

TOWN OF WILSON CREEK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2026 – remote/online meeting via Google Meet

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

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.

Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by K. Ribail, and carried to approve the addition of item 1. under New Business, "TIB Grant Applications."

B. Mayor's Address and Maintenance/Public Works Report: No report shared.

C. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by H. Walter, and carried to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on July 11, 2026, and the special meeting on June 26, 2026.

D. Public Comment:

1. Teresa Garay shared a complaint regarding elected officials taking their dogs to the cemetery. A formal written complaint was also filed with the clerk via email.
2. Kathy Bohnet shared comments on the airport/building use.
3. Gayle Price asked about fire district building use.
4. Karen Kauffman requested updates on the cell tower and sidewalk repairs. Phyllis Brown noted sidewalk on 6th Street is separating from the curb.
5. K. Anderson shared dates from owner of the Grange Hall that the building would be available for town hall meetings: August 18-25, September 3, September 17, and all days Monday through Wednesday in September.

E. Council Concerns and Issues:

1. K. Hinze shared continuing issues with some Railroad Street lights.
2. H. Walter relayed information from a visit with a representative from the county noxious weed board.
3. S. Mortimer provided updates to the council's ongoing "to-do" list.

Motion made by S. Mortimer to approve Job Corps estimate to paint the train caboose and park facilities of a rate equal to minimum wage for up to 11 students for 5 days. Motion made by H. Walter to amend the previous motion to 3 days, seconded by K. Ribail, and carried in a 3-1-1 vote as follows: S. Mortimer, K. Ribail, H. Waler in favor; K. Hinze opposed; S. Billings abstained.

F. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

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- 1. 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 #11879 – 11889	\$ 4,878.55
	CLAIMS: Check #11890 – 11898	\$ 22,530.02
	EFT payments	\$ 3,843.66
	TOTAL	\$ 31,252.23
<u>Bank Account Balances:</u>	U.S. Bank (as of 6/30/26)	\$ 283,716.81
	Grant County Treasurer (as of 5/31/26)	\$ 125,437.90
	TOTAL	\$ 409,154.71

G. Old Business:

- 1. Airport Closure Update:** K. Anderson shared that airport runway is currently closed through September 2026 and, per previous council decision, that will be extended via NOTAM through December. S. Billings noted that her research shows the airport cannot be permanently closed.

H. New Business:

- 1. Airport Building Lease:** K. Anderson shared bid on airport building repairs from France & Co., and noted she has sent a request to the town’s attorney to create a potential draft lease document for the building. After discussion, motion was made by K. Hinze to formally terminate the current but expired lease with Grant County Fire District 12 concerning the airport building. After further discussion, S. Billings seconded the motion on the table. Motion failed 2-2 due to lack of majority vote as follows: S. Billings and K. Hinze in favor; S. Mortimer and K. Ribail opposed; H. Walter and Mayor Herron abstained.
- 2. TIB Grant Application:** K. Anderson shared copies of draft grant applications from CenturyWest for street repairs and maintenance with the Transportation Improvement Board. Unless changes are suggested, they will be submitted on or before July 31.

- I. Old Business, continued:** Council returned to discussion regarding Job Corps and required airport building repairs. Motion made by H. Walter and seconded by S. Mortimer, to approve up to 5 days for a Job Corps crew to clean trusses at airport building to prepare for engineer visit. Motion carried 3-2 as follows: H. Walter, S. Mortimer, K. Ribail in favor; S. Billings and K. Hinze opposed.
- J. Adjournment:** Motion made by H. Walter, seconded by S. Billings, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. The next regular council meeting is Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm. *This meeting was later rescheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm.*

_____ **Mayor** _____ **Clerk** August 17, 2026 **Date**