

City Council Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM
COLUMBIA CITY, CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET
CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

AGENDA ITEM 1 **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

CONVENED:

Mayor Alex Reed called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Alex Reed
Council President Rob Forman
Councilor Gordon Thistle
Councilor Connie Quick
Councilor Lyle Bluhm

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

AGENDA ITEM 3 **CITIZEN INPUT:**

None

AGENDA ITEM 4 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

4.1 Audit Committee: Chair Forman reported he was absent from the last meeting but the takeaways from the emails were the outstanding questions the audit committee had were answered. The audit report was positive so there were no recommendations that need to be implemented. The next meeting is in the fall.

4.2 Hazard Committee: Chair Quick reported there has not been anything since the last council meeting. The next meeting is in April.

4.3 Parks Committee: No report.

4.4 Streets Committee: No report.

4.5 Water & Sewer Committee: No report.

AGENDA ITEM 5 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

5.1 Bills paid with check numbers 35906 through 35946 during the month of

February 2026.

- 5.2 Expense vs Budget Report for the month ending February 28, 2026.
- 5.3 Combined balance sheet for the month ending February 28, 2026.
- 5.4 Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
- 5.5 Activity Report from the City Administrator for the month of February 2026.
- 5.6 Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent for the month of February 2026.
- 5.7 Activity Report from the Chief of Police for the month of February 2026.
- 5.8 Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Water and Sewer Committee Meeting.
- 5.9 Minutes of February 23, 2026, Parks Committee Meeting.
- 5.10 Appoint Beverly Markstrom to the Budget Committee.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

AGENDA ITEM 6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Ratify Memorandum of Understanding between Scappoose, Columbia City, and Rainier Regarding the Oregon Innovation and Intervention Fund Grant Program.

MOTION: MOVED (QUICK), SECONDED (THISTLE), TO RATIFY THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SCAPPOOSE, COLUMBIA CITY, & RAINIER. MOTION PASSED (5-0). AYE (QUICK, BLUHM, REED, THISTLE, FORMAN)

7.2 Discuss the Possibility of Authorizing the Operation of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles on the Streets of Columbia City.

After discussion Council decided they would like to move forward with Kim creating an ordinance on authorizing the operation of class IV all-terrain vehicles for the next Council meeting and have Chief Bartolomucci provide feedback.

AGENDA ITEM 8 OTHER BUSINESS:

8.1 Columbia City 100-year Celebration on June 6, 2026.

Councilor Quick reported that they will be serving hot dogs/polish dogs, cake, and ice cream. She also went over the different activities that have been planned so far being held at the Elementary School, Caples House, Pixie Park, Library & Community Hall. The Horn Dawgs will be providing music. Information will be coming out in future newsletters.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:

- 9.1 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

APPROVED:

Alexander Reed
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Karber
City Administrator/Recorder