

City of Tenino

149 Hodgen Street South
Tenino, WA 98589

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Agenda

WORK SESSION

1. Jody Stoltz from Tenino Food Bank presentation.

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA APPROVAL

2. Agenda Approval

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [3.](#) Approval of Minutes

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Consent Calendar for January 14, 2026 through January 27, 2026 consisting of:

Payroll EFT's in the amount of \$34,143.92 and Claims Checks #33851 through #33883 and EFT's in the amount of \$159,999.19 for a Grand Total of \$194,143.11.

Liquor License Renewals: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

PROCLAMATIONS

OLD BUSINESS

- [5.](#) EV Charger - Change order 3. Delete additional charger at the Quarry House per change order 2 and quantity reconciliation for allowance items.

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This change order includes all direct and indirect costs for labor, equipment, materials and the time required for completion of the work described delivered to the Owner ready for use.

Gibbs and Olson requested the City Council formally accept the project as complete.

Recommended Action: Move to accept Change order 3 for Tenino EV Chargers.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Tenino Farmers Market request. Use and block off Olympia Street and waive the Special Events Fee.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the use of Olympia St and waiver or deny the Special Events Fee.

RESOLUTIONS

7. A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Tenino, Washington, Amending the city financial management policies and adopting policies as authorized by RCW 35A.40.050, directing the City Clerk-Treasurer to move all investment related accrued interest into the City's General Fund.

8. Capital Budget Support for Wolf Haven International - Treehouse Learning Center

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Wolf Haven Letter of Support.

ORDINANCES

REPORTS

9. 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

10. 13. Committees/Commissions

- 1) Civil Service Commission
- 2) Finance Committee
- 3) Planning Commission
- 4) Public Safety Committee
- 5) Public Works Committee

11. 14. Staff

- 1) Chief of Police
- 2) Director of Public Works
- 3) Code Enforcement/Building Inspector
- 4) PARC Specialist
- 5) Clerk/Treasurer
- 6) Mayor

12. 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

File Attachments for Item:

3. Approval of Minutes

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

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

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

Flag salute

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 alot 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 made 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.

File Attachments for Item:

5. EV Charger - Change order 3. Delete additional charger at the Quarry House per change order 2 and quantity reconciliation for allowance items.

Reason for Change Order: Decreased scope of work

This change order includes all direct and indirect costs for labor, equipment, materials and the time required for completion of the work described delivered to the Owner ready for use.

Gibbs and Olson requested the City Council formally accept the project as complete.

Recommended Action: Move to accept Change order 3 for Tenino EV Chargers.

CHANGE ORDER

(Instructions on reverse side)

No. 3

PROJECT: Tenino EV Chargers

DATE OF ISSUANCE: January 26, 2026 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 2026

OWNER: City of Tenino

OWNER's Contract No.: N/A

CONTRACTOR: Travers Electric, Inc.

ENGINEER: Gibbs & Olson, Inc.

You are directed to make the following changes in the Contract Documents.

Description: **Delete additional charger at the Quarry House per change order 2 and quantity reconciliation for allowance items.**

Reason for Change Order: **Decreased scope of work.**

This change order includes all direct and indirect costs for labor, equipment, materials and the time required for completion of the work described delivered to the Owner ready for use.

Attachments: (List documents supporting change) **None**

<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:</p> <p>Original Contract Price</p> <p>\$ <u>196,217.94</u></p> <hr/> <p>Net changes from previous Change Order No. <u>1</u> to No. <u>2</u></p> <p>\$ <u>112,994.81</u></p> <hr/> <p>Contract Price prior to this Change Order</p> <p>\$ <u>309,212.75 including tax</u></p> <hr/> <p>Net Increase of this Change Order</p> <p>\$ <u><37,139.66> incl. tax</u></p> <hr/> <p>Contract Price with all approved Change Orders</p> <p>\$ <u>272,073.09 incl tax</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGE IN CONTRACT TIMES:</p> <p>Original Contract Times</p> <p>Substantial Completion: <u>90 calendar days</u></p> <p>Ready for final payment: <u>120 calendar days</u> days or dates</p> <hr/> <p>Net changes from previous Change Order No. <u>1</u> to No. <u>2</u></p> <p><u>90 Calendar days</u> days</p> <hr/> <p>Contract Times prior to this Change Order</p> <p>Substantial Completion: <u>180 calendar days</u></p> <p>Ready for final payment: <u>210 calendar days</u> days or dates</p> <hr/> <p>Net Increase (decrease) of this Change Order</p> <p><u>90 calendar days to Substantial and 180 calendar days to Ready for Final Payment</u> days</p> <hr/> <p>Contract Times with all approved Change Orders</p> <p>Substantial Completion: <u>270 calendar days</u></p> <p>Ready for final payment: <u>390 calendar days</u> days or dates</p>
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RECOMMENDED:

APPROVED:

ACCEPTED:

CHANGE ORDER

INSTRUCTIONS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

This document was developed to provide a uniform format for handling contract changes that affect Contract Price or Contract Times. Changes that have been initiated by a Work Change Directive must be incorporated into a subsequent Change Order if they affect Contract Price or Times.

Changes that affect Contract Price or Contract Times should be promptly covered by a Change Order. The practice of accumulating change order items to reduce the administrative burden may lead to unnecessary disputes.

If Milestones have been listed any effect of a Change Order thereon should be addressed.

For supplemental instructions and minor changes not involving a change in the Contract Price or Contract Times, a Field Order may be used.

B. COMPLETING THE CHANGE ORDER FORM

Engineer initiates the form, including a description of the changes involved and attachments based upon documents and proposals submitted by Contractor, or requests from Owner, or both.

Once Engineer has completed and signed the form, all copies should be sent to Contractor for approval. After approval by Contractor, all copies should be sent to Owner for approval. Engineer should make distribution of executed copies after approval by Owner.

If a change only applies to Contract Price or to Contract Times, cross out the part of the tabulation that does not apply.

File Attachments for Item:

6. Tenino Farmers Market request. Use and block off Olympia Street and waive the Special Events Fee.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the use of Olympia St and waiver or deny the Special Events Fee.



Market Season, 2026

Tenino City Council;

The Tenino Farmers Market is requesting your consideration to approve the use of Olympia Street for our 2026 market season and to waive the Special Event fee and Deposit. This would include the Market having the use of the street for Oregon Trail Days. We thank the City Council and appreciate that you approved our request for the past eight years.

Tenino Farmers Market staff are responsible for posting the street closure signs every market Saturday, requiring no assistance from city staff.

We had 22 markets in 2025 with 43 vendors (including nonprofit, community education and kids day booths) with an average of 22 vendors per market day. 16 of the 43 vendors were new to the market. The average customer attendance was over 500.

In 2025 our vendor sales were over \$90,000.00

We are excited that we grow and improve every year. We are appreciative of the City of Tenino for creating this space for us and helping us to be successful. This will be our 22nd year. With increased visibility and advertising, we continue to attract many and new visitors to the Tenino downtown businesses and amenities.

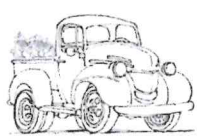
Nisqually Tribe increased their sponsorship, allowing the market to provide more of the \$5 healthy eating coupons to promote healthy food choices for low-income customers and to all children who visit the market. The market also participates in the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (SFMNP), and we accept and provide matching dollars for SNAP/EBT cards.

Thank you for your consideration to our request. We look forward to the upcoming market season and the continued support of the city.

Respectfully,

Marietta Altona

Marietta Altona, Member-At-Large for Local Community Outreach



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 CITY OF TENINO

File Attachments for Item:

7. A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Tenino, Washington, Amending the city financial management policies and adopting policies as authorized by RCW 35A.40.050, directing the City Clerk-Treasurer to move all investment related accrued interest into the City's General Fund.

TENINO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Council Meeting Date: 01/27/2026

Agenda Item Number: _____

Originator: Nancy Reddick

Title: Clerk/Treasurer

Department: Admin

Discussion

Action Required

New Business

Old Business

Resolution

Ordinance

Public Hearing

1st Review

2nd Review

3rd Review

Committee

Table

Subject: Move Investment Interest to General Fund

Comments:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TENINO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND ADOPTING POLICIES AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 35A.40.050, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO MOVE ALL INVESTMENT RELATED ACCRUED INTEREST INTO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND.

Staff Recommendation:
Approve

Disposition:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TENINO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND ADOPTING POLICIES AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 35A.40.050, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO MOVE ALL INVESTMENT RELATED ACCRUED INTEREST INTO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, the City adopted a budget for the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Tenino to invest and utilize public funds in a manner that will provide the maximum security of the principal; meet the daily cash flow demands of the City; provide the City with the highest investment return and conform to all Washington statutes governing the investment and use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City's investments will remain in compliance with all statutes governing eligible investments for public funds in the State of Washington, in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.40.050; and

WHEREAS, after review and study of the City's needs and current policy, the City Clerk-Treasurer has determined it is in the best fiscal interests of the City to direct all investment related interest accrued from city investments to the City's General Fund, instead of splitting accrued investment interest amongst all funds depending on individual fund balances.

The Council finds as follows:

A. It is appropriate per RCW 35A.40.050 to utilize interest accrued from City investments for any lawful purpose that offers the best advantage to the City.

B. It is appropriate and in the best interests of the City to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer to place all funds accrued as interest on investment accounts maintained by the City into the City's General Fund (001), to be utilized by the City as authorized by the city council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TENINO, THE MAYOR SIGNING IN AUTHENTICATION THEREOF:

SECTION I. As of the effective date of this Resolution, the City Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to direct all funds identified as interest accrued from city investment funds into the City's General Fund (001) until resigned by subsequent Council resolution.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon signing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2026, by the City Council of the City of Tenino, and signed in authentication thereof this _____ day of _____, 2026

CITY OF TENINO:

David Watterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Reddick, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Brent Dille, City Attorney

File Attachments for Item:

8. Capital Budget Support for Wolf Haven International - Treehouse Learning Center

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Wolf Haven Letter of Support.



City of Tenino

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January 27th, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the Washington State Legislature Cc: Senator Jim McCune;
Representative Andrew Barkis; Representative Matt Marshall

Re: Capital Budget Support for Wolf Haven International – Treehouse Learning Center

Dear Members of the Legislature,

As Mayor of the City of Tenino, I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Wolf Haven International's funding request to construct their new Treehouse Learning Center. Wolf Haven has long been one of Tenino's most vital partners and our premier international attraction. For over 40 years, they have brought visitors from around the world to our corner of the 2nd Legislative District. The Treehouse Learning Center project represents a bold, innovative solution that will transform their capacity to serve students and tourists alike.

From the City's perspective, this project delivers three critical benefits:

1. **Year-Round Economic Impact:** Currently, weather limits Wolf Haven's ability to host groups. The new ADA-compliant, all-season Treehouse will allow for year-round operations, increasing visitor traffic to Tenino's downtown businesses during the "shoulder season" months.
2. **Increased Capacity:** The project is projected to increase educational capacity by 20–40%. This means more students from Tenino and regional school districts will have access to high-quality, hands-on science and conservation education right in their backyard.
3. **Inclusivity:** The design features a 250-foot ADA-compliant ramp, ensuring that the unique experience of the forest canopy and wolf sanctuary is accessible to visitors of all mobility levels—a significant upgrade for our community's inclusivity.

Wolf Haven is a sanctuary of international standing, but they are also a cornerstone of Tenino's local identity. This investment will secure their future as a leader in conservation education while bolstering our local economy.

I urge you to fully fund this Capital Budget request. It is a "shovel-ready" opportunity to build a legacy asset for the 2nd District.

8.

Sincerely,

David Watterson Mayor, City of Tenino

Elaine Klamm – Council Member

Linda Gotovac – Council Member

Edam Carney – Council Member

Jeff Eisel – Council Member

Tianne Curtiss – Council Member