



City Council Meeting
February 17, 2026, 7:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
201 NW Douglas Blvd.
541.679.6739 info.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock by mayor Christie Knutson. Councilors Dorie White, Allen Hobson, Dave Cunningham, and Nick Wiggins were also in attendance. Staff present were city manager Thomas McIntosh, police chief Sarti, code enforcement official Dana Parker, wastewater treatment facility superintendent Chris Sherlock, and city recorder Cindy Sarti. Add item VII B (9) Clay Caldwell reappointment to Park Board. Lt. Stiffler prepared the staff report for item VII (C). Remove item VII (D), letter to the governor.

Acceptance of Committee Minutes

1. Economic Development
2. Park Board

Motion to accept by Hobson; second by Cunningham. Unanimous.

Brook Bustrum, 184 Danielle Dr. was recently voted in as president of the Douglas High School Booster Club. There will be a lu'au on May 30th. Check out the DHS webpage for more information.

Economic Development for February 11, 2026—*Dave Cunningham, Liaison*

Councilor Cunningham reviewed minutes from the last meeting. The meeting had an impressive attendance.

Park Board for February 10, 2026—*Dorie White, Liaison*

There was discussion regarding the Community Garden and other suggestions for park projects including a dog park and upgrades to existing playground equipment.

Recommendations from the Board

Park fees waiver for a community fundraising event at Riverbend Park

Motion to waive \$300 fees by Cunningham; second by Wiggins. Unanimous.

Community Unity—Community Garden proposal for Community Park

A motion to move forward with looking more into the community garden proposal was made by Cunningham; second by Wiggins. Unanimous.

Friends of the Winston Library Executive Director Report—*Paula Fetzer, Ex. Director*

Fetzer brought handouts for STEAM, and the current financial report. Some programs are facing elimination due to UCC budget shortfalls.

Wastewater Plant—*Chris Sherlock, Plant Superintendent*

Aging blower-related equipment has failed, and replacement is no longer available. Corrosion was found in the digester. We are waiting for the permit and appropriate time to move forward with a facilities maintenance plan. Improvements are slated for the next fiscal year. Any grants available would be through the state's clean water revolving fund.

Police

A significant amount over overtime was expended during a response for a drive-by shooting incident. K9 Nike is set to retire on March 6th. There will be a ceremony honoring his 8 years of service at the community center. Chief Sarti said he will always support the K9 program if he has an officer willing to commit 100%. Nike will retire to his handler's control, officer Blake Cordell, where he will participate in future awareness activity events sponsored by Friends of the Umpqua Valley Police K9 program. The chief showed his frustration at a recent meeting of Douglas County Cares and has severed ties with the agency. Moving forward with Aviva Health. The annual law enforcement appreciation banquet is coming up on the 20th. It will be the 50th annual event hosting 10 agencies. Still moving forward with accreditation program and working on a self-sustaining court system.

Code Enforcement Report—*Dana Parker, Code Enforcement Officer*

Parker reviewed progress for 2025 including the enforcement of the city's chronic disorderly property ordinance. The property is located on Darrell and has currently been cleaned up and sold. Numerous homeless camps were posted with a 72-hour notice of removal. The code enforcement official also serves as court security and has beefed up requirements for entering the courtroom. 371 Cary has been cleaned up at a cost to taxpayers of \$3,900.

Administration—*Thomas McIntosh, City Manager*

Notice is out for sewer repairs around Bimart. Feb. 23rd is the soonest a contractor could be available. Cradar will be the contractor for this project. Franchise agreement negotiations will be upcoming. We are looking at collection platforms for recouping non-certifiable fees.

New Business Licenses

1. Arizona Solar Solutions Inc.—*Emily Stipp*
2. Winston Antiques & Collectibles—*Teri Henderson*
3. Mama Ginger's Cookies—*Tim & Virginia Lacey*

Motion to approve by Cunningham; second by White. Unanimous.

Committee Appointment/Re-appointment Requests

1. Onikka Driscoll, Re-appointment to Park Board
2. Lucy Tripp, New Appointment to Economic Development Committee
3. Sara Melendez, New Appointment to F. O. W. L.
4. RoseAnn Pierce, Re-appointment to F. O. W. L.
5. Robert Bell, Re-appointment to F. O. W. L.
6. Elton King, Re-appointment to F. O. W. L.
7. Steven Johnson, Re-appointment to Budget Committee
8. Levi Zundel, New Appointment to Park Board
9. Clay Caldwell, Re-appointment to Park Board

Motion to approve by Hobson; second by White. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 26-1215 Douglas County IGA Work Crew

1. Read by Title Only—*Cindy Sarti, City Recorder*
2. Staff Report—*Lt. Stiffler*
3. Comments from the Audience (3 minutes each speaker)
4. Council Action

Motion to approve as read by Cunningham; second by White. Unanimous.

Announcements

- Due to lack of agenda items, the Urban Renewal Agency will not meet on February 19th. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March
- The next City Council meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at 7 pm; City Hall
- BiMart's main entrance will close for emergency sewer mainline replacement for approximately two weeks beginning Feb. 23rd. A detour will be in place. Access will be off NW Civil Bend.
- Vacancies exist on Budget and Economic Development committees. Both have three-year terms.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. 8:12. Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sarti, City Recorder.


Christie Knutson, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Sarti, City Recorder