

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Minutes

WORK SESSION

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

CALL TO ORDER

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

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Councilmember Jeff Eisel

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AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 02/10/2026 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

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 01/27/2026 Minutes as presented.

Councilmember Carney pointed out that under "Reports" and "Planning Commission" that the sentence is not finished. He agreed to motion to approve with the corrections made to the agenda on that line.

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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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Consent Calendar for January 28, 2026 through February 10, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$54,850.20 and Claims Checks #33851 through #33883 and EFT's in the amount of \$117,041.89 for a Grand Total of \$171,892.09.

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 Eisel, Councilmember Carney, Councilmember Curtiss.

Motion passes: 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Cassidy from the Tenino's Farmers Market just wanted to come and share some information from last years market and what kind of tourists it brought to the City. They did approximately \$96-\$98K in sales and ran anywhere from 400-500 people per weekend. Since there was some resistance last council meeting regarding waiving the fee.

Jody from the Tenino Food Bank reported that they are moving freezers starting Thursday. She did want to be clear that with the Fish Processing section of the Food bank, none of the waste will go into the sewer system, they have a large containers for this to go into for fishermen. Mayor Watterson asked her about where things are with buying the building. Will need an appraisal done and come up with a hard number for the investors she is working with.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. May 2026 Bicycle Month

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Proclamation for May 2026 Bicycle Month and to recognize Earth Day, National Bike Month, and Clean Air Month.

Motion made by Councilmember Curtiss, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

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

Motion passes 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. EV Charger engineering amendment 5.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the EV Charger engineering amendment 5.

The additional \$4,000-\$5,000 can be fully paid by the grant, this is just to approve the amendment 5 contract so it can be submitted for the grant.

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.

6. The Tenino Garden Club has three matters they would like the Council to consider.

Mayor Watterson read the letter from the Tenino Garden Club. They would like to hold meetings at the Quarry House monthly to encourage more participants, requesting the rental fee be waived. They would like to help beautify the landscaping at City Hall and create a more robust floral display for the hanging baskets and planters. They are willing to have their volunteer members refurbish the carving of the Stone Mason in front of City Hall.

Councilmember Eisel expressed concern regarding waiving the fee for the clubs use of the Quarry House once a month for meetings. He feels that with budget concerns it would not be beneficial for the City to waive any fees this year. After council discussion Councilmember Eisel is abstaining from the vote. It was argued that the Garden Club contributes a large quantity of labor for no charge to the city. It was shared of all the things the Garden Club contributes to the City including updating and watering the landscaping in front of businesses and the City buildings. As well as the Garden Club will be growing and creating this years hanging flower baskets which will essentially cut our costs on those.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes: 4/0.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS

7. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce - Next meeting on February 18, 2026 at noon at the Stone City Event Center. Mayor Watterson as guest speaker.
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - Friday February 20, 2026 at 8AM at The Lucky Eagle Casino.

8. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 1) Civil Service Commission - They are looking for members, must live in the Tenino School District to attend monthly meeting, which the Commission is looking to setup as virtual meetings. They are also looking for a new Secretary for the Commission.
- 2) Finance Committee - Councilmember Klamn reported we have the 2 loans with interest to start repaying this year. AG Park and Intercity Fund loan. Needs to be paid each year, city needs to have a proper end of year at \$300,000.00. An email is to go out to department heads to find ways in each department to cut costs. Councilmember Carney noted that we have revenues coming in at 2 million a year but with a status quo approach usually, we need to put down a bigger balance and pay down loans. It will be up to City Council and city staff will play a big role. Public meetings are going to be very important, getting the word out and citizens attending and giving ideas to help the budget. Spoke with AWC about spreading the insurance payment throughout. Roughly \$230,000.00 spread over the next 5 months. Jan-May in installments.
- 3) Planning Commission - Meeting tomorrow and will be speaking with the Commissioner Position #1 candidates.

9. 14. Staff

- 1) Chief of Police - Working on grant, it is 90% complete. Administrator Rodriguez had to audit some of the trainings so they could finish up before submission.

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2) Director of Public Works - Asked if PWD Cannon can come the 1st meeting of the month.

5) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick presented the Treasurers report. She supplied the Draft schedule for the 2027 Budget. Will work on the 2026 Budget at the first half of the meetings. Reddick explained that she will be cutting conferences this year due to budget concerns, only planning to attend 2, SAO and Washington Finance Officers. She will opt to do more AWC online trainings. Reddick spoke about the newest hire Laurie Christomos is part time and not receiving any of the extras or benefits. Laurie has been really instrumental in digitizing files and updating vendor accounts.

6) Mayor - TRPC meeting on Friday. Nominated and voted onto the South Thurston Community Board of Health. Continuing to work on financial stuff.

10. 15. Liaisons

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board - Councilmember Klamn, reported Travis Duttery regarding legislation. Bill 6965 regards plastic bags keep them at 8 cents instead of 20 cents. Mattresses are a big problem for solid waste. February 12th Solid Waste position will be opening as Jeff Beckman is retiring.

4) Tenino School Board - Councilmember Eisel wished Tenino Girls Basketball Team good luck at District.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) - Mayor Watterson attending via Zoom, he will attend in person once a quarter.

6) Transportation Policy Board - Mayor Watterson to attend meeting tomorrow via Zoom.

9) Oregon Trail Days - Councilmember Curtiss reported that the Fire Department is working on doing the dunk tank this year. Jody looking for Food Vendors, wanting to encourage more Pioneer theme for the Parade. Entries and awards to be more themed. There will still be 3 on 3 on Park Street. George is looking for fiddlers, Farmer's Market is talking about extending hours. There will be bands both nights at the Eagles.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.