

**UNION GAP CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**UNION GAP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
*Union Gap, Washington*  
**March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Call to Order Mayor Hodkinson called the Regular Meeting of the Union Gap City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present Council Members Wentz, Sewell, Galloway, Schilling, Fredrickson, and Dailey were present.

Staff Present City Manager Cobb, City Attorney Foltz, Police Chief Soptich, Fire Chief Lamoureux, Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh, Civil Engineer Dominguez, and Finance & Administration Director Bisconer were present.

Audience Present See attached list.

Pledge of Allegiance Council Member Galloway led the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda Motion by Council Member Fredrickson, second by Council Member Dailey to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, dated February 23, 2026, as attached to the Agenda and maintained in electronic format

Claims Vouchers – EFT’s, and Check No’s. 111882 through 111948, in the amount of \$266,488.74

Petty Cash Vouchers – Check No. 1379 for February 2026 in the amount of \$90.00

Advance Travel Vouchers – Check No’s 1379 through 1383 for February 2026, in the amount of \$891.15.

Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager

Resolution No. – 26 – 22 – Contract for Professional Services with Yakima Valley Tourism City Manager Cobb presented an agreement with Yakima Valley Tourism for Council consideration and recommended approval of the contract for professional services. Council Member Schilling inquired about the status of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

(LTAC), and Cobb responded that the renewal agreement does not affect the committee and that it will remain in place; also noting that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new tourism promoter will be brought before Council in the near future. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway, to approve Resolution No. – 26 – 22 – Contract for Professional Service with Yakima Valley Tourism.

Resolution No. – 26 – 23 –  
Contract for Service with  
Price Ford of Yakima Valley

City Manager Cobb discussed a proposed service agreement with Price Ford to provide vehicle maintenance service for the City’s fleet. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Sewell to approved Resolution No. – 26 – 23 – Contract for Service with Price Ford of Yakima Valley. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. – 26 – 24 –  
Censuring Council Member  
Julie Schilling

City Attorney Foltz presented a resolution regarding alleged misconduct by Council Member Schilling related to funding activities associated with the Friends of Library and Community Center 501c3. The proposed resolution would issue a formal censure and remove Council Member Schilling from Council-appointed boards and commissions through the end of her current term on December 31, 2027, citing a potential violation of Section 2.14.015(G) of the code of conduct. Foltz stated that Council could adopt the resolution, issue a lesser admonishment, or take no action. Council Member Fredrickson requested clarification regarding an admonishment. Foltz explained that an admonishment is less formal than a censure and does not include removal from the boards or commissions. Council Member Wentz expressed support for adoption the resolution. Mayor Hodkinson invited Council Member Schilling to provide comments. Schilling stated that her involvement with the 501c3 organization was as a volunteer and that the grant application referenced was submitted as a preliminary placeholder to explore funding opportunities for improvements to the Community Center. Public Comment was received from Pam Wichersham, Mark Crouchet, Terry Schilling, and Tania Latham, who spoke regarding the volunteer efforts related to the Friends of the Library & Community Center 501c3, and expressed support for Council Member Schilling. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Galloway to approve Resolution No. – 26 – 24 – Censuring Council Member Julie Schilling.

Voting on the motion – Ayes – Fredrickson, Sewell, Wentz, Dailey, Galloway, and Hodkinson. Nays – Schilling. Motion passes.

Public Works & Community  
Development

Resolution No. – 26 – 25 –  
Regional Beltway Utilities  
Extension; Sewer Lift Station;  
HLA 22038A-C; Project  
Final Acceptance

Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh gave an overview of the Regional Beltway Utilities Extension, Sewer Lift Station, HLA 22038A-C; resolution. Motion by Council Member Wentz, second by Council Member Sewell, to approve Resolution No. 26 – 25 – Regional Beltway Utilities Extension; Sewer Lift Station; HLA 22038A-C; Project Final Acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid – Regional  
Beltway Area Utility  
Extension Sewer Lift Station;  
HLA 22038B (Re-Bid)

Public Works & Community Development Director Cavanaugh informed the awarding contract to TTC Construction for the Beltway Lift Station project, noting the company was the lowest bidder and that the bid came in approximately \$100,000 below the projected budget. Motion by Council Member Dailey, second by Council Member Wentz, to award a construction contract to TTC Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Items from the Audience

Mark Crouchet addressed Council and thanked them for their collaboration over the past five years. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the City.

City Manager Report

City Manager Cobb informed Council that the Union Gap School will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new gymnasium on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 10 a.m. and requested a headcount for attendance. Mayor Hodkinson and Council Members Fredrickson, Sewell, and Dailey indicated they plan to attend; City Attorney Foltz was recognized for her service to the City; Council Member Schilling asked about meetings held with members of the Finance Committee and other Council Members, whether they constituted a quorum. Cobb stated the meetings were informational and involved fewer than four Council Members at a time. City Attorney Foltz clarified that three Council Members do not constitute a quorum.

Communications/Questions/  
Comments


Fire Chief Lamoureux provided an update on the new ladder truck, stating that repairs are being completed to address leaking seals in the transfer case. The repairs are expected to be completed, and the ladder truck is anticipated to arrive next week, with delivery scheduled at City Hall.


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Development of Next Agenda    None.

Adjournment of Meeting        Mayor Hodkinson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Lynette Bisconer, City Clerk

  
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Gregory Cobb, City Manager