Wasco City Council

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Call to Order
Mayor McCurdy called to order the Regular session of the Wasco City Council at 6:31 PM.

The following persons were present: Mayor Beth McCurdy; Council members Julie McAllister-Wynne, 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) and Tyler Henricksen (City Maintenance)

Visitors: Wasco Residents: Matt and Mary Bowen, Scott and Kari Peters,
Professional/s: Dan Meader and Tony Yinger.

The following individuals attended remotely: None

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Additions/Changes to the Agenda
- None

Consent Agenda
- Cnc. Altman motioned to approve the May19,2026 meeting minutes.
    - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
        - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin and
        - McAllister-Wynne.
        - Motion passed.
- Bills/invoices for city
    - See attached.
    - Cnc. McAllister-Wynne motioned to pay the city bills with the addition of
    - Box R for water sampling in the amount of $61 and reclassify $195.46 as Memorial Day.
        - Cnc. Minter seconded.

- In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter,Anglin, McAllister-Wynne
- Motion passed.
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- Bills/invoices for WSEC
  - See attached.

  - Cnc. McAllister-Wynne motioned to accept and pay the WSEC bills as presented.
    - Cnc. Altman seconded.
    - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter,Anglin McAllister-Wynne
    - Motion passed.

Visitors' Comments
Matt Bowen had a comment regarding Memorial Day events. He was very impressed with the Breakfast that was put on at the WSEC.

Public Hearing >>> Resolutions >>> Ordinances

- Peters Hearing : No conflicts of interest, no negative comments as presented by Dan Meader. Hearing to amend the comprehensive plan map from A1 to R2 zone and Approve the Conditional Use Permit for a second residence to be built.

  - Cnc Degrange moved to approve Comprehensive Plan Map zoning amendment 2026-04 and accept finding of fact
  - Cnc McAllister-Wynne seconded
    - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin, and McAllister-Wynne
    - Motion passed.
  - **ORDINANCE #365**
  - Cnc. Altman motioned to approve amending Wasco's dual Comprehensive Plan provision by deleting the emergency clause.
    Wasco's
    - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin,
    - McAllister-Wynne
    - Motion passed.
  - **RESOLUTION 2026-05 (WELK)**
  - Cnc DeGrange made a motion to approve , seconded by Cnc Minter
  - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs Altman,DeGrange, Minter, Anglin,McAllister-Wynne
  - Motion passed unanimously+

/Depot/WSEC Report

- See attached
- Deck at the Depot looks great

- WSEC has had events booked. Rep. came to look at the broken slide and concluded that the cost of fixing the slide or replacing would be about the same cost and that there may be grand funds available.
- Preschool playground is complete. There needs to be some erosion control of the bank done.
- Landscaping/irrigation/maintenance of the lawn continues to be an issue. Cnc Anglin has provided assistance and there is now a volunteer assisting with the mowing etc.

Mayor's, Council, and City Staff Reports

City Hall Report

- Ian & Missa: payroll company has changed as the previous provider has retired and their company does not have anyone to service this account. NW Payroll Solutions located in The Dalles will be the new provider.
    - Cnc. Altman made a motion to approve NW Payroll Solutions to be the new provider.
        - Cnc. DeGrange seconded the motion.
        - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin & McAllister-Wynne.
- Ian provided information regarding WSEC expenses. Insurance will be much less as the insurance provider has increased the replacement value to 3.5 million and the city cannot afford to pay premiums at that valuation point and the insurance provider will not allow the city to pay a reduced valuation amount. There is Liability insurance and each tenant is required to have insurance per their rental agreements which also names the city. There just will not be replacement insurance. This saves approximately $12,0000 per year.

maintenance Report

- See attached.
- Tyler is scheduled to take small water certification test on Thursday.
- Issues with park restrooms as there has been pot smoking inside and the filth & clogged toilets remain an issue. Discussed installing a security camera as a deterrent.
- Curtis re: meters—still missing parts i.e. bf valves, boxes
  ***Cnc Altman reminded maintenance that the sampling stations are priority and they are to be completed asap.
- ***Curtis's retirement: June 2027.

Council Reports

*Mayor McCurdy: reiterated the need to be mindful of the budget and that overtime while sometimes can't be avoided, presents a budgeting challenge. Curtis works harvest next week leaving Tyler alone. Tyler will need to stay 40hrs or less.

After discussion on staffing and hours that will and could be needed to make payroll council generally came to the conclusion/consensus that the assistant recorder position needs to be changed to 20 hours a week, starting July 1st the new fiscal year. Missa stated that she advised

council in several conversations before, that she would quit as a reduction in hours would affect her ability to support her family.

*Cnc DeGrange moved to reduce the Assistant City Recorder position from 40hrs/Benefits to 20hrs/no benefits beginning July 1, 2026.

*Seconded by Cnc McAllister-Wynne.

*In Favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs DeGrange,McAllister-Wynne,Minter,Altman and Anglin.

*Motion passed unanimously.

**At 7:45 pm Missa clearly stated " I QUIT" and began packing and removing her personal items.

*Cnc DeGrange- concern about the budget item re: office hours/payroll and that unfortunately needs to be cut by half without any benefits (see above vote).

*Cnc Minter-all of the concerns he had have been addressed –alley way, WSEC, and parks

*Cnc Altman- ODOT rejected the 4 welcome signs as they did not meet ODOT requirements/standards but ODOT will make comparable signs for the city for $116 per sign.

*Bell Design RFP $1200 is actually only for preparing the advertising and that the actual cost of the RFP is $4,488.00

*Cnc DeGrange made a motion to approve the corrected amount of $4,488 and to proceed with

Preparation.

*Cnc Angling seconded

*In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs DeGrange,McCallister-Wynne, Altman, Minter

and Anglin

*Passed unanimously.

Water Master Plan update—after reviewing the package Cnc Altman met with Ed to understand the package and voice any concerns. See Notes.

*Cnc Anglin- wanted to see if it would be possible for the volunteer to get paid for the lawn work at a rate of approximately $400 per month out of the WSEC Budget. Council stated that since they just cut the hours of the Assistant City Recorder that paying a volunteer was not an

option. Jessica felt that since they paid a professional $35 last year for that work that paying $17 was a bargain.

Old Business

Bell Design Contract $22,114.00 to be paid by grant DLCD. Motion by Ken ~~ second by Julie passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned @ 8:07 PM by Mayor McCurdy

Signed Beth McCurdy - Mayor

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