Wasco City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 21,2026

Call to Order
Mayor McCurdy called to order the Regular session of the Wasco City Council at 6:30 PM.

The following persons were present: Mayor Beth McCurdy; Council members Ben Altman, Ken DeGrange, and Bill Minter; City employees: Ian Melzer (City Clerk), Jessica Wheeler (Wasco Depot and Wasco School Events Center),Tyler Henricksen (City Maintenance)

Visitors: Wasco Residents: Mary & Matt Bowen, Dee Ashley,

The following individuals attended remotely: Lee and Leslie Lang

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Additions/Changes to the Agenda
- None

Consent Agenda
- Mayor McCurdy noted the minutes for June were not ready yet but would be available for August meeting.
    - No motion for approval made
        - In favor:
        - Motion :
- Bills/invoices for city
    - See attached.
    - Cnc. Altman motioned to pay the city bills as presented.
        - Cnc.DeGrange seconded.
        - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin
        - Motion passed 5-0
- Bills/invoices for WSEC
    - See attached.
    - Cnc. Altman motioned to accept and pay the WSEC bills as presented.
        - Cnc. DeGrange seconded.
        - In favor: Mayor McCurdy, Cncs. Altman, DeGrange, Minter, Anglin,
        - Motion passed. 5-0

Visitors' Comments
Lee and Leslie (Lang) noted that they purchased the "Big House" on Davis St. (620 Davis St) They toured the city and liked what they saw. Probably next spring they will be applying for a conditional use permit for a Bed & Breakfast/venue for weddings etc and periodic occupancy by family and short term renters.

Public Hearing >>> Resolutions >>> Ordinances

- City Clerk Melzer explained that he applied for two loans from DEQ for city infrastructure.
- **Resolution 2026-06 Establishing Summer Conservation Measures**
    - Specific watering hours
    - Cnc. Altman motioned to approve 2025-02.
        - Cnc. DeGrange moved to approve resolution
        - Cnc. Minter
        - Motion passed.

Mayor's, Council, and City Staff Reports

City Hall Report

- City Clerk Melzer reported that he has had discussions with KLB & Goodfellows about taking water under the PCL Agreement.
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        - Cnc.
        - In favor:
        - Motion

Maintenance Report

- See attached.
- PW Tech Henricksen reported that there is a water line leak at the WSEC between the two buildings under the asphalt. Leak started prior to school being out. It needs to be repaired before school starts, especially with Pre-School. He note that we have received a proposal for Two-Dogs Plumbing to replace the line from the sidewalk to the line between buildings. This is a gross estimate as we will not know the exact problem until the line has been excavated.
- After considerable discussion it was determined that the best approach would be for staff to run a new line from McPherson St up the N. side of the WSEC.
- Cnc. DeGrange moved to authorize a new line extension by staff of up to $5,0000 for materials, Seconded by Cnc Anglin. Motion passed 5-0

Council Reports

- Cnc. Altman expressed concern regarding the overgrowth of vegetation that is blocking several alleys and the parked cars and other stored items blocking alleys as well. He would like to see the city work to get all the alleys cleared and graveled. He would like to propose that we send out a notice explaining that the alleys are public rights-of-way and must be kept clear.

Old/Unfinished business:

New Business:

1. FLI Landscaping bid for auto sprinkler set up at Depot Park $2,150
   *Cnc. DeGrange made a motion to approve
   *Seconded by Cnc. Minter
   *Motion passed 5-0
2. Point S Tires for vehicles $4,094.96 Cnc. DeGrange asked if a bid was obtained from APEX, Cnc.Altman noted we had not, but if the counce31 approved the current bid we could see if we could get the tires for less. Cnc. DeGrange moved to approve, Seconded by Cnc. Anglin, passed 5-0.
3. Stalker Seed Radar. Brittany Wood from Moro sent an email noting that Moro intends to purchase a second radar trailer. They are asking if Wasco and other cities or the county would be interested in a trailer, which likely would yield a group discount. After some discussion it was concluded that Wasco was interested but had other higher priority funding issues.
4. Cnc. Altman had one additional item to consider. He noted we have the failing sewer line between Biggs and Wilson Streets. The crew opened it up and found a leaking seal which was fixed, after running the camera down the line it was found the steel and clay pipes are in bad shape for the full length between the streets.
   We received a bid from AJAX NW to install a manhole at each intersection and then line the full length of the pipe for $95,850.00 Tech Henricksen noted we are getting another bid from Over the Bank to replace the lines but it is expected to be much higher than the liner.
   Cnc. Altman noted we need to get this line fixed because we currently have a steel plate covereing the excavation within the state highway. No decision made, carry over to August Agenda

Adjournment

Mayor McCurdy adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by
Signed Beth McCurdy - Mayor

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