

Wasco City Council

Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2026

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 Ben Altman, Robert Anglin, Ken DeGrange, and Bill Minter; City employees: Ian Melzer (City Clerk), Melissa Carlson (Assistant Clerk), Jessica Wheeler (Wasco Depot and Wasco School Events Center), and Curtis Hollibaugh (City Maintenance)

Visitors: Danee Rankin (Area Resident), Tom Barraza (Resident), Dee Ashley (Resident), Justin Boyles

Attending Remotely: None

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Additions/Changes to the Agenda

- Cnc. Altman added Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grant under New Business.

Consent Agenda

- **Minutes from April 21, 2026**
 - Cnc. Altman moved to approve the April 21, 2026 minutes as presented.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **City Bills/Invoices**
 - City Clerk Melzer clarified invoice items including reimbursement to Phil Lechner and noted anticipated billing from The Times Journal.

- Discussion occurred regarding the Sherman County Weed District invoice and budget impacts.
- Cnc. Altman moved to accept and pay the April/May 2026 bills excluding the Sherman County Weed District bill pending clarification.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, Minter
 - Cnc. DeGrange abstained.
 - Motion passed.
- **Wasco School Events Center Bills/Invoices**
 - See attached.
 - Cnc. Altman moved to accept the April/May 2026 WSEC bills as presented.
 - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

Visitors' Comments

- Danee Rankin provided updates on Community Cat Care efforts, outreach, and fundraising.
- Justin Boyles (Environment Oregon) discussed support for Oregon State Parks and presented information regarding possible long-term funding solutions through optional vehicle registration participation.

Public Hearing >>> Resolutions >>> Ordinances

- **Hearing to Adopt the Budget for FY 2026-2027**
 - Mayor McCurdy opened the Public Hearing at 6:56 PM.
 - City Clerk Melzer summarized recommendations from the May 4 Budget Committee meeting.
 - Council discussed reserve funds and possible future budget amendments.
 - Mayor McCurdy closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM.
- **Adopt the Budget for FY 2026-2027/Imposing and Categorizing Taxes**
 - Resolution adopted the FY 2026-2027 budget totaling \$2,889,419 and imposed taxes at \$3.0306 per \$1,000 assessed value for operations.
 - Cnc. Altman moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 adopting the budget and imposing and categorizing taxes.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Make Appropriations for FY 2026-2027**
 - Appropriations were presented for FY 2026-2027.
 - Cnc. Altman moved to approve Resolution 2026-03 making appropriations for FY 2026-2027.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues**

- Mayor McCurdy opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM.
- Discussion occurred regarding state revenue eligibility requirements.
- Mayor McCurdy closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM
- Cnc. Altman moved to approve Resolution 2026-04 electing to receive state revenues.
 - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

Reports

City Staff >>> Maintenance >>> City Hall

WSEC/Memorial Day Report

- See attached.

City Hall Report

- City Clerk Melzer reported regarding the PCL Solar expansion project.
 - Cnc. DeGrange moved to accept the agreement with PCL.
 - Cnc. Altman seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- CC Melzer reminded renewing council members to get their paperwork in.
- Asst. City Clerk Carlson reported on attendance at the LOC Spring Conference and related ideas.

Maintenance Report

- Sewer work, excavation projects, and Memorial Day preparations are continuing.
- Gravel-related work will continue following Memorial Day.

Council Reports

- Cnc. Minter proposed vacating the easement between the Depot and Welks property.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McCurdy reported ongoing Memorial Day planning efforts.

HB 5202 Community Development Funds

- None

New Business

- **DLCD Housing Committee**
 - Cnc. Altman discussed the housing committee and proposed appointments.
 - Cnc. DeGrange moved to appoint the proposed committee members.
 - Cnc. Minter seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Authorization for ODOT to Install Welcome to Wasco Signs**
 - Cnc. Anglin moved to approve payment of \$2,000 to ODOT.
 - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Authorization for Bell Design Water Meter Bid Documents**
 - Bell Design presented proposal to prepare contractor bid documents for water meter installation.
 - Cnc. Anglin moved to accept Bell Design's proposal.
 - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Pipe Storage Racks at Lower Shop**
 - Cnc. DeGrange moved to approve contractor work in the amount of \$19,171.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Fulton Street Sidewalk Change Order**
 - Cnc. DeGrange moved to accept the change order.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.
- **Transportation Growth Management Grant**
 - Cnc. Altman reported on application progress and ODOT coordination.
 - Cnc. DeGrange moved to authorize moving forward.
 - Cnc. Anglin seconded.
 - In favor: Mayor McCurdy; Cncs. Altman, Anglin, DeGrange, Minter
 - Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mayor McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Carlson, Asst. City Clerk

Signed

Don McCurdy

Signed

Tom Meher

