

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 – 3:30 pm COLUMBIA CITY, CITY HALL, 1840 SECOND STREET COLUMBIA CITY, OREGON

Attendees:

Dave Jensen, Committee Member
Jeff Peterson, Committee Member
Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent
Alex Reed, Mayor

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. SCA grant

Discussed receiving the Small City Allotment Grant and what it covers-see attachment.

2. Other Projects

The committee discussed possible projects to use the money budgeted as a back-up if the grant were not received. The definite projects are paving in front of the public workshop and some type of drainage at 6th and Calvin, so there is not an issue with water pooling after paving at either spot, and finish the crack seal work on the west side of Highway 30. Then, if other funds are available, we can look at the gravel section of K Street, the gravel section of 3rd Street, and H Street between 2nd and 3rd Street. Once the paving is completed, the committee will work on updating the street condition list for the City.

3. Other Business

- The committee discussed a concern from a resident about a crosswalk at Pacific Street and Highway 30 that is not marked. Kim explained she had talked to ODOT, and they explained they mark signalized intersections and ones they have agreements to mark. Pacific St. does not have an agreement and ODOT would probably not enter into one due to their heavy striping workload. The City could paint it or pay a contractor, as long as an ODOT no-cost permit is acquired. The committee's concern with the City doing the painting for a crosswalk was the City would then be responsible for maintaining it. Another concern was that if a car exiting highway 30 onto Pacific stops for someone in the crosswalk, the vehicle's back end would be hanging out into the highway, which is dangerous. Other options they discussed were talking with ODOT to put up some type of sign for people using

the bike trail 'Cross traffic doesn't stop' or a 'stop here' for cars exiting Pacific St. onto Highway 30.

- There is a storm drain on the corner of 7th Street and I Street where people are cutting the corner when making a right-hand turn and a resident is concerned that either a car or the storm drain is going to be damaged-see attached. The resident has placed an orange cone in the area of concern. When Micah went to look at it, he noted that the right-of-way is paved in that area but that the storm drain is 12 feet from the edge of the street. After discussing different options, the committee thinks the best option is to place delineator posts along the edge of the right-of-way by the storm drain.

Adjournment Time: 4:27 p.m.