



**City of White Salmon September 04, 2024
City Council Special Meeting – Council Retreat
In Person Only**

Attendance

Council Members:

Ben Giant
Patty Fink
David Lindley
Jason Hartmann
Jim Ransier

Staff Present:

Andrew Dirks, Public Work Director
Chris True, PW Operations Manager
Erika Castro-Guzman, Special Projects
Coordinator
Jenne Patterson, Code Compliance
Lisa Randall, Police Office Manager
Marla Keethler, Mayor
Stephanie Porter, Clerk Treasurer
Shawn Mac Pherson, City Attorney
Troy Rayburn, City Administrator

I. Call to Order

Mayor Marla Keethler called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m. There were no members of the public in attendance in person.

II. Roll Call

III. Workshop Topic

The City Clerk Treasurer, Stephanie Porter, provided a 2025 financial overview including current expense fund potential funding concerns to be aware of for 2026 and after. The WA State Auditor Financial Interest Tool was provided to relay audit caution flags for the current expense (001) and wastewater (402) fund based on 2023 Financial Report.

Mayor Keethler reviewed the City Council 2024 Priorities:

1. Implementation of the Housing Action Plan
2. Increase Wildfire Preparedness
3. Address the gap in youth resources

Council discussed the following topics of potential interest for 2025 priorities:

1. Planning Staff
2. Wildfire Preparedness
3. Youth Center new home
4. Grant Writer funding
5. Climate Action Plan
 - a. Rebate for drought resistant landscape replacing current grass lawns.
6. Rheingarten Playground Equipment Replacement

The City Council agreed that the 2024 priorities would be appropriate for 2025 priorities. There was council discussion related to adding the Climate Action Plan and providing a more detailed 5 year projection to give staff more specific project expectations for each year with the large scope of the current 2024 priorities.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Marla Keethler
Mayor

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Stephanie Porter
Clerk Treasurer