

**City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

1. Discussion of 5/27/2025 agenda items to add

Fire Chief Andrew Schafferon gave updates: They had 23 calls in the last 30 days. They are moving forward on proposal for a property for a new station. East Olympia and Bucoda are in partnership, Bucoda's capital expenditure budget to get a bedroom remodel. Volunteer applicants are high. Rating bureau is coming in June for 25'/26' rating. The goal is that Station 42 is a training ground and no longer a station and Bucoda will be the station that covers the South end.

Mayor Watterson researched all the land that is owned by the city. The Mayor will provide the info for the council to look over for surplusage.

**CALL TO ORDER 6:30PM**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

2. Agenda Approval

**Recommended Action:** Motion by Councilmember O'Callahan to approve the amended agenda to include councilmember Gotovac's excused to the consent calendar.

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Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, to approve the amended agenda to include councilmember Gotovac's excusal to the consent calendar. 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

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 4/22/2025 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 April 22, 2025 through May 13, 2025 consisting of Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$67,085.22 and Claims Checks #33262 through #33305 and EFT's in the amount of \$57,160.89 for a Grand Total of \$124,246.11.

Liquor License Renewals: None

**Recommended Action:** Motion by Councilmember O'Callahan to include the approved excusal of councilmember Gotovac.

Motion by Councilmember O'Callahan to include the approved excusal of councilmember Gotovac. Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

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

Motion passes 4/0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

5. Presentation by Maria Rodriguez police clerk on Police Officer John H Dowies

Maria Rodriguez spoke of Officer Dowies. May 15th is the day to honor fallen officers.

6. TRPC will hold a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan

Katrina Van Every, Chief Clerk spoke about the Regional Transportation Plan that is required every 5 years.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 7. Recommended Action:** Move to approve Proclamation for Bicycle Community Challenge for the Month of May.

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.

- 8. Recommended Action:** Move to approve Proclamation for Safe Boating and Paddling Week.

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.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

9. Cascadia Renewables contract

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the contract with Cascadia Renewables.

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.

10. Tenino Creative District Grant Agreement

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve Mayor Watterson to sign the grant agreement for The Creative District

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.

## NEW BUSINESS

11. Authorization to remove Veronica Barnes from all Timberland Bank accounts and add Nancy Reddick as Signer on Timberland Bank Accounts starting 5/15/25.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve removing Veronica Barnes from all Timberland bank accounts and adding Nancy Reddick as a signer on Timberland bank accounts starting 5/15/25.

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.

12. Extending the current contract for the use of the Quarry House for the Lions Club for three years. In Lieu of purchase of the new stove.

**Recommended action:** Approve Mayor Watterson to extend the current contract with the Lions Club another three years.

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.

13. 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 motion to approve waiving the Special Events fee and deposit for the 2025 season. Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Councilmember Klamn requested we look back at previous council meeting regarding discussion and approval of not passing any waivers of deposits for special events for 2025.

Voting Yea: Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton

Voting Nay: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion did not pass 2/2.

14. Clerk/Treasurer Reddick requests approval for amended 2025 Budget as follows: see attached

**Recommended Motion:** Motion to approve the 2025 Budget amendment adding the Old Hy 99 Overlay.

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.

15. Request for Services between Thurston County Dept of Public Works and City of Tenino for the Creative District Sign Install MOU

**Recommended Action:** Motion to authorize Mayor Watterson to enter into the MOU with TC Public Works for the Creative Sign Installs.

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**

## **ORDINANCES**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **16. Outside Agency**

- 1) Chamber of Commerce**
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)**
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)**
- 4) ARCH Commission**
- 5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)**
- 6) Timberland Regional Library**

### **12. Outside Agency**

1) Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Watterson read the report from George Sharp into the record, The Chamber will hold a meeting on Wed May 21st at 12pm at The Stone Event Center. "Steady" on May 16th at the Event Center in Yelm. EDC's "Inspire" conducts on

May 22nd at 8am-5pm at the Great Wolf Lodge.

**17. 13. Committees/Commissions**

- 1) Civil Service Commission
- 2) Finance Committee
- 3) Planning Commission
- 4) Public Safety Committee
- 5) Public Works Committee

None

**18. 14. Staff**

- 1) Chief of Police
- 2) Director of Public Works
- 3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
- 4) PARC Specialist
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer
- 6) Mayor

1) Chief of Police: Officer Lee reported on the update of the suspect that had been on the run since May 8th, where he had shot at a Deputy's vehicle in the Tenino area. Confirmed that Damien Madison has been arrested as if 5/13/25 near the Arizona/California border.

2) Director of Public Works: Public Works spending a large amount of hours mowing throughout the city.

5) Clerk/Treasurer: Clerk Treasurer, working with the auditors office on the 2024 Audit as it is almost complete.

6) Mayor: Reported at the beginning of meeting. Regarding the land that is owned by the city. He will provide the info for the council to review for surplus. Meeting with Commerce, discussion about matching funds with the larger cities and technical assistance and who we reach out to for grants? Can they have one person to contact? How bigger counties get a bigger sum, how do they divide the resources. Department head staff meeting, regarding grants, Police staffing, budget, backflow testing.

**19. 15. Liaisons**

- 1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)

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- 2) Solid Waste Advisory Board
- 3) TCOMM/911
- 4) Tenino School Board
- 5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
- 6) Transportation Policy Board
- 7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office
- 8) Legislature

4) Tenino School Board: Councilmember Eisel spoke about "Hidden in Plain Sight" how to recognize signs of substance use or abuse with teenagers living in the house. There was a good response to the "drug takeback" event at the Police Station, Maria Rodriguez reported they took in 54 pounds of drugs.

6) Transportation Policy Board: Councilmember Klamn reported that the next meeting June 5, 2025.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Klamn stated the Veterans wall is going great.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm