regional Library - Linda McKinney, the coordinating librarian for the South Thurston Region of the Timberland Library. Still in the process of hiring a replacement for Nate, things are going smoothly. The Tumwater Library is reopening on Saturday 6/28/25. Summer library program is going terrifically, they have programs all the time and this Thursday 6/26/25 is Crafternoon from 3:30PM-4:30PM for adults. This Friday 5/27/25 from 5:30PM-7PM is Family Movie at the Library. Fairly new is a walking club for adults that is the first Tuesday of the Month. Thank you to the Splash Bash committee.

11. Committees/Commissions

2) Finance Committee - Clerk Reddick

3) Planning Commission - Commissioner Carney addressed the Comprehensive Plan, it is not finished yet. Tonight was supposed to be an overview from our planners as to what the Comprehensive Plan is looking like. Malissa from SCJ was sick and unable to attend and present. A copy of the plan and presentation was provided to the Council and will be presented and discussed at a later time. Council requested hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan. It is still completely in draft form and has not been presented to the Council. It is estimated to have a presentation in the next month. Before the plan is voted on it will be presented and will have public comment, there will be a notice that goes out. The estimate would be in August, the vote would potentially voted on at the end of that meeting.

12. Staff

4) PARC Specialist - Jessica Reeves-Rush reported the success of Family fun day most of the volunteers and the vendors showed. The Quarry Pool is officially open and we have a lot of new staff. Mentioned that she has been on the Norseman property and the trails are getting cleared and it is looking amazing, we are not ready to present it yet. There is a future project for Disc Golf that will be put in unutilized areas in the park. We are almost ready to break ground for the COAF for the Ballfield Grant. We were awarded the Basketball and Pickleball grant. Good things will be happening in the park.

13. Liaisons

4) Tenino School Board - Councilmember Lawton stated that School is out. Councilmember Eisel spoke about recent conversation with students the last day school since it was released early and suggested that the Quarry Pool be open possibly a few days earlier and the city potentially host a Graduation party with chaperones. Give students more opportunities while school is out to keep occupied. It was quickly discussed and that it requires lifeguards and staff to entertain the idea and would have to have a plan in place if the City were to potentially add additional days to have the pool open. Councilmember Eisel agreed and stated that he would bring it up at a schoolboard meeting to discuss the idea further for future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Gotovac adjourned the meeting at 7:46PM