

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23rd, 2026

Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Paris, called the City Council Meeting to order at 5:30p.m.
 - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Paris led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - **ROLL CALL:** Steve Cowdrey, Lori Loseth, Craig Stein, David Weakland and Tim Ottmar
 - **STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Davidson, City Clerk-Treasurer
 - **PUBLIC PRESENT:** Peggy Hansford, Fair Board
 - **PUBLIC HEARING -** None
 - **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None
 - **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - **Minutes of February 9th, 2026 Regular Meeting**
 - Payroll 2/15/2026 Ck# 47673 - 47676 Including EFT's; \$16,160.52
 - Expense Claims 2/23/2026 Ck# 47677 - 47695 Including EFT's; \$40,508.27
 - Voids: Ck#
 - **Motion to approval Consent Calendar by Cowdrey/Ottmar, motion passes 5/0**
 - **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**
 - **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Peggy Hansford** asked the council for permission to have the 2026 Fair and Carnival in the city. All were in favor.
 - **Business Licenses Reviewed:** Dessa supplied copies off all business licenses that she has authorized since beginning of the year.
 - **CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS: None**
 - **CLERK'S REPORT:** DeBella Representatives asked for an extension, they were not able to get an attorney here to represent them. Adam was asking if we would give them a 30-day extension. Dwayne will follow up with Adam to see where they are at on this.
 - Tina asked the mayor and council how would they like to handle the Authorization "approval" of businesses actually located in the city? Does there need to be a higher form of approval for business licenses, other than Dessa doing the authorization. Dept of Revenue handles all the credentials and the license of the business, but it up to the city (Dessa) to authorize their "in city" license. It was discussed and was decided no action would be taken other than Dessa's authorizing.
 - **DEPARTMENTS:**
 - **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
 - **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**
 - **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Next Meeting April 2nd 2026
- COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**
- **Lori Loseth** – Attended Board of Health meeting
 - **Craig Stein** – None
 - **David Weakland** – None
 - **Tim Ottmar** – Tim stated that the new "Welcome" sign is back up and looks really nice. Dwayne stated that he will get some pictures of the people who fixed it and then he will get it posted to Facebook.
 - **Steve Cowdrey** –Steve stated HB 2489 did not go through, but to keep watch on what is going on in Olympia.

- **MAYOR’S REPORT:**
 - Dwayne reported that the school was not able to make the Globes for the Bridge. The guys have ordered new ones, and they should be going up soon.
 - The Welcome Sign is done. Kirk put a clear coat on it and it looks really good. We will get some pictures of the group that restored it and get it on Facebook.
 - The damage that was done to the drinking fountain by the basketball court, has been addressed and student will be paying restitution to pay for the replacement of the fountain. Our new camera system was able to identify the student.
 - The guys will be getting ready to put the sidewalk in by the church to the restrooms as soon as the weather permits, and then they will finish working on the restrooms.
 - Also, the school flashing light did get fixed and the new crosswalk lights are going to get lights installed on both sides of pole.
 - And, the mayor and council approved the Lions Club Liquor Permits for the Fair in April 2026
- **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10 Min – Litigation**
 - **Executive session started: 5:45**
 - **Discussion was held; no decisions were made.**
 - **Executive Session Ended: 5:55**
- **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Weakland/Stein, Motion passed. 5/0
Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Dwayne Paris, Mayor

Tina Davidson, Clerk-Treasurer