

**Action Minutes
City Council
November 24, 2025**

WORK SESSION

1. Discussion on City Hall Operational Hours. Mayor Brenda Wood opened the workshop at 6:01 PM. Present were CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger (Zoom), and Mayor Wood. Also present were City Administrator Jordon Bennett, Administrative Services Director Kathy Woosley, Public Works Foreman Sheldon Price, Utility Clerk Kari Goben, and Finance Clerk Alanna Womack.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call. Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger (Zoom), and Mayor Wood were present. CM Keller was excused. Also present were City Administrator Bennett, ASD Woosley, Jim Winterbottom, Jaime Crawford (Zoom) and Eric Wheeler.

2. Additions or Amendments to the Agenda. None.

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of Action Minutes of November 10, 2025.

b. Ratification of the Bills in the Amount of \$ 159,226.05

c. Approval of Santo Spirito LLC/Buona Notte OLCC License.

d. Approval of Landmass Wines OLCC Special Event License.

Motion: CM Happy moved, seconded by CM Pruitt, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood voting in favor.

4. Appearance of Interested Citizens to Share a Variety of Perspectives on Issues Facing Our Community. CA Bennett read a letter from Experience Mt. Hood and the Gorge.

5. Special Reports:

a. Sheriff's Office – Sheriff English

b. DLCD Housing Code Grant – Jaime Crawford, Bell Design

6. Public Hearings

a. Proposed Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mayor Wood opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM and with no public comment closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 PM.

7. Action Items:

a. Approve Resolution No. 1525 – Garbage Rates. Motion: CM Pruitt moved, seconded by CM Keilman, to approve Resolution No. 1525 adjusting the solid waste collection rates for Hood River Garbage within the Cascade Locks city limits effective January 1, 2026. The motion passed with CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood voting in favor.

b. Approve Resolution No. 1526 – FY 25-26 Supplemental Budget. Motion: CM Pruitt moved, seconded by CM Happy, to approve Resolution No. 1526 approving the supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as outlined. After discussion CM Pruitt amended her motion to include the \$1,000,000 only from the ODOT to repay the loan. CM Bump seconded the amended motion. The motion was passed by CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood.

c. Approve Letter of Support for Hood River-White Salmon Bridge. Motion: CM Happy moved, seconded by CM Pruitt, to approve the letter of support for the Hood River-White Salmon bridge replacement project application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program.

8. Reports and Presentations.

a. Committee Reports – None

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- b. Community Liaison Jake Ross-Bright**
- c. City Administrator Bennett Report**

9. Mayor and City Council Comments.

10. Executive Session. ORS 192.660 (2)(a) Employment of specific public officers, employees and agents and under limited circumstances and ORS 192.660 (2)(h) Legal Counsel re: litigation likely to be filed. Mayor Wood recessed Regular Session and entered into Executive Session. CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood were present. Also present were City Administrator Bennett, ASD Woosley, and City Attorney Cleaveland.

11. Decision on McCord Creek Project (added). Motion: CM Pruitt moved, seconded by CM Happy, to accept \$60,000 from ODOT and authorize CA Bennett to sign the Agreement for Services to receive such funds. The motion passed unanimously by CM's Bump, Keilman, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood.

12. Approval of Utilities Director Candidate (added). Motion: CM Happy moved, seconded by CM Seeger, to approve the recommended candidate for the Utility Director position. The motion failed with CM's Bump, Pruitt, and Mayor Wood opposing the motion. CM's Happy and Seeger were in favor of the motion and CM Keilman abstained.

13. Adjournment. Motion: CM Pruitt moved, seconded by CM Happy, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by CM's Bump, Happy, Pruitt, Seeger, and Mayor Wood.

Prepared by
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APPROVED:

Brenda Wood, Mayor