

ASOTIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 14th, 2026

Asotin City Hall, 121 Cleveland Street, Asotin WA

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Dwayne Paris, Mayor, 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, David Weakland and Tim Ottmar
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Tina Davidson, City Clerk-Treasurer, Alyssa Jones, staff
- **PUBLIC PRESENT:** D'lynne Ottmar, Rozella Wood, and Linda Miltenburger, Chris Akerblade
- **PUBLIC HEARING – None**
- **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Chris Akerblade, who has lived along the Snake River for 4 years, asked the council to keep the RV dump site open. He stated that a lot of campers on the popular route are using the Asotin option, which keeps beaches and roadways much cleaner. Akerblade said he's seen more commercial and private rafters this summer than ever before, and it's likely they are dumping cooking oil in the SCAT machine after extended trips on the Snake and Salmon rivers.
- **Minutes of August 24th, 2026 Regular Meeting**
- Payroll 8/31/2026 Ck#48059-48063 Including EFT's; \$21,883.95
- Expense Claims 9/14/2026 Ck#48065-48091 Including EFT's; \$182,793.66
- Voids: Ck#
 - Motion to approval Consent Calendar by Cowdrey/Loseth, motion passes 4/0**
 - Motion for Approval of Craig Stein, Council member's Excused absence by Weakland/Ottmar, Motion passed 4/0:**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - RV Dump-SCAT** – After discussion from council members, the mayor's recommended motion is to continue with the closure of the SCAT machine and re-open the RV Dump.
 - Motion to leave the SCAT Machine Closed and open the RV Dump, by Loseth/Weakland;** Discussion held for/against motion,
 - Motion Amended to establish a committee of 5 members, by Loseth/Weakland, motion passed 4/0.** (1 WWTP Operator, 1 Council Member, 1-Rater Rep., 2 Citizens at large). They will gather information on solutions for the SCAT Machine and report to council monthly,
 - New Motion to approve the closure of SCAT machine and opening RV Dump, with amendment to add committee by Loseth/Cowdrey, motion passed 3/1.**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **Business Licenses Reviewed:** Dessa supplied copies off all business licenses. These all appear to be renewals for business outside the city limits.
 - **REVE/DABELLA License:** Dwayne reported that we are continuing to have issues with this company. It appears they have been trying to do business in Asotin; however, they are suspended and they are aware of that, but still trying to deliver product and get permits without a license. Bob and Monte are working on this. Our suspension is up on October 28, 2026, therefore we will be addressing this issue at the next meeting to decide if we release the suspension or keep it in place with date TBD.
- **CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR REPORTS:**
- **CLERK'S REPORT:** Tina reported that she is working on Budget. She also introduced her new helper for the afternoons. She is from Worksource employee I talked about last week. Alyssa was introduced to the council. Dessa will be working 9-1 and Alyssa will be working 1-5, M-F!!

- **DEPARTMENTS:**

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT:** - Monte gave month activity report; referencing the school is back in session already very busy there. He stated that the 9-11 procession had a good participation and was very impressed with the performance at LCSC and the keynote speaker. Having issues with radios and the firewall between us and Whitcom. This is a priority and they are working on some ideas to fix until they receive the sales tax money. Which is why the tax was created. Monte also reported that he is having an Active Shooter Training at the school on October 5th. He is working to get everyone notified and things set up. He will report more next meeting as the date gets closer.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Dwayne stated the same about the 9-11 procession. There were 52 first responder vehicles in the procession, which made an impressive parade. And the event at LCSC was very good and had a good attendance.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Next Meeting Oct 1 @ 7:00pm

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

- **Lori Loseth** – Attended MPO meeting, which they addressed administrative items. Also attend the Health District meeting and they are letting people know that they have found bats that are Ravid and are notifying public to no handle if a dead bat is found.
- **Craig Stein** – Absent
- **David Weakland** – None
- **Tim Ottmar** –None
- **Steve Cowdrey** – None

- **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Dwayne read the PROCLAMATION for Constitution Week, September 17 – 23, 2026, to the council and signed. Original provided to Linda Miltenberger, DOR
- Dwayne also presented WWTP Plant Award to Bob Portlock for 2026, to the council. This is the same award that Bill has received for the past 14 years?? And Bob has continued to uphold those standards.
- Dwayne also reported the he is working with Nick Bacon and the Emergency Management Team on recouping some of our costs that were incurred during the AVISTA emergency shutdown. That means the cost of the generator that we had to rent and the engine for the firetruck. He has submitted the paperwork and will wait to see what happens.

- **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES: NONE**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Contract-15 Minutes**

- **Meeting started at 6:00**
- **AT 6:15 requested an additional 15 Min.**
- **6:16 returned:**
- **Decision made:**
 - **Motion to approve Mayor to cancel contract with Russell Construction. , by Ottmar/Weakland, motion passed 4/0**
 - **Motion to approval Mayor to accept contract with Mikes Pole Barn to build storage shed by Cowdrey/Weakland, motion passes 4/0**

- **ADJOURNMENT:**

- **Motion to adjourn by Cowdrey/Ottmar, Motion passed. 4/0**
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.**

Dwayne Paris, Mayor

Tina Davidson, Clerk-Treasurer