

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 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

1. - Utility Rate Update
 - Food Bank Solar Project
 - PFAS Settlement
 - School Resource Officer
 - HB2015 Sales Tax Update
 - Utility Clerk Update
 - E-Bike/Motorcycle Update
 - Honor Wall Update
 - Joint Animal Services

Mayor Watterson gave the Council Updates on the topics on Agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

Councilmember Adam Carney

Councilmember Tianne Curtiss

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AGENDA APPROVAL

2. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 07/14/2026 Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Eisel.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 06/23/2026 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember Klamn, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Consent Calendar for June 24, 2026 through July 14, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$116,275.57 and Claims Checks #34221 through #34264 and EFT's in the amount of \$156,541.76 for a Grand Total of \$272,817.33.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Curtiss.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Parker - Mima Acres resident of Tenino. Requested to go on record for her concerns and questions regarding the Meat Packaging Facility that has been proposed to be put in at the Agricultural Park. How do they plan to control the odor, how will the waste be taken care of, where will the water required for this facility come from? City Water or outside source?

Ron Sorenson - returned to discuss if the Mayor has had a chance to review his idea from a previous council meeting regarding making Hemp Money for Tenino like we do the Wooden Money. Reuse and potentially generate money for the City.

John O'Callahan - wants to bring up the Veterans Memorial this weekend at the Tenino City Park at 11AM, inauguration of those who served. A grant is just about to be approved from the Veterans Association. He spoke about E-bikes and thanked the Council for their Letter of Recommendation to the

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Board. There is conversations about the E-bikes for underage riders, where parents are responsible as well as the youth.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. 2026 Budget Amendment Hearing

Ordinance No. 944

Notice is hereby given that the Tenino City Council will hold a Public Hearing 1st reading to receive comments on the 2026 Budget Amendment on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 07:30 pm, at the Council Chambers located at 149 S. Hodgden St., *Tenino*, WA.

Clerk Treasurer Presented the Public Hearing 1st reading.

Mayor Watterson read the Public Hearing Procedure: Opened the Public Hearing Comment section at 7:49PM, No Public Comments. Closed Public Hearing Comment section at 7:50PM.

Audience and Council Comments opened at 7:50PM. No Comments. Closed at 7:51PM

C/T Reddick reported that the Second reading will be at the end of the month.

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

REPORTS

6. Outside Agency

1) Chamber of Commerce - Lunch Forum July 15th at Noon at the Sandstone & Quarry Bar. Ribbon cutting Saturday July 18th at 1PM at Cassie's Creation in the Sandstone Building. Oregon Trail Days next weekend, July 24, 25, 26. Schedule of the event on the Chambers website.

2) Economic Development Council (EDC) - new ScaleUp trainings for business can be found at www.thurstonedc.com.

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3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI) - meeting July 17th at 8AM at the Stone City Events Center.

7) Thurston County Sheriff's Office - Lt. McIver presented June's Calls for Service report. Total 128 Calls which is up from previous months, but the officers have also had more traffic stops, but for actual cases it is only about 3 more than May. More Domestic calls and that is common in the Summer, longer days, drinking, etc being the catalyst. Recognizes there has been continual issues with E-bikes w/ kids in town and in the park. Mayor Watterson advised that we are looking at an ordinance about E-bikes in the park. McIvers says we will want to keep them close to the county guidelines. There will be extra patrols this weekend for the Garage Sale and Memorial Dedication on Saturday (he will work to have a representative there). If something needs attention just let him know.

7. 13. Committees/Commissions

2) Finance Committee - Councilmember Klamn reported, still working on unclaimed property, gambling tax still in the works.

3) Planning Commission - talked about ADU's and Short term rentals.

8. 14. Staff

2) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector - school heating system project.

3) PARC Specialist - Pool and cleaning up.

4) Clerk/Treasurer - C/T Reddick working on VCP, took a class this morning with SpringBrook. Their 2020-2022 there are many corrections because they were inputted one sided. Should have an Ordinance next meeting for the Gambling Tax. We received a \$8,000.00 donation from the Splash Bash for the Quarry Pool. Councilmember Eisel suggested moving some of the funds to LGIP, we do not have to keep some in there for big payments, investment pool. There is \$398,000.00 in there, thinks we can move \$200,000.00 - \$300,000.00. 1st reading for the budget amendment.

5) Mayor - Was at AWC Conference last meeting, which was paid for by a grant. 2 big ones on Economy & where it's going and other on "13 ways to kill your city". Which #1 is not paying attention to your water system. All the recordings he has and will share with any of the Councilmembers want to see. Had a call about PFAS, our attorney has some concerns and will discuss with them. OTD meeting, there have been some tough issues, and we are working through them. TRPC - TRPB Rail highspeed rail from Canada to Oregon. Went to Tightline Construction ribbon cutting. Met with Aslan with the EDC about the AG Park, the grading project, The Colvins are really chomping to getting moving forward.

9. 15. Liaisons

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board - next meeting in August.

4) Tenino School Board - worked through issues with the contract for RSO.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

9) Oregon Trail Days - Councilmember Curtiss says this is moving right along, there are 40 entries in the Parade.

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Ron Sorenson had questions about some of things on Hwy 507 but that is out of City Limits. Also, he asked what about we have a recycling plant, metal recycling in Tenino to help create revenue.

John O'Callahan - wants to make sure the Council and the City give Dan Fischer from the Tenino Intendant a Big Thank you for all the years of reporting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Watterson presented a letter from the Splash Bash announcing the donation check of \$8,000.00 they raised at the annual Splash Bash in May for the Quarry Pool.

Councilmember Eisel stated Thank you to the Splash Bash foundation for all the work put into this. Councilmember Gotovac wanted to Thank Pam Light for her hard work on this event and the committee.

Motion made by Councilmember Gotovac, Seconded by Councilmember Klamn.

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

Councilmember Gotovac said "come to the Tenino Lions Club Garage sale this weekend" at the Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:57PM.