

Wasco City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2025

Call to Order

Mayor McCurdy called to order the Regular session of the Wasco City Council at 6:32 PM.

The following persons were present: Mayor Beth McCurdy; Council members Julie McAllister-Wynne (arr. 6:48 PM), Robert Anglin, Ben Altman, Ken DeGrange, and Bill Minter; City employees: Ian Melzer (City Clerk), Melissa Carlson (Assistant Clerk), Jessica Wheeler (Wasco Depot and Wasco School Events Center), Curtis Hollibaugh (City Maintenance)

Visitors:

The following individuals attended remotely:

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Additions/Changes to the Agenda

- Swear in Robert Anglin

Consent Agenda

- Cnc. Altman motioned to approve the June 2025 minutes.
 - Cnc. Minter seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- City Bills/Invoices
 - Pacific Power bill for Well 1 and Well 2 missing. Anticipated to be around \$2100 total.
 - MCP statement did not go out, but it is listed on the list.
 - Cnc. Altman motioned to accept and pay the bills.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - Cnc. DeGrange abstained.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, Minter

- Motion passed.
- WSEC Bills/Invoices
 - See attached.
 - Cnc. Altman motioned to accept the bills.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

Visitors' Comments

None

Public Hearing >>> Resolutions >>> Ordinances

Memorial Day/Depot/WSEC Report

- \$20,000 Preserving Oregon Grant has been acquired.
- Jessica Wheeler wants the depot deck refinished before winter.
- Preschool playground Phase 1 is finished. Phase 2 should be finished within the next fiscal year.
- A very successful wedding was hosted in June.
- Mayor McCurdy asked about the fitness center. Jennifer Smith and Gena Arthur are doing great.
- Cleaning person is doing a great job.
- The slide at the old playground needs to be replaced.
- Cnc. McAllister-Wynne asked about the old playground. Jessica Wheeler is waiting to order a slide.
- Jessica Wheeler said there are more cameras to put up.
- Saturday, October 26th will be Trunk-or-Treat and Haunted School.
- Cnc. Minter asked about financing the fitness center.
 - Approach County Court during budget season.
- August is going to be busy.

Mayor's, Council, and City Staff Reports

Maintenance Report

- See attached.
- Kiwi Fence has been elusive.
- Mayor McCurdy asked if the burn pile is going to be discussed at the August meeting. Cnc. Altman suggested coming to a consensus now instead of postponing the issue forever. Cnc. McAllister-Wynne, Cnc. Anglin, and Cnc. Minter will form a committee to discuss the burn pile during the August meeting.
- Cnc. DeGrange made a motion to allot \$1500 for a door for the chlorine shed.
 - Cnc. Altman seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, McAllister-Wynne, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

- Cnc. DeGrange made a motion to allot \$8,000 for a garage door for the left side of the old fire hall shop.
 - Cnc. Altman seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, McAllister-Wynne, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

City Hall Report

- Asst. City Clerk Carlson is still awaiting a response from NW Playgrounds. She emailed Jim today.
- City Clerk Melzer is working on Payroll reports and other start-of-fiscal-year business. He is also working on a letter for the state of Oregon regarding things missed for last year's audit.
- CC Melzer reported about the Sandon Street issues.
 - A letter has been sent to the gentleman in the RV.
 - Debbie Wyatt's property is overgrown. Her neighbor complained, Debbie said she would take care of it a couple months ago. It hasn't been dealt with. Trees have grown out to invade the street. CC Melzer explained that he informed Mrs. Wyatt that the trees need to be trimmed back.
 - Mayor McCurdy asked about fencing posts. CC Melzer said he gave the Wyatts the fence ordinance.
 - CC Melzer contacted DEQ about the Horyzenk property. DEQ will work with Wasco City Hall on a letter to be sent to the homeowner.
- Mayor McCurdy asked about the roosters, and whether letters have been sent. Dan Brehm needs a notice.
- Kent Home & Building quoted Wasco \$8,888 for the kitchenette.
 - Cnc. DeGrange made a motion to allot \$8,888 for a new kitchenette for City Hall.
 - Cnc. Altman seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, McAllister-Wynne, DeGrange, Minter

Council Reports

- Cnc. Altman explained that rates will increase for water/sewer to cover ongoing staffing and capital improvements. With all of the recent expenses, the city is running in the red on both sewer and water funds.
- Cnc. McAllister-Wynne said that Harrison Street also needs legal attention due to weeds and vehicles.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McCurdy reported that she and Cnc. Altman met with CC Melzer and ACC Carlson for their employee reviews. Goals were discussed.
- Council assignments will be discussed at the August meeting.
- Senator Wyden will be in town Friday, July 25th at 5 PM at the WSEC.

HB 5202 Community Development Funds

- None

Old/Unfinished Business

- **Recommendation for Water Meters**
 - Cnc. Altman, Cnc. Anglin, and Maint. Tech Henricksen discussed Maint. Tech Hollibaugh retiring at the end of 2026. Cnc. Altman suggested advertising in January for a temporary position with the option of being hired on full-time later.
 - Cnc. Altman suggested
 - City Clerk Melzer reached out to Payroll to discuss 175 hours a month for a temporary hire, which translates to a 50-hour workweek.
 - Cnc. McAllister-Wynne made a motion to proceed forward on the water meters.
 - Cnc. Minter seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, McAllister-Wynne, DeGrange, Minter
- **DLCD 2025-2027 Housing Planning Assistance Program - Jaime Crawford**
 - Grant
 - Asking for support to ask for \$50,000 from the state to update the comprehensive plan and building codes.
 - Cnc. made a motion to approve 2025-07.
 - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman, Anglin, McAllister-Wynne, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

New Business

- **Set Schedule for 2025-26 Project Priorities Work Session**
 - August 5th will be a special meeting of the council for Jason Earl.
 - August 24th, 9 AM Wasco City Hall.
- **Summary Regarding New Floodplain Regulations and Spanish Hollow Creek**
 - Cnc. Altman wanted to touch base about FEMA regulations for the city. He also checked with the county regarding the creek itself. Neither the city nor the county identified the creek as a new or significant hazard. The floodway is confined within the creek below the top of the bank and all other areas of potential flooding. The floodway is contained within the creek channel. All land above the top of bank can be built in compliance with floodplain code.
 - China Hollow Creek is an intermittent stream; neither the city nor the county has designated the creek as a significant natural resource, and therefore, there are no additional regulations beyond the floodplain code.

Adjournment

Mayor McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Carlson, Asst. City Clerk

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