TOWN OF WILSON CREEK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING & PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING
October 13, 2026 – *remote/online meeting via Google Meet*

Council Present: Mayor ProTem Scott Mortimer, Councilmember Kellie Ribail, Councilmember Karl Hinze, Councilmember HaLee Odorizzi, Councilmember Shirley Billings

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Kaci Anderson

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A. Open Meeting: MPT Mortimer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Grant County Health District: Josie Hernandez shared a presentation regarding GCHD services to the Town of Wilson Creek. She discussed the upcoming annual renewal of interlocal agreement between GCHD and the Town and shared a brief history of the Town's annual contributions.

C. Darin Jackson, Port of Moses Lake: Mr. Jackson was unable to attend.

D. Harvest Fest Recap: S. Mortimer expressed appreciation to the committee and all volunteers who worked hard to make this year's Harvest Fest a success.

E. Public Comments

1. Mayor Rob Herron resigned effective September 29, 2026. K. Anderson outlined procedure for filling the position: Council will appoint a replacement to serve until November 2027, at which time an elected official will take office through December 2029. The position will then return to the regular 4-year terms.
2. Donna McClung provided a written proposal to rename the Wilson Creek Airport after Roger Blackman. Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by K. Ribail, and carried to approve the consideration of renaming the Wilson Creek Airport.
3. Colton Hinen provided a petition containing signatures in support of reopening the airport and converting the building into a community building/center.
4. Darin Herreid expressed concern regarding the condition of Kannawai Road.

F. Council Concerns and Issues:

1. Council requested an update on airport insurance status. K. Anderson stated the building has been added to the Town's current policy with RMSA and information on the building has been communicated to the Town's broker with CIAW. The runway is not currently insured.
2. Council discussed ways to honor community members Roger Black and Raymond Kelby, as discussed at previous meetings.

3. S. Mortimer provided the following updates on public works issues: Striping on Kathy Boulevard will need to be contracted out; County crews will visit to look at damage on Second Street; CDSI agreed to fix approximately 20 feet of sidewalk damaged.
4. K. Ribail requested K. Anderson research information regarding potential new attorneys for the Town.

G. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by K. Hinze, seconded by H. Odorizzi, and carried to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on September 14, 2026.

H. Clerk/Treasurer Report:

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, which includes the addition of a payment to Les Schwab in the amount of $331.16:

Accounts Payable:	PAYROLL: Check #11952 – 11961	$ 5,155.19
	CLAIMS: Check #11962 – 11972	$ 10,263.57
	EFT payments	$ 3,999.74
	TOTAL	$ 19,418.50
Bank Account Balances:	U.S. Bank (as of 9/30/26)	$ 319,890.14
	Grant County Treasurer (as of 9/30/26)	$ 126,918.04
	TOTAL	$ 446,808.18

2. **Preliminary 2027 Budget & 2026 Budget Revisions:** Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by K. Hinze, and carried to approve preliminary 2027 budget and 2026 budget revisions as presented.
3. **2024-2025 Audit:** Audit work has begun; estimate cost of $3,400 provided by auditor.

I. Old Business:

1. **Continued Airport Building Discussion – Grant County Fire District 12:** After discussion, motion was made by H. Odorizzi for her and K. Hinze to meet with GCFD12 on October 15, 2026, to work on negotiations for a potential lease to bring back to the Council for approval. The motion was seconded by K. Ribail. Voting in favor: H. Odorizzi, K. Hinze, K. Ribail. Opposed: S. Billings. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by H. Odorizzi, and carried to repair sidewalk damage in the amount of approximately $7,000 and invoice CDSI for the appropriate percentage.
3. Council further discussed the possibility of honoring Raymond Kelby with a plaque placed at Veterans Park. Council asked Karen Kauffman for input.

J. New Business:

1. **Council Work Session for Comprehensive Plan:** Council discussed potential Town Hall-style community meeting in January. Location suggestions included the school or Grange Hall.

K. Adjournment: Motion made by K. Ribail, seconded by S. Billings, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. The next regular council meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

_____ **Mayor** _____ **Clerk** November 12, 2026 **Date**