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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JUNE 23, 2025
5:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM/ IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon, Scott Randall, Dan Richardson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Ben Wring

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Matthew Klebes, City Attorney Jonathan Kara, City Clerk Amie Ell, Public Works Director Dale McCabe, Police Chief Tom Worthy, Community Development Director Joshua Chandler, Assistant City Manager/HR Director Brenda Fahey

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Ell. McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall, Richardson, Mays present. Wring absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor McGlothlin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor McGlothlin invited the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Randall to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried 4 to 0, Richardson, Randall, Runyon, McGlothlin voting in favor; none opposed; Wring absent.

PRESENTATIONS

Waste Water Treatment Plant Annual Report, Jacobs

Dale McCabe Public Works Director introduced the wastewater treatment plant manager Oscar Farris and area manager Jeff Houchin from Jacobs.

Farris reviewed the Jacobs 2023-2024 Annual Waste Water Treatment Plant Report.

Farris provided the following updates in response to additional questions from the City Council:

- The department had been short one mechanic for approximately eight months. Several candidates had applied, but none were a fit. Staff had worked together to cover the gap.
- The lab and Industrial Pretreatment role had been filled. A new operator-in-training had taken over safety duties, completed CDL school, and gained driving experience.
- Regarding the E. coli graph in the report, he noted seasonal spikes had remained below the 406 ppm permit limit and represented monthly highs, not averages.
- The methane gas system installed in 2019 had underperformed. The City would evaluate biogas production and explore upgrades as part of the upcoming Wastewater Treatment Master Plan update.

Houchin shared that Jacobs had recently recognized three project managers nationwide for outstanding performance. Farris was selected through a competitive process for his strong project involvement, team leadership, and positive impact in the City.

Annual Insurance Update

Scott Reynier of Columbia River Insurance provided an annual update on the City's insurance coverage. Most of the City's property and casualty insurance was managed through City/County Insurance Services (CIS), the sole provider in Oregon, with workers' compensation through SAIF Corporation and a few smaller policies for areas like the airport and cyber liability. He noted a positive trend in the insurance market, reporting this was the first time in several years rate increases had flattened, which would aid in budgeting despite no projected rate reductions.

Reynier reported municipal insurance rate stability was supported by improved statewide performance and stronger reinsurance results. He noted that the City's rates were primarily influenced by local loss experience. A six-year loss report (see attached) showed the City maintained loss ratios under 50% in all but one category, with a higher property insurance ratio due to a 2023-24 claim. Overall, the City's performance was considered strong and supported a favorable internal rating with CIS. He added that some Oregon insurers were facing challenges due to high combined ratios and wildfire-related losses.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Matthew Klebes reported on City involvement in the response to the Rowena Fire;

- An incident management team was established to coordinate recovery efforts, including volunteers, donations, and aid.
- Initial City response included assistance from Police and Public Works with traffic control during Route 30 and I-84 closures, as well as evacuation support.
- City leadership and staff participated in coordination meetings and connected with the Red Cross to support the emergency evacuation center.
- The City accepted and processed approximately 36,000 gallons of septic materials from damaged septic tanks and facilities.
- The recently upgraded City Wi-Fi system, developed in partnership with Q Life, played a key role during the event by helping maintain connectivity when cell service was unreliable due to high call volumes.
- Ongoing updates would be coming from Wasco County Public Information Officer Stephanie Krell regarding recovery efforts.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Runyon reported;

- Participated in the Fallen Soldiers cart stop in The Dalles during its route to Boise for the respectful transfer of military remains.
- Praised The Dalles Police for escorting the cart and over 40 Patriot Guard Riders to the Oregon Veterans Home, where officers engaged with residents and staff.
- Attended Rowena Fire community meeting at The Dalles High School.

Councilor Richardson reported;

- Federal Street Plaza subcommittee had transitioned from the design phase into preliminary implementation.

Councilor McGlothlin reported;

- Cancellations of the June Airport Board and Urban Renewal Agency meetings.
- Attended police shooter response training at The Dalles High School.
- Attended Rowena Fire community meeting at The Dalles High School.
- Met with County officials on June 23 to discuss post-fire planning and accepted the role to lead rebuilding efforts, coordinating financial and donation activities.

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- County officials and the Executive Board of The Dalles Lions Club would be meeting to explore a partnership for rebuilding support, leveraging the Lions' 501(c)(3) status and volunteer base.

Councilor Randall reported;

- Nothing to report

Mayor Mays reported;

- Attended wildfire briefings at the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue station, the community meeting at The Dalles High School, and visited the Red Cross shelter at the middle school multiple times.
- Observed strong cooperation among eight to ten agencies, including approximately 580 firefighters from across the country assisting with the wildfire response.
- Participated in an interview on KODL.
- Visited Adventist's Celilo Cancer Center, noting their work with a public relations firm to develop a promotional video featuring a brief interview with the Mayor.
- Escorted about 50 visitors from Troutdale on a tour of local murals.
- Attended the well-attended and successful Dalles Art Center fundraising auction.

McGlothlin noted the destruction from the fire was very serious and expressed appreciation for the individuals who supported the community, including both incoming and local firefighters.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Randall and seconded by McGlothlin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, Randall, McGlothlin, Runyon, Richardson voting in favor; none opposed; Wring absent.

Items approved on the consent agenda were: 1) The minutes of the June 2, 2025 Special City Council Meeting; 2) The minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting; 3) Authorization of Expenditures for Contract No. 2025-007: Annual Water Treatment Chemical Supply Contract; and 4) Resolution No. 25-029 Concurring with the Mayor's Appointments to the Historic Landmarks Commission

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

Authorization of Annual Amendment to Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Contract – Amendment No. 2

Dale McCabe Public Works Director reviewed the staff report.

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It was moved by McGlothlin and seconded by Richardson to authorize the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to the OMI agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,498,464. The motion carried 4 to 0, McGlothlin Richardson, Randall, Runyon voting in favor; none opposed; Wring absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution No. 25-028 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures from and within Various Funds of the City of The Dalles Adopted Budget

Matthew Klebes City Manager reviewed the staff report.

When asked to provide an update on the progress of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA), Klebes reported meetings had occurred with Klickitat County representatives, including Commissioner Zoller and legal counsel. They were considering a co-ownership intergovernmental agreement similar to Q Life's structure. This would maintain joint airport ownership while establishing a shared governance model. He noted positive initial feedback but emphasized the need for further coordination with the Board of County Commissioners, the Airport Board, and other stakeholders before moving forward.

In response to a question about an unanticipated \$50,000 allocation to parks, Klebes under the prior ordinance, 2% of collected Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) was allocated to Parks and Recreation. This distribution was being completed for the current year, after which allocations would follow the revised ordinance.

Mayor Mays asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address City Council on the supplemental budget resolution.

There was none.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by McGlothlin to adopt Resolution No. 25-028 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Making Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures within Various Funds of The Dalles Adopted Budget. The motion carried 4 to 0, Richardson, McGlothlin, Runyon, Randall voting in favor; none opposed; Wring absent.

Mayor Mays asked if there was any other business to come before Council.

Runyon asked about the insurance coverage for the airport involving two states, the City, and the County.

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Insurance agent Reynier explained that City/County Insurance Services (CIS) provided property coverage for hangars and other airport property. Liability coverage was provided through a specialized airport program serving five Northwest states. This program was renewed every three years, managed by aviation experts, and considered the most successful municipal aviation insurance program in the region.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

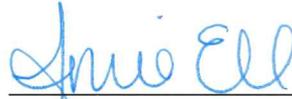
Submitted by/
Amie Ell, City Clerk

SIGNED:



Richard A. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amie Ell, City Clerk

City of The Dalles Loss Ratio Summary

Last Five Full Fiscal Years Plus Current at 5/31/2025

* = For confidentiality, financials on any open employment claims (in parentheses in claims column) are removed from totals. Financials on closed employment claims are included.



General Liability

Coverage Year	Premium	Losses	Claims*	Loss Ratio
2019-2020	\$190,668	\$43,065	(0) 4	23%
2020-2021	\$198,333	\$291,731	(0) 49	147%
2021-2022	\$228,447	\$155,115	(0) 7	68%
2022-2023	\$293,045	\$6,000	(0) 2	2%
2023-2024	\$338,861	\$0	(0) 2	0%
2024-2025	\$368,849	\$11,071	(0) 4	3%
Totals:	\$1,618,205	\$506,983	(0) 68	31%

Overall Loss Ratio:
31%

Average Claim Cost:
\$7,456

Auto Liability

Coverage Year	Premium	Losses	Claims	Loss Ratio
2019-2020	\$26,474	\$9,052	2	34%
2020-2021	\$25,041	\$0	2	0%
2021-2022	\$29,510	\$0	1	0%
2022-2023	\$32,835	\$7,527	3	23%
2023-2024	\$38,583	\$0	0	0%
2024-2025	\$42,588	\$5,000	1	12%
Totals:	\$195,032	\$21,579	9	11%

Overall Loss Ratio:
11%

Average Claim Cost:
\$2,398

Auto Physical Damage

Coverage Year	Premium	Losses	Claims	Loss Ratio
2019-2020	\$22,502	\$5,686	1	25%
2020-2021	\$20,686	\$2,890	8	14%
2021-2022	\$21,760	\$0	1	0%
2022-2023	\$24,132	\$0	1	0%
2023-2024	\$30,829	\$47,089	2	153%
2024-2025	\$37,340	\$0	0	0%
Total:	\$157,248	\$55,665	13	35%

Overall Loss Ratio:
35%

Average Claim Cost:
\$4,282

Property

Coverage Year	Premium	Losses	Claims	Loss Ratio
2019-2020	\$109,902	\$0	2	0%
2020-2021	\$119,685	\$0	0	0%
2021-2022	\$132,406	\$0	0	0%
2022-2023	\$166,926	\$0	0	0%
2023-2024	\$204,290	\$697,000	1	341%
2024-2025	\$237,099	\$135,912	3	57%
Totals:	\$970,307	\$832,912	6	86%

Overall Loss Ratio:
86%

Average Claim Cost:
\$138,819

All Lines of Coverage

Coverage Year	Premium	Losses	Claims*	Loss Ratio
2019-2020	\$349,546	\$57,803	(0) 9	17%
2020-2021	\$363,746	\$294,621	(0) 59	81%
2021-2022	\$412,123	\$155,115	(0) 9	38%
2022-2023	\$516,938	\$13,527	(0) 6	3%
2023-2024	\$612,563	\$744,089	(0) 5	121%
2024-2025	\$685,876	\$151,983	(0) 8	22%
Totals:	\$2,940,792	\$1,417,139	(0) 96	48%

Overall Loss Ratio:
48%

Average Claim Cost:
\$14,762