



City of White Salmon City Council Meeting
May 7, 2025
In Person and Via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Council Members:

Ben Giant
David Lindley
Patty Fink

Staff Present:

Jennifer Neil, Director Finance & Operations
Kelly Hickok, Assistant City Attorney
Marla Keethler, Mayor
Mike Hepner, Police Chief
Paul Koch, Interim City Administrator
Rowan Fairfield, City Planner
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 36 members of the public in attendance in person and via teleconference.
- II. **Roll Call (6:01pm)**
Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Ben Giant (6:10pm)
Motion to approve the absence of Jason Hartmann from the council meeting.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0
- III. **Changes to the Agenda (6:02pm)**
 - A. Add Planning Commission Report: ULS Debrief to Reports & Communications as first item.
 - B. Removal of Consent Agenda Item C. Approval of Mid-Columbia Interlocal Agreement.
 - C. Removal of Business Item B. Associate Planner Job Description.

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by David Lindley. (6:02pm)
Motion to Add Planning Commission Report: ULS Debrief to Reports & Communications as first item, removal of Consent Agenda Item C. Approval of Mid-Columbia Interlocal Agreement, removal of Business Item B. Associate Planner Job Description.
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- IV. **Presentations (6:04pm)**
 - A. Knowledge Bowl State Champions
 - B. Presentation of Award – Police Chief Mike Hepner
 - C. Heritage Month Presentation – Asian American & Pacific Islander
- V. **Public Comment (6:16pm)**

Eric Stride – City of White Salmon Resident **(6:16pm)**
Todd Andrews - City of White Salmon Resident **(6:18pm)**

VI. Consent Agenda (6:22pm)

- A. Approval of Bulk Water Agreement - WKRFA
- B. Approval of Leak Credit Request for 103 SW Eyrie Road for \$949.95.
- C. ***Removed***
- D. Approval of Resolution 2025-05-623 Accepting Transmission Main Phase 1 Completion 04.02.2025.
- E. Approval of Meeting Minutes – City Council Meeting April 16, 2025.
- F. Approval of Vouchers

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 7th day of May 2025.

Type	Date			
Claims	4/25/2025	42383	42390	\$106,004.06
	4/25/2025	EFT	EFT	\$13,112.08
	5/5/2025	42392	42392	\$5,116.46
	5/7/2025	42393	42439	\$112,187.50
			Claim Total	\$236,420.10
Payroll	4/21/2025	EFT	EFT	\$80,395.14
	4/25/2025	EFT	EFT	\$17,039.94
	5/5/2025	EFT	EFT	\$128,030.03
	5/5/2025	42391	42391	\$928.25
			Payroll Total	\$226,393.36
Manual Claims				
VOIDED Checks			N/A	\$0.00
			Manual Claim Total	\$0.00
			Toal Vouchers	\$462,813.46

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by David Lindley. (6:24pm)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda and vouchers in the amount of \$462,813.46.

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VII. Business Items (6:25pm)

A. City Council Appointment

1. Candidate Interviews
 - Kate Benite **(6:27pm)**
 - Jill Catherine **(6:40pm)**
 - Morella Mora **(6:52pm)**
 - Doug Rainbolt **(7:03pm)**
2. Executive Session **(7:17pm)**
3. Action **(7:38pm)**

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Patty Fink - Morella Mora

Council Member David Lindley – Morella Mora

Council Member Ben Giant - Morella Mora

Moved by Ben Giant. Seconded by David Lindley. (7:41pm)

Motion to move to appoint Morella Mora to the vacated council member position of the City White Salmon council beginning May 21, 2025 ending November 25, 2025.

Council Discussion

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B. *Removed*

C. Clerk Job Description (7:42pm)

Presented by Mayor Marla Keethler

Council Discussed **(7:43pm)**

- Add fluency in Spanish to desired qualifications

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Ben Giant. (7:44pm)

Move to authorize the approval of the Clerk at range 40 step 1-6, \$69,760 - \$80,871 per year with the addition of adding fluency in Spanish to the desire qualifications.

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D. Ordinance 2024-12-1172 NW Natural Contract (7:46)

Presented by Mayor Marla Keethler and Assistance City Attorney Kelly Hickok

Council Discussed

Moved by David Lindley. Seconded by Patty Fink.

Move to postpone the Ordinance 2024-12-1172 NW Natural Contract to the May 21, 2025 council meeting.

Council Discussed (7:55)

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VIII. Reports and Communications (7:56pm)

1. Committee Report - Planning Commission – Debrief – Presented by Carl Trabant - ULS – Ordinance 2025-05-1180 – Amending WSMC 16.66 Unit Lot Subdivisions
Council Questions **(8:09pm)**
2. Interim City Administrator Paul Koch Report **(8:15pm)**
3. Council Member and Committee Reports **(8:21pm)**
Out of Order Comment by Todd Andrews (8:26pm)
4. Mayor's Updates **(8:27pm)**

IX. Executive Session: (None)

X. Adjournment (8:32pm)