



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor Erik Halvorson
Mayor Pro Tem Keith Young
Council Member Chris Bryant
Council Member Mike Claxton
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Kalei LaFave
Council Member Wayne Nichols*

Thursday, February 12,
2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

26-00102 KEVIN ASAY, CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

After the invocation provided by Kevin Asay of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember LaFave (On-Line), Councilmember Nichols

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Chris Pirnke, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little, Parks & Recreation Director Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Chief Brad Hannig, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. WORKSHOP**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****26-0052 JANUARY 22, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Young, to approve the January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**7. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS****26-00131 2026 UTILITIES PROJECTS AND RATES**

Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins presented.

8. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

*Larry Jacobs provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Clint Hash provided public comment.
Meredith Long provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Matt Swanson provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment.*

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS**26-00106 ORDINANCE NO. 3571 - AMENDING LMC CHAPTER 6.06 (DOG LICENSING TERM AND SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS)****RECOMMENDED ACTION:****HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 3571 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE**

*Mayor Halvorson opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.
Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins presented.
Council discussed the presentation.
Mayor Halvorson opened the public comment portion of the hearing at 6:44 p.m.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Shaun Higgins provided public comment.
Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins clarified cats picked up are released at the same location.
City Manager Jennifer Wills clarified cats are checked for chips and returned to their owners.
Mayor Halvorson closed the public comment portion and the hearing at 6:49 p.m.
Council discussed the ordinance.
A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt Ordinance No 3571. The motion carried unanimously.*

10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

*Jason Still provided public comment.
Matt Swanson provided public comment.*

11. **BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

12. **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

26-00108 **RESOLUTION NO. 2604 – WATER RATES FOR 2026**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2604

A motion was made by Councilmember Young, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2604 with an increase of 4% effective March 1, 2026.

Council discussed.

An amendment was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, to make the effective date December 1, 2026.

Council discussed.

The Amendment failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Halvorson, Councilmember Young

Nays: Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Nichols

The main motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Young, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember LaFave

Nays: Councilmember Halvorson

26-00109 **RESOLUTION NO. 2605 – SEWER RATES FOR 2026**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2605

A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to adopt Resolution No. 2605 with an increase of 5% effective March 1, 2026.

Council discussed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Young

Nays: Councilmember Halvorson

13. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

26-0075 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt the council committees for uncontested positions:

911 Board: Nichols; Alternate Bryant

Fire Pension Board: Halvorson; Alternate Bryant

LEOFF Disability Board: Nichols & Bryant; Alternate LaFave

Longview School Board Liaison: Nichols; Alternate Bryant

Parks Board Liaison: Nichols; Alternate Bryant

Regional Airport Authority: Young; Alternate Bryant

Revenue Committee: LaFave, Claxton, Bryant; Alternate Kendall & Nichols

The motion carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the remainder of the committees and selected primary and alternate members:

Accessibility Advisory Committee: Bryant; Alternate Nichols

Budget Committee: LaFave, Claxton, Bryant; Alternate Young & Nichols

Columbia Theater: Nichols; Alternate LaFave

Complete Streets Advisory Committee: Kendall; Alternate Claxton
Council Appointment Committee: Kendall, LaFave, Halvorson; Alternate Claxton & Bryant
Legislative Committee: LaFave, Bryant, Kendall; Alternate Halvorson & Claxton
Cowlitz Homeless Housing Task Force: Kendall
CEDC: Halvorson
Cowlitz Transit Authority: Claxton, Halvorson; Alternate Bryant
Downtown Advisory Committee: Kendall; Alternate Nichols
Golf Course Advisory Committee: LaFave; Alternate Young
HOSWAA/Longview Housing Authority: Kendall, Halvorson ; Alternate Claxton
Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce: LaFave; Alternate Bryant
KLTV: LaFave; Alternate Claxton
Library Board of Trustees: Claxton; Alternate Halvorson
Loan Review Board: Bryant; Alternate Halvorson
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Bryant; Alternate Claxton
Longview Downtowners: Nichols, Kendall
Lower Columbia CAP: Claxton; Alternate Halvorson
Public Works Subcommittee: Claxton, Bryant, Nichols; Alternate Young, Kendall
Sister City Commission: Young; Alternate Nichols
SW Clean Air Agency: Kendall
CWCOG: LaFave; Alternate Halvorson
TRWA: Kendall; Alternate Nichols
Water Operating Board: Nichols, Kendall; Alternate Young

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

14. **COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councilmember Young provided a verbal report.
Councilmember Kendall provided a verbal report.
Councilmember Claxton provided a verbal report.
Councilmember Bryant provided a verbal report.
Councilmember Nichols provided a verbal report.
Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

15. **CONSENT**

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0053 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

26-00107 SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 3572 – ADOPTING THE THREE RIVERS REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY DISCHARGE PRETREATMENT POLICY AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.24 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3572

26-00130 SET PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 3573 - ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT AND MILEAGE RATES FOR FIRE-EMS SERVICES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2026, DURING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3573

26-00132 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2026 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jennifer Wills provided a verbal report.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Halvorson announced the Executive Sessions would be a total of 15 minutes starting at 7:57 and ending at 8:15 p.m.

The City Council, City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Chris Prinkle, and Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins entered Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) to consider minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Litigation or Potential Litigation for a total period of 15 minutes. At 8:15 p.m. all parties came out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

26-00110 TO CONSIDER MINIMUM PRICE AT WHICH REAL ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE OR LEASE PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

26-00111 LITIGATION OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION PER RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.