



CITY OF REPUBLIC
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026

Those Present:

Council: Mayor Gabe Becklin, Council Members: Marty Rugo, Liz Stinson, Heather Brice & Loni Simone

Employees: Clerk-Treasurer Nick Olsen, Deputy Clerk Robyn Turcotte & Public Works Director Todd Cole

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00 pm

Roll Call: Absent Council Member Mari Jo Olsen

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to excuse Mari Jo Olsen by Liz, seconded by Marty.

Agenda Approval:

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion by Marty, seconded by Heather.

Consent Agenda:

- Review Minutes for December 15, 2025
- Review payroll check #'s & Benefit's EBT Amount -4434-4435- \$39,579.37
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65971-65984- \$6,430.51
- Review accounts payable check #'s & amount - 65985-66003- \$216,217.35
- Review State Transmittal - \$75,721.86

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Liz, seconded by Marty.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Ordinances / Resolutions: None

Department Head Reports:

Todd Cole- Public Works Director

- A light pole damaged by a garbage truck has been replaced.
- Pressure tank bladder replacement needed at a cost of \$3,130.39.

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve \$3,130.39 for Pressure Tank Bladder by Marty, seconded by Liz.

- The Bronco Bar is opening soon and experiencing sewer issues.
 - Public Works will loan a sewer snake.
 - The business has a sign-up, installed a grease trap, and is compliant with city ordinances.

Nick Olsen- Clerk Treasurer

- Street Light Replacement cost is \$3,300.48

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve \$3,300.48 for new street light pole by Marty seconded by Liz.

- City Financial Plan presented.

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion to approve City Financial Plan by Liz seconded by Marty.

- Special meeting to discuss Ferry County criminal justice contracts scheduled for January 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM
- Mayor Pro Tem position open needs to be re-appointed for 2026

Motion: Unanimous approval after a motion for Liz to be appointed as Mayor Pro Temp by Marty, seconded by Loni.

Mayor / Council Reports:

Mayor Gabe Becklin-

- The current turkey count is 9. He will be reaching out to the Fish and Wildlife Department regarding the town flock.

Liz Stinson-

- Inquired about repairs to Erdman Street following a water leak; landowner complaints remain regarding an unrepaired driveway.
- Presented Hotel/Motel Funding Recommendations for 2026:
 - Kettle River Musical Festival Requested \$3,000.00 approved 3,000.00
 - Omak Chronical requested \$3,478.00 approved \$0.00
 - Republic Chamber requested \$6,000.00 approved \$6,000.00
 - R VBC requested \$7,950 approved \$7,500.00
 - Stonerose requested \$9,805 approved \$7,500.00
 - Kettle River History Club requested \$500 approved \$500
 - **Motion:** Unanimous approval after a motion to approve 2026 Hotel/Motel Funding by Liz seconded by Marty.

Heather Brice-

- Attended AWC Training

Motion: The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM following a motion by Liz, seconded by Loni. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Gabe Becklin
GABE BECKLIN- MAYOR

Robyn Turcotte
ROBYN TURCOTTE- DEPUTY CLERK

The seal of the State of Washington is circular, featuring a central figure of a Native American holding a bow and arrow. The text "OFFICE OF THE CLERK" is written around the inner edge, and "STATE OF WASHINGTON" is written around the outer edge.