

**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

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

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Mayor Watterson introduced some of our guests to come up early so they do not have to stay the entire meeting. Tana Morehead, Public Affairs Specialist with the Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience presented a Fact Sheet on Disaster Load Program. This would be for anyone recovering from a natural disaster. She gave a rundown of what types of disasters were eligible for financial assistance. Homeowners, renters and business owners.

Fire Chief Gray gave an update of three things that have transpired this month. There were 15 calls in March and our response time went up. Hired a new employee, they start training tomorrow and they now have 10 employees. The Station Build has some challenges that need looked further into.

The Tenino Library Regional Manager Brenda came and spoke about the layoffs, changes for branches with hours and open/closures. They are going to be changing Saturdays to EAH (expanded access hours) effective May 18th 8am-10pm with card access only. The Summer reading program, they are trying to coordinate other small events like "Touch a Truck" with the Tenino Fire Station.

Brian, the director of Bucoda, WA spoke about the topic of the Tenino Sewer Treatment Plant becoming a regional wastewater plant.

1. Fireworks may be sold and purchased from:

(Code 1988, § 8.09.030; Ord. No. 722, § 2, 2006)

Proposed change in times and dates fireworks can be sold and purchased.

From June 28th - July 5th to June 29 - July 4th 9:00a.m. until 11p.m.

Administrator Maria Rodriguez presented the current ordinance for firework sales and discharge details. Proposing to change the ordinance to match the rest of the county, especially Rainier to keep in line to make it easier for public responders.

2. Review 8.09.040. Dates and times fireworks may be used and discharged

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Proposed change of times and removal of use and discharge on July 5th and December 31st - January 1st.

July 3rd 9:00a.m. - 11:00p.m.

July 4th 9:00a.m - 11:00p.m.

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:30PM with:

#### **PRESENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

#### **ABSENT**

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

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### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

3. Agenda Approval

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 04/28/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4. Approval of Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 04/14/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

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Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Consent Calendar for April 15, 2026 through April 28, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$71,212.29 and Claims Checks #34051 through #34091 and EFT's in the amount of \$122,545.87 for a Grand Total of \$193,758.16.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

6. Amended Consent Calendar for March 24, 2026 through April 14, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$99,282.01 and Claims Checks #34005 through #34050 and EFT's in the amount of \$228,555.833 for a Grand Total of \$327,837.84.

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

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

7. Formal adoption of the Tenino Comprehensive Plan Update.

Purpose: taking public input on the formal adoption of the Tenino Comprehensive Plan Update.

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**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the formal adoption of the Tenino Comprehensive Plan Update.

Mayor Watterson started the Public Hearing at 7:32pm, introduced our Planning presenter Dan Penrose. He explained that the initial draft had been presented and the Council approved it going forward, the Final draft is ready and has been available to review on our website and the Council packet.

7:37p.m. Mayor Watterson opened the floor to comments: No public comments. No Council comments. Mayor Watterson asked about ADU's and what that will look like in the next 10years and what is in the Comp Plan. Mr. Penrose stated that it would be ideal to look for ways to standardize things. Possibly find contractors to partner with to potentially bring costs down. Also things like how to make permits happen faster by having some basic requirements.

Councilmember Carney stated: the Comp plan is a vision statement, mandatory aspects are in the plan.

7:49p.m. Public Hearing is closed.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. The Town of Bucoda is writing to express its interest in exploring a partnership between the City of Tenino and the Town of Bucoda. The Town of Bucoda would ask the City of Tenino to support the possibility of Tenino becoming a regional wastewater plant for both municipalities. The Town of Bucoda believes that by working together, we can create a mutually beneficial relationship that benefit both our cities.

Here are some main goals Bucoda would like to discuss:

1. Bucoda Moving forward on a feasibility study for a pressured sewer line running from Bucoda to Tenino that would be placed under the Tenino Trail.
2. Discuss a long-term partnership, responsibilities, future terms, and budget enhancements.
3. Setting a time for a workshop to have a round table discussion.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve further discussion of the potential partnership with the Town of Bucoda regarding the Tenino Wastewater plant.

Brian the Director of Bucoda has talked with Mayor Watterson and County Commissioners about a feasibility study to make Tenino into a regional Wastewater. They are seeking a signed letter of intent from Tenino, showing we are on board until they hit a wall. Run a pressure system and run the trail from Tenino to Bucoda. They have been running the idea with engineers and are looking at all the variables of how to make this work to be beneficial to both. Tenino has the capacity and Bucoda would like to be a part of helping us and getting their town setup for sewer.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

## RESOLUTIONS

9. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Tenino, Washington, declaring certain real property as surplus; authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a purchase and sale agreement with Tenino community service center, subject to City Council approval; and making findings regarding public benefit.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the Declaration of Surplus for the Property at 748-798 Sussex Ave W. Tenino, WA.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

10. Resolution 2026-04

Update repayment schedule, term, and final payment date for IF Loan resolution 2024-06.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Resolution 2026-04.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

11. Re solution 2026-05

Repealing Resolution 2024-07. Unused approved IF loan 2024.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Resolution 2026-05.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney,  
Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes:4/0.

12. Resolution 2026-06

Update repayment schedule, term, and final payment date for IF Loan resolution 2025-08.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve Resolution 2026-06.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney,  
Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes 4/0.

**ORDINANCES**

13. Ordinance 939 - Abolish Investigative Fund, this fund has been at zero for close to 10 years and is no longer necessary to the Police Department.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the Ordinance 939.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney,  
Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

14. Repeal 371 petty cash fund, this fund has been deemed no longer necessary as we now use credit cards for all small purchases.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve the Ordinance 940.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney,  
Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 4/0.

**REPORTS**

15. **Outside Agency**

1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp presented, next meeting is May 1st at 7:30AM at the Sandstone Cafe focus on business networking. May 15th at 1PM at the Tenino Community Center ribbon cutting. The OTD planning is running full steam ahead.

2) Economic Development Council (EDC)

3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)

4) ARCH Commission 5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)

5) Timberland Regional Library - Regional manager Brenda came and gave a quick update. She stated that Saturday will be added to the EAH to Sun, Mon, where they need card to get in. 8am-10pm effective May 18th. Summer program events in the works.

#### **16. 13. Committees/Commissions**

1) Civil Service Commission

2) Finance Committee

3) Planning Commission

4) Public Safety Committee

5) Public Works Committee - Working on the Little league field will be all done after the season. Working on the Basketball and Pickleball court.

#### **17. 14. Staff**

1) Chief of Police - Tenino PD along with BTHAT participated in the drug takeback event at the TPD. 84lbs of medication was sent to DEA.

2) Director of Public Works - Start paving soon on the Old 99 project.

3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector - A lot of permits and getting things paid.

4) PARC Specialist - Deep cleaned floors at the Quarry House.

5) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick updated on the unclaimed property report. There have been 40 that have been sent letters and we have been contacted by at least 10 of them. Still working on annual reports, May 5th starting to work on the 2027 budget. If any thoughts or questions please email or call Nancy or Dave. Note: Ordinance police fund has been at zero for a long time.

6) Mayor - Watterson reported that he attended a trail design meeting online. Had a meeting with Waterworth and pretty sure our numbers are in line for sewer rates. Have not made any decisions on water percent, next time meeting with rate design. Look to see if there would be multiple options, Business and Residential, smaller usages verses large quantities multi family vs single family, etc. Declares surplus on the property for the food bank.

#### **18. 15. Liaisons**

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT) - no report, councilmember Eisel absent.

- 2) Solid Waste Advisory Board
- 3) TCOMM/911
- 4) Tenino School Board
- 5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
- 6) Transportation Policy Board - meeting coming up.
- 7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office
- 8) Legislature
- 9) Oregon Trail Days - Planning at full steam per George Sharp and Councilmember Curtiss.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

None.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Gotovac reminding everyone to NOT forget about Splash Bash on May 16 and you can save \$10 on tickets if you buy online at the Iron Works Boutique.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 8.07pm.