



White Salmon City Council MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026 – 6:00 PM
119 NE Church Ave and Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Council Members:

David Lindley, Mayor Pro Tempore
Ben Giant (Zoom)
Patty Fink
Doug Rainbolt
Morella Mora (Zoom)

Staff:

Shawn MacPherson, City Attorney (Phone)
Erika Castro Guzman, City Clerk
Jennifer Neil, Director of Finance and Operations (Zoom)
Chris True, Director of Public Works
Mike Hepner, Police Chief

I. Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)

Mayor Pro Tempore David Lindley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A total of four members of the public were in attendance, both in person and via teleconference.

A. Land Acknowledgement (6:00 p.m.)

The Land Acknowledgement was delivered.

B. Presentation of the Flag (6:01 p.m.)

The Presentation of the Flag was conducted.

II. Roll Call (6:02 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order with all Council members present, constituting a quorum.

III. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda (6:03 p.m.)

Director of Public Works Chris True noted an adjustment to the Anderson-Perry agreement, adding Public Records Act language that was distributed for review earlier in the afternoon. Mayor Pro Tempore David Lindley confirmed no agenda change was needed, as it only flagged additional documentation.

IV. Public Comment (6:03 p.m.)

Peter DeVaris, Inside City Resident (6:03 p.m.)

Peter DeVaris, a city resident, expressed concern about a proposed property division and potential new house at 276 NE Washington Street, which could obstruct his view of the Gorge. He asked whether plans are available for public review and if there will be opportunities for discussion before approval. Staff noted he could follow up with City Hall and that the planner would contact him to address questions.

DeVaris also asked about a streetlight charge on his PUD bill; Council Member Patty Fink clarified that the utility is a separate entity from the city, and staff agreed to look into the charge and follow up.

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V. Presentation (6:07 p.m.)

A. Heritage Month Presentation (6:07 p.m.)

Ben Giant gave a brief introduction noting that a speaker from Black in the Gorge could not attend but is expected to attend at the first March meeting, alongside a presentation recognizing Women’s History Month. In observance of Black History Month, he introduced a short PBS *Mossbacks Northwest* titled “Frank Waldron and the Jason Street Jazz Scene” highlighting the life and legacy of Frank D. Waldron and the Whangdoodle Orchestra and their role in Seattle’s 20th-century jazz scene.

The PBS *Mossbacks Northwest* video described how Seattle’s Jazz Age grew during Prohibition, with clubs along Jackson Street fostering a vibrant, interracial music scene despite segregation. It highlighted venues like the Black and Tan and the influence of musician Frank Waldron, whose teaching and compositions shaped generations of artists, including Quincy Jones. The segment noted the scene’s lasting legacy on later musicians such as Ray Charles, Ernestine Anderson, and Jimi Hendrix. Full Video: <https://www.pbs.org/video/frank-waldron-wang-doodle-orchestra-kfagml/>

Council thanked Council Member Giant for arranging the presentation, noting it was always interesting and informative.

VI. Consent Agenda (6:15 p.m.)

- A. Approval of Anderson Perry - Agreement for Consulting Services**
- B. Approval of Buck Creek Roof Replacement - Change Order No. 4**
- C. Approval of Pay App No. 8 - Ajax NW - N Main Spring Street Improvement**
- D. Approval of Pay App No. 5 - Slateco LLC Buck Creek Roof Replacement Project**
- E. Approval of Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2026 Council Minutes - February 4, 2026 Council Minutes**
- 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 18th day of February 2026.

Type	Date	Beginning Check	Ending Check	
Claims	01/05/2026	EFT	EFT	\$1,195.96
	01/10/2026	EFT	EFT	\$7,920.00
	02/05/2026	EFT	EFT	\$1,208.56
	02/05/2026	43220	43222	\$269,418.18
	02/10/2026	EFT	EFT	\$7,920.00
	2/15/2026	EFT	EFT	\$240.00
	02/18/2026	43223	43269	\$245,462.02
			Claim Total	\$533,364.72
Payroll	02/20/2026	EFT	EFT	\$86,892.21
			Payroll Total	\$86,892.21
			Toal Vouchers	\$620,256.93

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Discussion (6:16 p.m.)

Regarding the Item A. Approval of Anderson Perry – Agreement for Consulting Services, Councilor Doug Rainbolt thanked staff for the thorough preparation and Director of Public Works Chris True’s responsiveness, noting the legal review had been completed and confirming the contract’s “not to exceed” amount is set by the agreement terms.

Moved by Patty Fink. Seconded by Ben Giant.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda and Vouchers for \$620,256.93.

Giant – Aye, Fink – Aye, Rainbolt – Aye, Mora – Aye, Lindley – Aye.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

VII. Reports and Communications (6:17 p.m.)

A. Council Member Reports (6:17 p.m.)

Council Member Ben Giant confirmed that a Community Development Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23.

Councilor Morella Mora shared she is recovering and looking forward to upcoming meetings, with no major updates. She also raised a neighborhood concern about a cougar sighting; Police Chief Mike Hepner explained that police responded and coordinated with Fish and Wildlife, who attempted to track the cougar with hounds but were unable to locate it, and it likely returned to the canyon.

Councilor Doug Rainbolt encouraged attendance at the upcoming open house on the Phase 1R2A water transmission main improvements and noted he is working on refreshing the city’s service impact fee analysis using comparisons with similar cities.

Councilor Patty Fink reported that Tree Fest is scheduled for March 21, with an Arbor Day proclamation and a draft tree walk in progress pending property owner approvals; she also shared plans for an April community cleanup at Gaddis Park in coordination with Public Works and community partners.

Mayor Pro Tempore David Lindley added that the City Operations Committee and City Lab meetings were postponed to the following week, including a field visit to water infrastructure

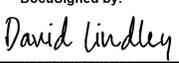
B. Department Head Reports (6:25 p.m.)

No questions were raised for staff regarding the department head reports, and no further updates were reported.

VIII. Executive Session (None)

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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David Lindley, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Erika Castro Guzman, City Clerk