

**City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**Minutes**

**WORK SESSION**

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

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

Jody Stoltz with the Tenino Food Bank presented a Letter of Intent that has a limit timeline per Realtor Seth Sharp. The Food Banks accountant gave a rundown on the finances involved. The are actively looking for other sources for fundraisers and grants. It was asked why the Food bank would want to buy when they could have more money in hand. If they purchased it would give the Food Bank a permanent home and that is the end goal.

City Planner Malissa Burgess with SCJ Alliance is asking for a Public Hearing on 4/24/26 for the Comp Plan Update, she will provide much more information at that time with a presentation and able to answer Council and public questions.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

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**AGENDA APPROVAL**

1. Agenda Approval

March 24, 2026

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 03/24/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 2. Approval of Minutes

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the 03/10/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 3. Consent Calendar for March 11, 2026 through March 24, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$37,280.32 and Claims Checks #33976 through #34004 and EFT's in the amount of \$165,373.59 for a Grand Total of \$202,653.91.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Fire Chief Kris Gray state there were 27 call in the city with an average response time of 5mins. The department itself is doing really well. The rating is finally been done and we are at a 5 and the rest of his district is a 4. What would help get our number lower would be annual fire safety inspections for business and educational piece. Right now inspection is only happening when a permit comes in. Fire hydrants need updated. We have about 8 of the old Village hydrants to slowly replace and inspections. The one by the Food Bank is critical. Public works is the ones who would change these. The fire dept has signed a contract for New Property, there will be phases. They will still use the current station.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rachel Huber suggesting that the area between Scattercreek and Old Hwy 99 is narrow and very dangerous for pedestrians to walk or bike. She is requesting the City possibly add signage referencing "Caution to Pedestrians" if not able to do anything else with walking paths or roadway.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

4. National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

5. Final Tenino Comprehensive Plan.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve holding a Public Hearing on 4/28/26 of the Final Tenino Comprehensive Plan for formal adoption.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

6. Bill 6110 Letter of Support for John O'Callahan. Subject: E-Bikes

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve adding to the Agenda the Endorsement Letter on behalf of John O'Callahan for the E-Bike work group .

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Tenino Food Bank

Jody Stoltz to submit and LOI to the Council for the purchase of 748 and 798 Sussex Ave W.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve moving forward in the process of surplusing the old city shop and cold storage warehouse.

Jody Stoltz presented the Letter of Intent for the purchase of the Old Public Works and the Cold Storage Warehouse.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

8. Planning Commission candidates:

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the appointment of Pam Light and Brain Ganster to Positions #1 & #4.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

9. Tenino Arts - Special Events Application Fee exempt request.

Request that the Special Events Application Fee be exempted as a requirement for the Tenino Arts (non-profit) and Tenino Stone Carver Guild Application to hold the Tenino Arts Stone City Arts Festival on Saturday June 13th 2026, on Olympia Street near the Stone Carvers Shed.

Noting the financial crisis our city faces at this time, we would like to remit \$50 to help cover a portion of the processing fees.

**Recommended Action:** Move to approve waiving or denying the Special Events Fee.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

## RESOLUTIONS

10. Annual update of Consolidated Fee Schedule per Ordinance 870.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the Annual update of Consolidated Fee Schedule per Ordinance 870.

Motion made by Councilmember Carney, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney.

Motion passes: 3/0.

## ORDINANCES

## REPORTS

## **11. Outside Agency**

- 1) Chamber of Commerce - George Sharp reported Chamber Luncheon is on at noon.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - April 17th at 8AM

## **12. 13. Committees/Commissions**

- 2) Finance Committee - Councilmember Klamn stated the City is working with Right Systems to help reduce our IT fees. Springbrook is helping C/T with reports.
- 3) Planning Commission - Comp Plan Update.
- 5) Public Works Committee - working on ballfields, they will be getting blacktop on Friday. At this time we are unable to mow the field for it is too wet.

## **13. 14. Staff**

- 1) Chief of Police - Out on extended leave
- 4) PARC Specialist - Jessica Reeves-Rush is working on the Wastewater treatment facilities screen grant.
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer - This meeting we do not have a Treasurer's report (monthly). Councilmembers may get emails for RMS training. There are standards the insurance requires. We do have the fee schedule to update, there are only a few. Annual reports are due in May, Those take quite some time. Nancy and Laurie are doing training on unclaimed property.
- 6) Mayor - TRPC was via Zoom. Met with Aslan for an overview of the AG Park, going over revenues, B&O Taxes, etc. Went to the Firefighter Crab Feed, it was great and a success. A Public Meeting has been announced for Saturday March 28th at 10AM-12PM at the Tenino Elementary School for the overview of the budget and police. Waterworth is setup. Had a meeting with Colvin Ranch about wastewater. They will have to go through Ecology to work through the requirements. There was a Mayors meeting in Bucoda last week, and Councilmember/Finance Committee Klamn and C/T Reddick and The Mayor had meeting with Sherriff Sanders 3/20/26 and will be discussed during the Town Hall Meeting.

## **14. 15. Liaisons**

- 5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Mayor attended meeting via Zoom.
- 6) Transportation Policy Board - Looking for small cities grant for "sidewalks" with focus on Downtown.
- 8) Legislature - Was done on the 12th.

9) Oregon Trail Days - Jody gave update, they are just moving forward. Short meeting with Cheryl, spoke about wanting improvement with the signage.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS 2**

John O'Callahan - he stated that if anyone has any questions about E-Bikes to reach out to him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Saturday 28th at the Elementary School at 10am-12pm. Councilmember Eisel stated to please come to the meeting and hear what ppl have to say.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.