

TOWN OF WILSON CREEK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2026 – remote/online meeting via Google Meet

Council Present: Mayor Rob Herron, Councilmember Karl Hinze, Councilmember Scott Mortimer, Councilmember Kellie Ribail, Councilmember Shirley Billings, Councilmember HaLee Walter

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Kaci Anderson

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- A. Open Meeting:** Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Oath of Office, Council Position 5 – HaLee Walter:** Mayor Herron administered the Oath of Office for Council Position 5, for a term of 2 years unexpired, to HaLee Walter.
- C. Mayor’s Address and Maintenance/Public Works Report:** Mayor Herron addressed the council and visitors with requests to encourage townspeople to handle community issues civilly between individuals. Council expressed support of small-town atmosphere and culture of working with neighbors toward a common goal. Council discussed potential potluck-style Town Hall meetings to keep communication and transparency alive between local government and constituents.
- D. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by S. Billings, and carried to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on April 15, 2026.
- E. Public Comment:** Melvin LaFleur donated safety gear to accompany the lift the Town recently purchased from Mr. LaFleur, which he thanked the Council for. He also requested a small works roster application as he owns and operates Custom Masonry Restoration. Nicholas Odorizzi supplied a completed event permit application for the Little Big Show, scheduled for June 13. Council agreed to consider this application during New Business.
- F. Council Concerns and Issues:** Council discussed the following:
1. Railroad Street lights: K. Hinze worked with Public Works employee to get lights off, but uncertain if they’ll turn back on at night. Hoping to have Hochstatter Electric look at them soon.
 2. K. Hinze reported the walking trail down the hill from the school has been cleared but more tumbleweeds need taken care of, as well as some railing repairs. Mayor Herron to share information with Public Works.
 3. S. Mortimer reported the following updates:
 - i. He will attempt to patch the concrete at the water box near the Post Office.
 - ii. Water test was conducted after recent fire hydrant issue and repair. Town was billed. Requested formal documentation of the backfill and compaction used during the repair. Photos taken during the event will be stored on a flash drive.

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- iii. Received a bid in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the scissor lift from Jerry Pearce. Council discussed surplus sale procedure. Lift will be sold to Mr. Pearce for \$6,000.00. K. Anderson will provide documentation for the purchase.
- iv. Shared updates from discussion of sidewalk repair with CDSI, who has agreed to pay for repairs. Considering Job Corps to complete work at sidewalk as well as PT Construction for demolition portion. Estimates are needed to move forward.
- v. Job Corps is also interested in repainting the train caboose.
- vi. Asked Council to consider additional sidewalk repairs around Town, taking into consideration placement of water meters in areas needing attention.

G. Insurance Information with Shane Heston, Acrisure: Shane Heston discussed insurance coverage options through Acrisure/Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW). After discussion, motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by K. Hinze, and carried to approve submission of formal notice to RMSA with intent to leave RMSA to join CIAW as of 11/30/2026. This notice is to include proof of and reference to previous intent to do that same via emails between RMSA and Town staff.

H. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

- 1. **Deputy Clerk Updates:** K. Anderson shared updates on fulfillment of Deputy Clerk position: a final decision has not been made but Council will receive updates via email.
- 2. **Event Application Updates:** K. Anderson reported proof of insurance has been received for the ABATE of Grant County event approved for August. No site plan received yet. S. Mortimer suggested requesting GCSO presence at event.
- 3. **Bills, Checks, Electronic Withdrawal & Bank Balances:** Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by S. Billings, and carried to approve the Town’s current fiscal status, monthly bank reconciliations, and pay the bills as follows:

<u>Accounts Payable:</u>	PAYROLL: Check #11838 – 11847	\$ 3,665.52
	CLAIMS: Check #11848 – 11856	\$ 7,968.08
	EFT payments	\$ 1,928.82
	TOTAL	\$ 13,562.42
<u>Bank Account Balances:</u>	U.S. Bank (as of 4/30/26)	\$ 257,405.08
	Grant County Treasurer (as of 4/30/26)	\$ 125,062.75
	TOTAL	\$ 382,467.83

I. Old Business:

- 1. **Sale of Scissor Lift:** After previous discussion, motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by H. Walter, and carried to approve the sale of the scissor lift as previously approved for surplus, to Jerry Pearce in the amount of \$6,000.00.

