



City of White Salmon City Council Meeting
April 16, 2025
In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Council Members:

Ben Giant
David Lindley
Jason Hartmann
Jim Ransier
Patty Fink

Staff Present:

Andrew Dirks, Director of Public Works
Jennifer Neil, Director Finance
Marla Keethler, Mayor
Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator
Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney
Troy Rosenberg, Deputy Clerk\Utility Clerk

I. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Presentation of the Flag

Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. There were approximately 8 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.

II. Roll Call (6:01pm)

III. Changes to the Agenda (6:02pm)

- A. Removal of Presentation A. Recognition of CHS Knowledge Bowl State Champions and move to May 7, 2025, Council Meeting.
- B. Add Consent Agenda Item K. Notice of Award for Water Treatment Plant Roof Restoration.

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Ben Giant. (6:02pm)

Motion to Removal of Presentation A. Recognition of CHS Knowledge Bowl State Champions and move to May 7, 2025, Council Meeting and to add Consent Agenda Item K. Notice of Award for Water Treatment Plant Roof Restoration.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. Presentations

- A. Hood River Bridge Project **(6:02pm)**
- B. Arab American Heritage Month Presentation **(6:20pm)**
- C. Mental Health Awareness May 2025

V. Public Comment (6:32pm)

Kate Bennet – City of White Salmon Resident **(6:33pm)**

Todd Andrews - City of White Salmon Resident – Message sent via zoom after closing of Public Comments.

Message: (6:41pm)

I was slow in unmuting and raising my hand for public comment. Nothing important, just wanted to greet and offer any and all support from the county. Todd Andrews

Message: (7:20pm)

News coming from the Gorge Commission is that state funding will most likely be at the very least expectable levels City of White Salmon:

VI. Consent Agenda (6:36pm)

- A. Approval of Extension of Paul Koch contract through July 31, 2025.

- B. Approval of Leak Credit Request for 115 N Main Avenue for \$696.89.
- C. Approval of Leak Credit Request for 344 NE Spring Street for \$947.08.
- D. Approval of the City Planner Contract.
- E. Approval of TDJ CPA Inc. Contract Services.
- F. Approval of Resolution 2025-04-621 Authorized Signers on Financial Accounts.
- G. Approval of SCADA Upgrade Project Payment No. 9 to Coburn Electric in the amount not to exceed \$2,318.82.
- H. Approval of 3-Year Maintenance Contract with Coburn Electric not to exceed \$37,522.27.
- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes – City Council Workshop March 19, 2025, and City Council Meeting March 19, 2025.
- J. Approval of Vouchers
- K. Approval of Notice of Award for Water Treatment Plant Roof Restoration.

Vouchers audited and certified as required by RCW 42.24.080 and expense reimbursement claims as required by RCW 42.24.090 as of this 16th day of April 2025.

Type	Date			
Claims	4/2/2025	42301	42336	\$115,506.78
	4/16/2025	42337	42382	\$147,222.92
			Claim Total	\$262,729.70
Payroll	4/4/2025	EFT	EFT	\$129,092.10
	4/4/2025	42300	42300	928.42
			Payroll Total	\$130,020.52
Manual Claims	4/5/2025	EFT	EFT	\$1,183.47
	4/10/2025	EFT	EFT	\$10,498.49
	4/15/2025	EFT	EFT	\$240.00
VOIDED Checks			N/A	0.00
			Manual Claim Total	\$11,921.96
			Toal Vouchers	\$404,672.18

Council Discussion (6:40pm)

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by Jason Hartmann. (6:47pm)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda and vouchers in the amount of \$404,672.18.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

VII. Business Items (6:47pm)

- A. Approval of an MOU with the Partners Rural WA.

Presentation – Mayor Marla Keethler (6:47pm)

Council Discussed (6:48pm)

Moved by Jim Ransier. Seconded by Ben Giant. (6:51)

Motion to approve of an MOU with the Partners Rural WA.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

VIII. Reports and Communications (6:51pm)

- 1. Department Head Reports (6:51pm)**
- 2. City Attorney Update (6:53pm)**
- 3. Interim City Administrator Paul Koch Report (6:54pm)**
- 4. Council Member and Committee Reports (6:57pm)**
- 5. Mayor's Updates (7:08pm)**

IX. Executive Session:

None

X. Adjournment (7:22pm)