

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Minutes

WORK SESSION

Mayor Watterson convened the work session at 6:31 pm with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

1. Levy Briefing by Superintendent Endicott

Superintendent Endicott presented the Tenino School District Replacement Capital Projects Levy: Facts & Information Brochure that will be going out to registered voters and the Tenino Community. He discussed the upcoming needed repairs and maintenance for major equipment, water heaters, roofing repair and replacement among upgrades of electrical, fire, and water systems as well as security and outdoor maintenance that the School Levy is unable to cover. He expressed the need for the Replacement Levy and encourages registered voters to vote, the election day is February 10, 2026

2. Discussion of Council Appointments to Committees

Mayor Watterson regarded the Councilmember in reviewing and determining which Committees required mandatory attendance. Below are the Mandatory meetings and the members who agreed they could attend, the vote to confirm the members to attend will be later in the meeting under Old Business.

Civil Service Commission - Councilmember Klamn

Finance Committee - Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney

Public Safety Committee - Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney

Public Works Committee - Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Klamn

Thurston Regional Planning Council - Mayor Watterson

Transportation Policy Board - Mayor Watterson

Solid Waste Advisory Board - Councilmember Klamn (3yr appointment)

Non-Mandatory:

Tenino School Board - Councilmember Curtiss, Councilmember Eisel.

S.T.E.D.I. - Councilmember Gotovac, Mayor Watterson

Emergency Management Council - Mayor Watterson

Museum - Jessica Reeves-Rush

Fire District No.12 - Report when they need to.

Law and Justice Council - Chief Auderer

January 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Watterson convened the regular Council Meeting at 7:31PM with:

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

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AGENDA APPROVAL

3. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 01/13/2026 agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 12/09/2025 minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Consent Calendar for December 10, 2025 through December 23, 2025 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$53,398.08 and Claims Checks #33754 through #33811 and EFT's in the amount of \$60,900.07 for a Grand Total of \$114,298.18.

Consent Calendar for December 24, 2025 through December 31, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$74,564.00 and Claims Checks #33812 through #33834 and EFT's in the amount of \$57,145.95 for a Grand Total of \$131,709.95.

Consent Calendar for January 01, 2026 through January 13, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$0.00 and Claims Checks #33835 through #33850 and EFT's in the amount of \$37,634.45 for a Grand Total of \$37,634.45.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

Consent Calendar for December 10, 2025 through December 23, 2025 consisting of:

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

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

Consent Calendar for December 24, 2025 through December 31, 2026 consisting of:

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

Consent Calendar for January 01, 2026 through January 13, 2026 consisting of:

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

6. Mayor Watterson to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Linda Gotovac - City Council, Position No.1

Mayor Watterson administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Linda Gotovac for City Council, Position No.1. Councilmember Gotovac affirmed the Oath as The Councilmember Position No.1.

7. Mayor Watterson to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Adam Carney - City Council, Position No.3

Mayor Watterson administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Adam Carney for City Council, Position No.3. Councilmember Carney affirmed the Oath as The Councilmember Position No.3.

8. Mayor Watterson to administer the Oath of Office to Councilmember Tianne Curtiss - City Council, Position No.4

Mayor Watterson administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Tianne Curtiss for City Council, Position No.4. Councilmember Curtiss affirmed the Oath as The Councilmember Position No.4.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Committee Assignments

Voted Committee positions as below:

Civil Service Commission - Councilmember Klamn

Finance Committee - Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember Carney

Public Safety Committee - Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Carney

Public Works Committee - Councilmember Eisel, Councilmember Klamn

Thurston Regional Planning Council - Mayor Watterson

Transportation Policy Board - Mayor Watterson

Solid Waste Advisory Board - Councilmember Klamn (3yr appointment)

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

10. Mayor Pro Tempore and Committee/Commission/Liaison Assignments

Each January, the Council votes to select a Mayor Pro Tempore from among their number in the event the Mayor is unavailable.

Also each January, the Council votes to accept or reject Mayoral recommendations for Committee/Commission/Liaison assignments.

Recommended action: Move to nominate Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, when required, and to approve the Committee/Commission/Liaison assignments as submitted (or as modified.)

Councilmember Klamn nominated Councilmember Eisel.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

Councilmember Curtiss nominated Councilmember Gotovac.

Motion made by Councilmember Curtiss, Seconded by Councilmember Carney.

Final Vote - Must have 3 votes:

Councilmember Eisel - (1) Councilmember Klamn, (2) Councilmember Eisel.

Councilmember Gotovac - (1)Councilmember Curtiss, (2)Councilmember Carney,
(3)Councilmember Gotovac.

Councilmember Gotovac is confirmed as the 2026 Mayor Pro Tempore.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Purchase of 2022 Chevrolet Silverado PU and 2019 Chevrolet Colorado PU for Public Works.

These BARS budget lines were approved in the 2026 budget. The purchase will come 50% from Fund 402(Water Cap Imp Fund) and 50% from Fund 421 (Sewer Capital Imp Fund).

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the purchase of 2022 Chevrolet Silverado PU and 2019 Chevrolet Colorado PU for Public Works.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

12. Tenino Historic Kiosk: MOU with Thurston County Historic Commission.

Commissioners have reached out to Jessica Reeves Rush earlier this year to propose supporting updates and new panels for the Tenino kiosk, which would require a Memorandum of Understanding to use the county Historic Commission funds for the project.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Tenino and Thurston County.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

13. Community and Parent Engagement Committee Banner request proposal.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve banner placement throughout the city.

This was a discussion not a vote. The council had no objections for the request to allow the banners to be placed appropriately per our Municipal Code.

14. Consultant Agreement w/Gibbs & Olson for Old 99 Ovly 2026 project

Recommended Action: Consultant agreement for TIB contract 2-W-977(004) FY 2026West City Limits to Miles Sand & Gravel.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

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

Motion passes: 5/0.

15. Present December 2026 Treasurer's report & budget position

C/T Reddick presented and discussed the December 2025 Treasurer's report and budget position. The council had no further questions. She is working through the unclaimed checks going back to 2016. Should have been provided to the State as unclaimed property (checks not cashed) She is working to get the list to where it should be at 1pg vs the 3pgs it currently is. Next meeting there will be a resolution to move all investment related accrued interest into the city's General Fund for approval.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS

16. Outside Agency

1) Chamber of Commerce - Mayor Watterson reported on behalf of George Sharp. Partnership with the Tenino School District is to hold a Community in Unity dinner on Wednesday January 21st from 5:30PM-7PM at the Kodiak Room, if you are interested go to the Tenino Chamber of Commerce Website. Next Chamber Lunch Forum on February 18th at the Stone City Event Center with featured speaker Mayor Watterson. Tenino Arts Spring Market starting March 14th-16th at the Kodiak Room.

2) Economic Development Council (EDC) - meeting on Friday 1/16/26 from 8AM-9AM at the Stone City Event Center.

3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - meeting on Friday 1/16/26 from 8AM-9AM at the Stone City Event Center. After the meeting Mayor Watterson is to meet with Sherriff Sanders and Commissioner Wayne Fournier, for we received a grant for Flock Cameras. He thinks they are going to propose that we not do that right now. Though he does think it would be a good thing for small cities.

17. 13. Committees/Commissions

2) Finance Committee - we are going to have meetings very soon.

3) Planning Commission - next meeting tomorrow 1/14/26, just discussing what the priorities will be and housekeeping things.

18. 14. Staff

- 1) Chief of Police - Mayor Watterson stated he spoke with Chief this morning in a meeting and was informed that Grant Program has opened, so they are working on that now. We need one policy in place before we are eligible.
- 2) Director of Public Works - they are working on the Ballfield, things that don't require excavation. Trying to make improvements for the grant and fencing issues. Solar at the Food Bank Cold Storage found that we need to reinforce rafters. Public Works is taking that on, so they can move forward.
- 4) PARC Specialist - C/T Reddick stated that Jessica Reeves-Rush has been working hard on closing the CURB Grant for the AG Park. She has done an amazing job, she has had to go back and match up all the expenditures. Once it is final we should see about \$150,000.00.
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick presented the Treasurer's report, working through the unclaimed checks going back to 2016. Should have been provided to the State as unclaimed property (checks not cashed) She is working to get the list to where it should be at 1pg vs the 3pgs it currently is. These are from over the last 9 or 10yrs as unclaimed property. Usually should only see the last year or two. Next meeting will bring resolution for approval to move interest funds to General Funds instead of being disbursed throughout the other accounts. She checked with the State Auditors office and our attorney and they said we could do that. This should bring \$16K-\$18K to the General Fund. New part-time employee, waiting to introduce her in the next meeting. Gave budget proposal report for 2025, may or may not change, if it does change it will be minimal. Working on closing out the year, W-2's and 1099's. Public Works has vehicles on the agenda that were approved on the budget but we now have 2 proposed vehicles to approve. There have been fraud attempts on our bank account, a couple of checks and ACH. We have moved to "Positive Pay" with the bank, we send the bank a list of checks we are processing and if they get a check in that does not meet the parameters of that list they will bounce it. The alternative was closing our accounts and that would have created a lot of work for everyone. Today was our last Court day before it moves to County.
- 6) Mayor - Mayor Watterson presented that The Thurston Public Health District, he will now be the South County Representative. Meetings from 3:15PM to 5:15PM. Now will be able to share with other cities and communities. Working a to around the budget. Participated in the mayors forum along with the new mayor from Tumwater. Sister cities did talk about meeting about partnering with Tumwater - open discussion how to be more effective and proficient. Budget passed and balanced, but if we didn't make a transfer from the sewer and water funds we would have very minimal starting balances. We have to focus on three things this year, end of year balance should have a carryover three months of bills, we have to have a carryover at least enough to get us through the first few months. 2nd) Budget shortfall, transferred all our fund to our general funds, we have no reserve funds right now. Debt we have, loans recommendation for 15 yr program, need to relook at that loan and how long to pay it back.

19. 15. Liaisons

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT) - next meeting Monday Feb. 2nd 4PM-6PM in Bucoda.

4) Tenino School Board - Superintendent Endicott presented the Tenino School District Replacement Capital Projects Levy: Facts & Information Brochure that will be going out to registered voters and the Tenino Community.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Meeting Wed 1/14/26 from 8:30am-10am.

6) Transportation Policy Board - Meeting Wed 1/14/26 from 8:30am-10am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.