



**Winlock City Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Svenson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Brandon Svenson, Mayor, Present; Jess Bowers, Councilor #1; Present; Chuck Camps, Councilor #2 Present; Jodie Curtis, Councilor #3, Present; Jeramy Allman, Councilor #4/Mayor Pro Tem, Present; Lindsey Alvord, Councilor #5. Present.

**CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mindi Baird, Assistant Clerk; Robert Webster, Community Development Director; Marissa Jay, City Attorney.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Svenson led the flag salute.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council Member, Jeramy Allman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Jodie Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Svenson recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss (RCW 42.30.110(i), Potential litigation for fifteen minutes (15). Mayor Svenson returned to the regular at 6:15 p.m.

**OLD BUISSINESS:** Mayor Svenson will have the water/sewer ordinance for emergency temporary suspension on the next agenda.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:** North Military Road is finished. It took longer than anticipated but turned out nice. Mayor Svenson moved onto to say we have experienced some difficulty with a link posted on our website. We are working on it. If anyone would like to see something posted or have questions, please feel free to reach out. We recently had an incident at the Community Building involving the Young Marines group who have been renting the facility for quite some time. Last Saturday the leader of the group allowed firearms to be present. An eighteen (18) year old somehow managed to discharge the firearm causing an injury to his hand. The bullet also went through a table and chair. The city sent a letter to the Young Marines notifying them that they will no longer be allowed to rent the facility.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council Member Allman said the church on Kerron Ave is finished and looks great. We had another house fire in town off SR 505. We need to get the ordinance approved so we can help families of our community in need.

**REPORTS:** Police Department, Chief Valentine read his report. The City of Winlock had eighty-seven (87) calls for the month of February 2025 and one hundred seventy-nine (179) calls year to

date. The City of Toledo had thirty (30) calls for the month of February and fifty-six (56) calls year-to-date. Mayor Svenson thanked Chief for how he and the department handled the tragic incident that took place at the trailer park on Byham Rd.

**Grants:** Amy Grant, Buzzard – Amy is working on a grant for Department of Transportation (DOT). The grant is competitive and opens May 1<sup>st</sup>. TransAlta grants are coming to an end. The thought is to apply for them before March 31<sup>st</sup> as match funds. The Community Center is another project we should look at TransAlta for. The big one will be the Department of Transportation (DOT) grant, which opens May 1, 2025, and closes August 1, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Lowry thanked Mayor Svenson and the Council for taking the time to answer questions and address concerns.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Vouchers for March 10, 2025 for sixty-eight thousand nine hundred eleven dollars and forty-nine cents (\$68,911.49) and Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2025. ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Lindsey Alvord. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **AGENDA**

- a. **Water Leak Reduction request, Vern Williams** – Council Member Allman thanked Rodney for providing pictures. ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to approve Water Leak Reduction Request, Vern Williams, seconded by Council Member Jodie Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.***
- b. **Liquor License Renewal, Franks** – ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to approve Liquor License Renewal for Franks, seconded, by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***
- c. **Winlock Development Code Update, Chapter 2.050 Commercial District** -Mayor Svenson would like to keep # 11 (b.) P - Uses allowed subject to approval of applicable permits. City Attorney, Marissa, explained that the City can't change the development codes without going through Commerce. They can only updated once a year. Since the city is updating the comprehensive plan, they will need to wait and do it at that time. A brief discussion about commercial and industrial zoning. Marissa suggested that we add a C-3 to our commercial zoning. ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to table Winlock Community Development Code Update until more information is available, seconded, by Council Member Jess Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.***
- d. **Ordinance No. 1181- Latecomers Agreements-** Mayor Svenson reads. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18.50 TO THE WINLOCK MUNICIPLE CODE RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT AREAS AND LATECOMER AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION.** Mayor Svenson said this is for developers; primarily for the industrial park so we can get the climbing lane done. Marissa said the fees need to be added to the fee

schedule. Marissa would like a period in added in Section 5 (2). ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1181 as amended, seconded by Council Member Jodie Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.***

- e. **Set Public Hearing, Lewis County PUD Transmission Line Easement** – Mayor Svenson said this is loop project connecting the powerline from the substation, to go up the hill behind Cowlitz St, head down Cemetery Rd to the new substation on SR 505 and North Military Road. Lewis County PUD is asking for two easements on city property: one by the well house on Cemetery Road and a small gorge full of overgrown brush. They would like to put a metal transmission line at the corner of Avery and SR 603. They discussed having a lease or improving infrastructure in the area for storm water. The Council would like to hear the public's input. ***Council Member Jeramy Allman motioned to set the public hearing for Lewis County PUD Transmission Line Easement for April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Jodie Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**ADJOURNMENT** - ***Council Member Jodie Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Lindsey Alvord. Motion carried unanimously.*** Mayor Svenson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



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Mayor Svenson

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Mindi Baird, Assistant Clerk