

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 08, 2025

Minutes

WORK SESSION

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

PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac

Councilmember Elaine Klamn

Councilmember John O'Callahan

Councilmember Jason Lawton

Councilmember Jeff Eisel

1. Councilmember Eisel would like to discuss possible changes to the local gambling tax.

Councilmember Eisel discussed the gambling tax ordinance, how many businesses in the City should be paying and the amount of taxes that can be charged for the same. He suggested to Council that they look at the possibility of raising the tax rate to help the City. He will look into the regulations to change the ordinance and increase the tax.

2. Jocelyn Bobbett to give a presentation on donating a bench to sit beside the VFW Memorial Wall.

Jocelyn Bobbett explained to Council that she has purchased a granite bench in honor of her son. She would like to donate the bench to the City with the hopes it can be placed next to the pool and memorial wall on a cement pad that has been paid for in advance.

3. Discussion of a possible annexation between the Norsman Property and the Stone Carvers.

Mayor Watterson stated the Stone Carver's have approached him to possibly annex into the City a portion of the Norsman Property. He has talked with the Planning Commission to discuss this possibility.

4. Miles Sand and Gravel, Urban growth area discussion

Mayor Watterson has been contacted by Miles Sand and Gravel who are requesting they be annexed into the UGA for possible development. We have signed a contract with them approximately 20 years ago that states this would be a possibility. He has requested the City Attorney take a look at the contract.

5. Informational questions and answers from Council

Mayor Watterson explained to council he would like to offer to Nancy Reddick the position of Clerk/Treasurer. He has invited her to council for any questions they may have.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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PRESENT

Councilmember Linda Gotovac
Councilmember Elaine Klamn
Councilmember John O'Callahan
Councilmember Jason Lawton
Councilmember Jeff Eisel

AGENDA APPROVAL

6. Agenda Approval

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 4/08/2025 agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan,
Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the 3/25/2025 minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan,
Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Consent Calendar for March 26, 2025 through April 08, 2025 consisting of Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$68,166.32 and Claims Checks #33102 through #33138 and EFT's in the amount of \$43,481.15 for a Grand Total of \$111,647.47.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan,
Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

9. Easement Termination Agreement between the City and tax parcels 11619401011; 11619430100 and 1161940000.

Recommended Action: Approve Mayor Watterson the sign and record the Easement Termination.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan motion to approve the easement termination with the correction of the parcel number, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton

Voting Nay: Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 4/1.

10. PW 2005 Truck Surplus:

Recommended Action: Motion to approve to surplus the public works 2005 Chev truck as it is of no further use to them.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Gotovac.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

11. Confirmation of Clerk/Treasurer

Recommended Action: Motion to confirm Nancy Reddick as Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion made by Councilmember O'Callahan, Seconded by Councilmember Lawton.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Gotovac, Councilmember Klamn, Councilmember O'Callahan, Councilmember Lawton, Councilmember Eisel.

Motion passes 5/0.

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

None

REPORTS

12. 12. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC)
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI)
- 4) ARCH Commission 5) Experience Olympia & Beyond (VCB)
- 5) Timberland Regional Library

12. Outside Agency

- 1) Chamber of Commerce: Maria read the report from George Sharp into the record, reporting the Chamber would like to thank councilmembers Klamn, O'Callahan and Eisel for attending the grand opening for Get Fit Tenino last Friday. The Chamber will hold a evening meeting on Wed May 16th 5:30 pm at Sandstone Café. Guest speakers will be Daryl Murrow and Michael Cade from Thurston EDC.
- 2) Economic Development Council (EDC): The EDC is doing a community outreach to businesses in South Thurston Co to ensure they are aware of all the services available at the Center for Business and Innovation. The EDC will also start trainings at the Ag Park in late May. The WA Center of Women in Business (a Thurston EDC program) will hold the Inspire Conference on May 22 at the Great Wolf Lodge. More information on all programs available at www.thurstonedc.com.
- 3) South Thurston Economic Development Initiative (STEDI): The next meeting will be held Friday April 18th 8am-9:30 am at the Senior Center in Rainier.

13. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 1) Civil Service Commission
- 2) Finance Committee
- 3) Planning Commission

4) Public Safety Committee

5) Public Works Committee

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5) Public Works Committee: They met on Tuesday. Brent Gibbs has one more week and then will be a Certified Operator 1 for the WWTP. He will soon be starting training to become an Operator 2. They discussed who would control the conditions of the alley's if businesses use them as a thoroughfare. The City or the Business? The ballfield reno will start after the Little League season.

14. 14. Staff

1) Chief of Police

2) Director of Public Works

3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector

4) PARC Specialist

5) Clerk/Treasurer

6) Mayor

1) Chief of Police: Officer McClelland reported they have been very busy and doing the best they can. Someone tried to steal the ATM machine at OBee Credit Union again. They did get a good picture of a suspect's face though and hope to id him soon. The car tagger has been arrested but the police are still waiting for all the victims to file a report for restitution to add to the case.

2) Director of Public Works: Maria read the PW report into the record, reporting they are currently working on grading the alleyways and parking lots as well as cleaning/replacing street signs. Broke ground for the foundation of the new memorial wall near the walking trail next to the pool entrance. They will be building a gazebo in the fenced area of the pool. Replacing all of the old outdated fire hydrants as well as water meters this year, as well as the membrane bioreactor in basin 2 at the WWTP this summer.

3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector: Brian von Clück introduced himself to Council and answered any questions they had.

5) Clerk/Treasurer: Ronna Barnes, Admin Clerk reported City Admin has been keeping up with the day to day operations, quarterly's are filed. Still working with IRS on a letter received charging the City with penalties and interest for filing's they already have. Maria Rodriguez, Jessica Reeves-Rush and Jessica Davis have all stepped up to the plate and have been helping out with anything that needs to be done. Thank you to them.

6) Mayor: He has been working with Jessica Reeves-Rush with the CERB grant reimbursements. He is hoping to get a report on our Sister City that was adopted quite awhile back. We have had a lot of calls on the backflow preventer letter and he will be

looking into that further. He met with police department during their employee meeting. He attended a City Connector Meeting in Raymond, which was very informative.

15. 15. Liaisons

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT)

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board

3) TCOMM/911

4) Tenino School Board

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

6) Transportation Policy Board

7) Thurston County Commissioner's Office

8) Legislature

1) Bucoda/Tenino Healthy Action Team (BTHAT); Councilmember Eisel reported they have the med take back on 4/26/25 beginning at 10 am.

2) Solid Waste Advisory Board: Councilmember Klamn reported on 4/16 the Fix It Fair will again be at St. Martin's in Lacey from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. On 5/3/25 they will be hosting a compost give away at the Lacey Park and Ride. They have completed the updated budget and rates for 2025.

4) Tenino School Board: Councilmember Lawton reported the Baseball team is currently in 1st place.

5) Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

6) Transportation Policy Board: Councilmember O'Callahan reported they are working on the transportation plan.

8) Legislature: Coming to a close with some good new rules to be passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

Deb Reichelderfer: Deb reported on Earth Day 4/19/2025 and the park clean up. She hopes everyone can attend.

She also introduced herself as the new treasurer for the Museum and reported they are hoping to do some pressure washing outside the museum prior to OTD. They will be celebrating 50 years and will hold a celebration during OTD on 7/26/2025. They had the roof redone and the gutters are cleaned. They hope to get a proclamation for the 50 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Watterson reminded everyone of the VFW dinner for the Gold Star Family's. They are requesting if anyone knows of a veteran that resided in Tenino to please let them know.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Watterson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm