



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 620 MARKET STREET, 1ST FLOOR
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

This is an opportunity for visitors to share their comments on items listed on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. Comments may not exceed three minutes.

6. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Introduction of Police Department New Hire - Officer Sal Garcia (*John Markus, Police Chief*)

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- a. Historic Downtown Prosser Quarterly Report (*Written Report Only*)
b. Prosser Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report (*Written Report Only*)
c. Prosser Economic Development Association Quarterly Report (*Written Report Only*)
d. Grant Writer Quarterly Report (*Written Report Only*)

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A-B.

- a. Payroll Check Nos. 10114-10127 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$291,079.94 for Period Ending July 31, 2026.
b. Claim Check Nos. 32206-32281 and Electronic Payments in Amount of \$715,682.85 for Period Ending August 11, 2026.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Community Vision Adoption (*Toni Yost, Finance Director*)**
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-_____ adopting the Community Vision Report.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. **Police Officer Participation in Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF) (*John Markus, Police Chief*)**
Review and provide staff direction on proposed participation in task force.

***The first Ordinance passed will be Ordinance 26-3320
The first Resolution passed will be Resolution 26-1889***

11. **ADD-ON ITEM**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Council Quarterly Report
2nd Quarter 2026
April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026**

The second quarter of 2026 marked a period of significant collaboration for Historic Downtown Prosser (HDP). Building on the momentum established in the first quarter, HDP focused on strengthening partnerships, enhancing downtown's appearance, expanding organizational capacity, and preparing for community and tourism initiatives.

Throughout the quarter, Historic Downtown Prosser continued to support the City of Prosser's strategic goals by investing in community livability, economic vitality, financial sustainability, and operational excellence. These accomplishments were made possible through strong collaboration with the City of Prosser, local businesses, volunteers, partner organizations, and the dedicated members of the HDP Board of Directors.

City Council Goal 1: Livability & Quality of Life, Vibrant Community

Downtown Beautification

The Design Committee remained actively engaged throughout the quarter, coordinating several projects designed to improve the appearance of downtown Prosser. Volunteers assisted with replacing soil in the downtown planters which needs to be done about every 3 years. This is an important maintenance effort that supports healthy plant growth. In addition, the “Hydrangea Lane” down 7th street project was completed, adding attractive landscaping that enhances one of downtown's key corridors.

Volunteers also completed a cleanup and exterior refresh of the Historic Depot Building by repainting doors and trim, improving the appearance of one of downtown's most recognizable historic landmarks. These improvements demonstrate the value of volunteer involvement and community pride while creating a more welcoming experience for residents and visitors alike.

Community Partnerships

Collaboration remained one of HDP's greatest strengths throughout the quarter. HDP continued working closely with organizations, including the City of Prosser, the Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Main Street Program, ArtsWA, the Rotary Club, Prosser Community Volunteers, Prosser Economic Development Association, Thrive, Tourism, Depot Inc., National Night Out organizers, the Wine Network, and local businesses. These partnerships continue to maximize community resources while allowing organizations to accomplish projects that would not be possible independently. As Historic Downtown Prosser expands its programs, events, beautification projects, and business support initiatives, the need for additional community involvement continues to grow. We are always looking for volunteers and committee members who want to make a positive impact in our downtown. Whether your interests are in Economic Vitality, Design, Promotions, or Outreach, there are opportunities for individuals to share their talents, ideas, and time while helping shape the future of downtown Prosser. We encourage

anyone interested in becoming involved to reach out and join us in continuing this important work.

City Council Goal 2: Financial Sustainability

The Finance Committee continued meeting throughout the quarter to improve financial reporting, budget oversight, and long-term sustainability planning. While B&O Tax Credit contributions remain consistent with the same period in 2025, Historic Downtown Prosser hopes to see increased participation from eligible businesses in the future. The Washington Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program is a unique opportunity available only to designated Washington Main Street communities, allowing eligible businesses to keep a portion of their state B&O tax dollars working right here in Prosser instead of those dollars leaving the community. Expanding awareness of this program and encouraging greater participation will remain a priority, as these local investments directly strengthen downtown revitalization, economic development, and community pride.

Internally, significant progress was made reorganizing historical records and financial documents. Long-term organizational files were reviewed, categorized, and reorganized to improve accessibility, record retention, and operational efficiency.

City Council Goal 3: Promote Economic Development

Business Support

Historic Downtown Prosser continued assisting property owners through the Façade Improvement Program while maintaining communication with business owners regarding opportunities to improve storefronts and downtown spaces. Business After Hours was successfully hosted at The Green Room, continuing the partnership between Historic Downtown Prosser, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Wine Network. Co-hosting these networking events within the community businesses helps increase awareness of local businesses while encouraging professional collaboration. They also provide HDP with an opportunity to connect directly with business owners and community partners, share information about ongoing projects and programs, promote volunteer and committee involvement, and build stronger relationships that support the continued growth of downtown Prosser.

Community Planning

HDP actively participated in the Prosser Vision Workshop facilitated by The Robert Group. Representatives from multiple community organizations collaborated during this two-day planning session to discuss Prosser's future growth, economic development opportunities, community strengths, and long-term vision. This collaborative effort will help guide future planning and investment throughout the community.

Tourism Promotion

Planning for the PBS *Northwest Explorer* feature became a major organizational focus during the quarter. Working in partnership with the Prosser Chamber of Commerce and the Wine Network,

HDP coordinated the downtown segment highlighting local businesses, community character, and visitor experiences. Significant planning occurred throughout the quarter to organize filming locations, participating businesses and schedules.

City Council Goal 4: Operational Excellence & Communication

Highlights included:

- Continued participation in Washington Main Street leadership meetings and statewide trainings.
- Attended the Washington Main Street Leadership Conference in Pullman, where I was invited to present Historic Downtown Prosser's collaborative partnership model to fellow Washington Main Street Executive Directors. The presentation was well received, and I have already been invited to speak again at the Washington Main Street Summer Leadership Conference.
- Participation in multiple ArtsWA meetings supporting Prosser's newly designated Washington State Creative District.
- Continued committee development, including Design, Finance, Economic Vitality, Outreach, and Promotions.

As the organization enters the third quarter of 2026, Historic Downtown Prosser is well-positioned for an active summer season. Priorities include completion of the PBS *Northwest Explorer* filming project, the installation of our “Prosser Creative District” highway signs, continued downtown beautification efforts, support of community events including the Fourth of July celebration and National Night Out, expansion of Creative District initiatives, ongoing volunteer engagement, and continued efforts to increase participation in the Washington Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program.

Historic Downtown Prosser remains committed to building a vibrant downtown through collaboration, strategic investment, and thoughtful community leadership. The momentum established during the first half of 2026 provides a strong foundation for continued revitalization and economic growth throughout the remainder of the year. As the organization enters the fall season, which has been our busiest time of year, we look forward to building on this momentum.

Submitted by:

Kristine Perales, Executive Director
Historic Downtown Prosser

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During the second quarter, the Prosser Chamber of Commerce continued to focus on strengthening local businesses, enhancing visitor experiences, and expanding tourism marketing through strategic partnerships. Below are highlights of the Chamber's work and progress during April through June.

Business Growth & Community Engagement

The Chamber continued supporting local businesses through membership development and community recognition. During the second quarter, three new businesses joined Chamber membership, and multiple ribbon cuttings and grand opening celebrations were coordinated to help promote new investments and encourage community participation. These events provide valuable exposure for businesses while reinforcing Prosser as a welcoming place to invest and grow.

Tourism Promotion & Regional Marketing

One of the Chamber's most significant initiatives this quarter has been the collaborative development of a series of promotional videos with Cascade PBS' *Northwest Explorer*. Working alongside Historic Downtown Prosser and Prosser Wine, the project will showcase Prosser's wineries, historic downtown, outdoor recreation, local attractions, and overall visitor experience to audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This exciting project was made possible through the City of Prosser's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) funding. We are tremendously grateful for the City's investment in destination marketing and their continued support of initiatives that promote tourism and strengthen Prosser's visitor economy.

In addition to television exposure, all three partner organizations will retain ownership of the finished video assets, providing long-term marketing materials that can be used for tourism promotion, social media, websites, and future advertising campaigns. This collaborative investment strengthens Prosser's visibility as a destination while maximizing the impact of valuable LTAC tourism marketing funds.

Community Collaboration

The Chamber remained actively engaged with several community partners throughout the quarter, including the City of Prosser, Historic Downtown Prosser, Prosser Wine, Prosser EDA. Chamber staff participated in the City's community visioning initiative to help develop a unified long-term narrative that supports economic development, tourism, and community investment.

The Chamber also restructured its Tourism Committee into a quarterly collaborative forum designed to improve communication, encourage participation among tourism stakeholders, and better align tourism projects and funding priorities. Initial feedback from participants has been very positive.

Visitor Services

As visitor activity increased heading into the summer tourism season, the Chamber resumed Saturday Visitor Center operations with the support of community volunteers. The Visitor Center continues to serve as an important first point of contact for travelers, providing information that encourages longer stays, supports local businesses, and enhances the visitor experience.

Organizational Stewardship

The Chamber continues to improve operational efficiency while maintaining responsible fiscal management. During the quarter, first-quarter financials showed the organization remaining on budget while exceeding projected banquet revenue. Administrative improvements, including new office equipment and ongoing efforts to improve the Visitor Center environment, support both operational effectiveness and the public experience.

Looking Ahead

As the Chamber enters the busiest tourism season of the year, priorities include:

- Launching the Cascade PBS promotional video project.
- Continuing to grow Chamber membership and support local businesses through ribbon cuttings and networking opportunities.
- Building on the success of the revised Tourism Committee to strengthen regional collaboration.
- Working with tourism partners to identify strategic projects that maximize the impact of lodging tax investments.

- Continuing to provide exceptional visitor services while promoting Prosser as a premier destination for wine, recreation, shopping, and community events.

The Chamber remains committed to supporting economic vitality, promoting tourism, and strengthening partnerships that benefit local businesses, residents, and visitors alike.

Here's a few photos from our time with the PBS crew during video production:



2nd Qtr. 2026 Executive Director Report June

Business Start-Ups, Recruitment, Expansion, Relocation & Consulting

- Project Jaw – This client has had it on their radar to expand next year. Continuing to look for locations. Discussion about current available property and will continue to send site suggestions in the hopes of finding their ideal new location. In recent conversation with client decision made to build rather than attempt to find existing space. Search for land is on. Oct. update, assisted client looking at multiple parcels, one not yet on market. Mar. Update, client meeting to discuss multiple available commercial options and land availability. Aug. update, met with client to review two possible options they are considering. One purchase of existing building and one land and build. Gave contact info and support data for properties. Will continue to assist. Oct.25 Update, informed client of new commercial listing that meets size/business requirements. Forwarded listing info, other general data. Will continue to assist.
- Consult with new tasting room owner March 27th. Help with resources and contacts. Will continue to assist.
- Sep 4 Client contact for assistance with city/port. Permitting and other issues. Was able to assist with immediate needs. Will continue to keep in contact as project progresses.
- Sep 8 Client contact requesting information on development in city. Answered questions and will continue to assist as needed.
- Sep 15 Client contact regarding project. Answered questions and discussed scope of project, possible pain points. Some additional clarification needed for client, made introduction to Port Real Estate staff. Update Oct 9, additional meeting. Follow up on progress, additional questions
- Additional update Jan 27- continued work with client. Project has shifted to entirely different type. Additional info required. Intro to city staff made, permitting info provided. Additional work with POB. Will continue to assist.
- Update Feb 4, pathway with POB determined to progress project. Issue to be presented for approval to commission.
- Nov 20 Client Meeting – First meeting with new client looking to expand business. Looking for BM location. Provided business plan info, demographic data, start-up cost info, real estate availability for potential locations. Will continue to assist. Update Jan 6th- additional meetings with client to work through provided info, answer additional questions and provide intro to Port of Benton staff for further resources as well. Will continue to assist.
- Update Feb 17 – two additional properties located as potential spaces. Assisting in gathering info on purchase availability and pricing. Will continue to assist.
- Dec 3 Client Meeting- Consult with client and son about new business idea. Provided requested information, contacts, market analysis. Will continue to assist as needed
- Jan 9 Attended the Hometown Brunch Ribbon cutting
- Member visits and new membership drive throughout January.
- Client contact Feb 6 regarding upcoming Prosser Business Connect meeting, looking for additional resources, etc. Provided upcoming opportunities and offered additional assistance.
- New client meeting Feb 9 – looking to expand business in Prosser. Assisting with possible shared larger space, or search for appropriate larger space for client.
- Follow up Feb 18 - Found one space in addition to original. Work continues.
- April 17 Client meeting, business looking for larger space, preferably downtown. First space found didn't work out, second space didn't work out. Have continued to look and reach out to people. Will continue to assist.
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- April 17 Client meeting, looking for shared space if available. Or possible partnership with comparable business. Assistance with licensing questions, etc. Difficult business to place due to needs and asks. Will continue to assist.
- April 23 Continued meetings with client looking for space to expand in Prosser. Original building client was interested in listed for far more than expected, two additional locations and information provided. Realtor connection made for them to view available building. Will continue to assist
- April 27 Client meeting, follow up from existing project. Issues faced from external factors. Information provided to help with project progress. Updated design was shared, new features being discussed for project. Planned follow up meeting and possible city tour.
- April 28 Client meeting, multiple partner orgs in attendance. Company looking to expand from existing state to WA, Prosser may be a good fit. Looking for comparable partnerships, funding, possible land/building, etc. Lots of moving parts. Anticipate a lengthy project
- April 29 Follow up with client regarding their search for shared space. All options I have located so far have not worked out. The client has not had success either. Continued efforts underway.
- April 30 Client meeting. Existing business requested help with locating financing for possible partner buyout and expansion. Prepared and provided required information. Will continue to assist.
- April 30 Project follow up. Client contact regarding update to project in Prosser and issues we were assisting with. Answered additional questions and provided more information on programs that link to project.
- May 7 Client looking to start business in Prosser. Needed assistance with business license, business plan, start up cost estimating, financing options and contacts. Assisted with all needed items. Provided templates and walkthroughs, contacts and other helpful information. Will follow up for further assistance.
- May 13 follow up with client looking for space downtown. Additional options were presented
- May 15 Follow up with out of state client. Further review of project and scope, possible funding options found in the interim
- May 27 Client meeting, possible expansion plans and purchase of building for new venture. Discussed business model and plan, start-up costs and ways to mitigate, potential competition. Will continue to assist
- May 28 Prosser Partners meeting. Discussed PBS videos to be filmed soon, events upcoming, certified tourism ambassador program coming to Prosser for one day class soon.
- June 1 Follow up with client on commercial project. Progress check and assisted with additional questions.

Leadership Prosser Program

Goal: *To train up new leaders for the community*

- Dec 11 Leadership class of 2026 meet and greet social held at cork and taps. First class set for January.
- Jan 14 First Leadership class. Introduction, Non-Profits, Team Building and personality tests. Special thanks to Kristy Mellema and PMH for their help with this class.
- Feb 11 Second Leadership class. Public Services Day. Class toured Courthouse and City Hall, as well as the Prosser PD and Fire Dept. Special thanks to Commissioner Alvarez, Mayor Vegar, City Administrator Rachel Shaw, Sgt. Scott Orate, and Chief Damron for their time.
- Mar 11 Third Leadership class. Healthcare & Social Services. Class toured the new North campus of Prosser Memorial Health, met Executive Director of Jubilee Ministries, Jim Hopwood, to tour the thrift store and food bank. The class was also introduced to the Prosser Community Volunteers as they worked at the food bank. Chuck Dawsey explained the organization and their mission. Next a tour of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic followed by Hobs Hospice Benefit shop. Thanks to our class leader Marla Davis from PMH and all those that took time to share how they benefit our community.
- April 8 Ag Day, fish hatchery, four feathers wine services
- May 13 History, Downtown and School District. Alys Means with her famous downtown tour and history of Prosser, tour of PHS
- May 30 Prosser Leadership and PMH partnered to hold a free community health fair at North Campus. My whole (immediate) family volunteered as well as almost the entire class. We had many volunteers from PMH who gave up their Saturday to help our residents receive free health screenings. Huge thanks

to Prosser Memorial Health for sharing the costs associated. This would not have been possible otherwise. Over 120 people received care during the 6-hour event. A great project.

- June 10 Prosser Leadership Business & Industry Day, led by Taryn Baze and myself. The class visited Brewminatti for a tour with new ownership, AJW Construction, Sunflower Juice & Delights, Monson Ranch Distillers, Chukar Cherries (sneak peek at their new facility tour soon offered) and Cork & Taps. A huge thanks to our local businesses for sharing their time and stories with the class.
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Workforce Training Committee

Goal: Serving as a training program to equip key employers with a qualified workforce and assisting to prepare high school students to become job ready.

(This committee was formed out of the Upskill/Backfill meetings held in 2017 & 2018).

- A Facebook group is being created for Prosser job listings. This is a group like the restaurant page that exists now where any business can post their listing. Prosser EDA and Chamber will attempt to keep an eye on the listings and copy them to Instagram with a graphic specifically created for it as well as a hashtag we created as well. #ProsserWaJobs

Projects, Partner Org Assistance, & Committee Work

- Monthly Prosser partner meetings continue with Prosser EDA, City, Chamber and HDP
- Have been asked by PHS to chair the Business/Marketing Advisory Committee. This Committee helps their business dept decide on curriculum, programs and keep it up to date. Meetings are quarterly, or as needed.
- **Economic Vitality Committee** (HDP)
- Dec 5 Davinci 5 surgical robot demonstration at PMH
- Dec 12 PMH Physician Tour
- Dec 15 Economic Vitality Committee – Plans for upcoming year. New chair from HDP board not yet determined.
- Dec 18 Chamber Board Meeting – elections completed
- Dec 18 Prosser Partners meeting. Year end close out. Events and plans through start of new year, chamber banquet, wine network plans, etc.
- Dec 19 Contact with city consultant regarding city owned properties to be sold. Will assist with promotion of city land and promotion of additional available lots and buildings.
- Jan 7 PMH Physician Tour –
- Jan 12 Tourism Committee
- Jan 15 Chamber Board meeting
- Jan 15 Attended ribbon cutting event for city hall at courthouse.
- Jan 15 PMH Foundation Board meeting
- Jan 16 Business visits to promote upcoming Prosser Business Connect workshop.
- Jan 17 Saturday Chamber Board workshop
- Jan 22 PMH Physician Tour –
- Jan 23 PMH Physician Tour –
- Jan 28 Business Advisory Committee at PHS
- Jan 29 PMH Physician Tour –
- Feb 9 Tourism Meeting – new tour prosser promo videos shown.
- Feb 9 Prosser Business Connect (Workshop) Initial guided roundtable to talk about issues facing local businesses. What classes/training would be most helpful. Thanks to PMH for use of their meeting space.
- Feb 9 Meeting with Rachel Shaw to discuss current and on-going projects
- Feb 11 PMH Physician Tour

- Feb 19 Chamber Board Meeting –
- Feb 19 PHS meeting with Bryan Bailey to discuss partnership with school FFA students and Chamber for fundraising program. Made introductions to appropriate parties. Advisory Committee board chair curriculum signatures dropped for CTE dept as well.
- Feb 19 PMH Foundation board – Scholarship apps are open, additional service area (Sunnyside) available now. Total of 5 available. (Prosser, Grandview, Benton City, Sunnyside, and At-Large)
- Feb 20 EV Committee – Presented ideas to the group about promoting upcoming local artisans, downtown business walks, promoting available commercial spaces, etc.
- Feb 25 – Schedule speakers/meeting space for first Prosser Business Connect class. Initial class on social media for business on Mar 30. Speakers are Kristina Neely from Benton REA and Crystal Scherer from PizzaBox 509. Additional details upcoming
- Mar 3 PMH Physician Tour –
- Mar 5 PMH Physician Tour –
- Mar 9 Tourism Committee – New Tour Prosser Brochures distributed soon. Additional marketing work (Prosser theme videos via PBS discussed. LTAC ask with potential public/private ad purchase options)
- Mar 10 PMH Physician Tour –
- Mar 11 Report to Port of Benton Commissioners and staff at Clore Center.
- Mar 12 PMH Physician Tour –
- Mar 12 Merlot Meadows Model Home Event (unable to attend)
- Mar 13 Meeting with Hapo staff to discuss local business promotion ideas and partnership. Hapo will provide raffle gift baskets for our business classes and we will help support a spotlight program they will fund to drive awareness and customers to local businesses monthly.
- Mar 13 Narratif had their food truck ribbon cutting event
- Mar 17 EV Committee cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- Mar 18 VVI zoning meeting with city staff/planning contractor and others to review scope, plans, and remaining work to move issue forward. Will continue to assist
- Mar 23 Annual meeting planning. Location approved by PUD, Org committee discussion of possible agenda. Planned for May regular board meeting date and time.
- Mar 24 PMH Physician Tour
- Mar 25 Prosser Partners meeting. Review of orgs upcoming events and projects. Lots happening with event season beginning.
- Mar 25 Prosser Vision Meeting. Initial meeting to discuss project, timeline, remaining orgs/partners to involve in workshop and interviews, etc. Work and meeting will continue.
- Mar 30 PMH Physician Tour
- Mar 30 First Prosser Connect Business Class. Social Media Solutions for Small Business. Excellent turnout, full conference room. Speakers did an excellent job. Thanks to PMH for the use of their space, Hapo for partnering with promotion and raffle items and our speakers, Kristina Neely (Benton REA) and Crystal Scherer (PizzaBox 509)
- Mar 31 Attended Tridec Annual Meeting. Just reception to thank everyone and network, discuss ongoing projects, etc. Spoke with Karl and Traci from Tridec about coming to Prosser for an econ dev tour soon. Met with rep from Gov. Ferguson's office and will follow up to meet and discuss opportunities for state support in Prosser.
- April 1 Sunflower Juice & Delights Ribbon Cutting.
- April 2 PMH Physician Tour –
- April 3 PMH Physician Tour –
- April 8 Meeting with Gov. Ferguson rep. Rudy Almeida. Discussion of local projects and how the governors office may assist.
- April 10 PMH admin meeting, starting discussions of current project assistance, additional needs.
- April 13 Tourism Meeting, discussion of committee work and monthly agenda. Chamber staff to review and bring suggested updates to committee and board
- April 13 Meeting with Mayor and City Admin to discuss council questions and comments.
- April 16 Chamber Board Meeting.
- April 16 PMH Foundation Board Meeting
- April 17 PMH Physician Tour- 2 providers toured on the 17th. Both Neuro PA-Cs
- April 21 Prosser Vision Interview with Rupert Consultants.
- April 22 PHS Business advisory Board. Final review before General Advisory Board.
- April 23 Prosser Partners meeting

- April 23 Valley Dermatology Ribbon Cutting
- April 27 EV Committee discussed downtown in-business screen marketing program and options. Reviewed costs and benefits of multiple vendors
- April 28 Benton County Courthouse 100 year tree planting ceremony
- April 30 PMH Physician Tour –
- April 30 Creative District approved for downtown Prosser officially announced at Princess Theatre event
- May 4 PMH Physician Tour
- May 5 Grocery Outlet owners farewell and thanks, and meet the new owners Johnny Kirk and Martin Nolasco
- May 5 Prosser Vision Workshop- Day 1. Group discussion (consultant led) attempts to find common themes that will be distilled and brought back to group.
- May 6 Prosser EDA Annual Meeting. Thanks to our speakers and sponsors! The event was well attended and solid information distributed.
- May 7 PMH Physician Tour –
- May 12 FIRA USA press conference. Ag technology conference coming to Yakima in October, large and upcoming manufacturing companies specializing in advanced agriculture related tech products and machinery.
- May 18 EV Committee – continued discussion of downtown projects and screen marketing downtown
- May 19 PHS General Advisory Board. First meeting as chair, Rick made it easy for me. Review from each department
- May 21 Chamber Board Meeting
- May 21 PMH Foundation Board Meeting
- June 2 Insurance renewal completed
- June 9 Small Business Resource Fair at Tridac to research vendors and event for our upcoming Prosser Business Connect class
- June 10 PMH Physician Community Tour –
- June 11 met with Kevin Gilman regarding board school district position vacated by Rick Follett. Explanation of board work, dates, expectations and process for board approval. Will bring to August board meeting after Exec board recommendation.
- June 15 EV Committee
- June 16 met with reps from NYlife to discuss upcoming legislative action that businesses should be aware of. Possible alternatives for them and their employees.
- June 17 Webinar on rural entrepreneurs
- June 18 Prosser Chamber Board Meeting- discussed upcoming event planning, tourism committee structure changes
- June 18 Thrive Luncheon
- June 18 PMH Foundation Board meeting
- June 19 PMH Physician Community Tour –
- June 22 Prosser Business Connect Class – Banking/Financial and other Resources
- June 24 First Story wall raising at Merlot Meadows
- June 24 Attended ribbon cutting at Mimsy's Fabric and Notions
- June 25 Prosser Partners meeting
- June 26 Attended Bunkhouse Studios Ribbon Cutting
- June 29 PMH Physician Community Tour –
- June 30 Chamber exec board meeting
- June 30 PMH Physician Community Tour –
- June 30 Craig Marks retirement send off

Benton Franklin Council of Governments

- Nov 18 BFCOG EDDAC Meeting

- May 22 Meeting with BFCOG staff to discuss project assistance and upcoming presentation for EDDAC committee

Broadband Action Team

Goal: Partner with Stakeholders to find gaps in fiber infrastructure to prepare and deliver optimal services to future businesses and workforce.

Been added as a member of the BFCOG broadband action team.

Fiber project for rural county (ziply/spectrum) progressing. Provides new or additional high speed internet service for large area of middle/last mile residents.

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July 23, 2026
File No. 0214158-000

City of Prosser
620 Market Street, 1st Floor
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Attention: Rachel Shaw, City Administrator

Subject: Q2 (04-01-2026 to 06-30-2026) Report to Prosser City Council

Dear Rachel Shaw:

Per the City's request, following is a quarterly summary of work conducted by Haley & Aldrich, Inc. (Haley & Aldrich) on behalf of the City of Prosser (the City) from April 1 through June 30, 2026. This report is intended to support City staff's communications with the City Council.

During this time, Haley & Aldrich met regularly with the City to discuss grant application development. In April, Haley & Aldrich worked with the City to prepare two Washington State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Local Parks pre-applications. Following the pre-application submittal on April 30, Haley & Aldrich developed two corresponding PowerPoint slide decks and supported the City's two technical evaluation presentations to RCO, held on May 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:25 p.m.

In June, Haley & Aldrich worked with the City to incorporate RCO's written and verbal feedback and finalize two RCO WWRP – Local Parks applications and associated technical evaluation PowerPoint slide decks. These grant requests include \$632,000 for bathroom renovation, trail renovation and extension, and the installation of outdoor fitness stations at Crawford Park and \$808,000 for the installation of an approximately 10,000-obstacle challenge course for older youth at City Park, including fencing and turf. The updated grant text was submitted on July 15, 2026. Haley & Aldrich continues to work with the City to finalize its PowerPoint slide decks by August 15, 2026. These will support final technical evaluation presentations, which will be held shortly thereafter, after which RCO will notify the City about the outcome of its applications.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,
HALEY & ALDRICH, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sieloff".

Sarah Sieloff
Technical Expert



Agenda Item Title: Payroll Check Nos. 10114-10127 and Electronic Payments in the Amount of \$291,079.94 for Period Ending July 31, 2026.

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Department: Finance

Item Category: Financials

Council Goal: Goal #2: Financial Sustainability

Goal #5: Operational Excellence & Communication

Fiscal Impact:

\$291,079.94

Various amounts in salaries, wages, and benefits.

Approvals:

Toni Yost

Rachel Shaw

Attachments:

1. Payroll Register

Summary Statement:

Payroll check nos. 10114-10127 and electronic payments in the amount of \$291,079.94 for the period ending July 31, 2026.

Recommended Action/Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve payment of payroll checks nos. 10114-10127 and electronic payments in the amount of \$291,079.94 for the period ending July 31, 2026.

CHECK REGISTER

City Of Prosser

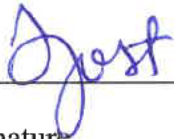
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4317	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT		273,870.02	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4333	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT			Month End Payroll - July 2026
4319	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10114		1,398.29	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4320	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10115		1,278.52	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4321	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10116		358.37	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4322	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10117		581.83	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4323	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10118		1,473.00	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4324	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10119		997.35	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4325	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10120		856.13	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4326	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10121		1,060.77	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4327	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10122		2,020.48	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4328	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10123		1,099.18	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4329	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10124		1,892.14	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4330	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10125		1,166.86	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4331	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10126		1,610.05	Month End Payroll - July 2026
4332	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	10127		1,416.95	Month End Payroll - July 2026
001 General Fund						169,447.13	
102 Street Fund						21,124.66	
149 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund						11,347.52	
403 Water Fund						37,037.83	
407 Sewer Fund						43,641.54	
448 Garbage Fund						8,481.26	

291,079.94 Payroll: 291,079.94



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Date



Agenda Item Title: Claim Check Nos. 32206-32281 and Electronic Payments in Amount of \$715,682.85 for Period Ending August 11, 2026.

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Department: Finance

Item Category: Financials

Council Goal: Goal #2: Financial Sustainability

Fiscal Impact:

\$715,682.85

Approvals:

Toni Yost

Rachel Shaw

Attachments:

1. Check Register

Summary Statement:

Pay Period 07/29/2026-08/11/2026

Check Payments	Amount
32206-32281	\$387,930.66

Electronic Payments	Amount	Electronic Payments	Amount
UKG Payroll	\$97,757.55	Benton PUD	\$37,514.96
WA Dept of Retirement	\$45,451.08	Chase	\$3,391.03
WA DSHS	\$1,302.50	USDA	\$1,310.00
WA Dept of Revenue	\$35,109.30	US Bank	\$16,939.65
WA Dept of Licensing	\$36.00	Garza, Kassandra	\$460.00
WA Teamsters	\$86,954.05	Xpress Bill Pay	\$1,526.07

Recommended Action/Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve payment of claim check nos. 32206-32281 and electronic payments in the amount of \$715,682.85 for the period ending August 11, 2026.

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4333	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT	Maricela Sanchez		Month End Payroll - July 2026
4337	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT	UKG Payroll	97,757.55	WA State Unemployment tax; Federal IRS Payroll Taxes; Medicare IRS Payroll Taxes; OSDI IRS Payroll Taxes; WA PFMLA Payroll Taxes; WA LTC Payroll Taxes
4338	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT	WA Dept Of Retirement	45,451.08	DCP, PERS2, PERS3, LEOFF
4339	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT	WA Dept Of Social & Health Services	1,302.50	DSHS - July 2026 Payroll
4340	07/31/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Washington Teamsters Welfare	1,736.80	WTWT-LEOFF1 Retirees
4341	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	EFT	Washington Teamsters Welfare	85,217.25	WTWT
4342	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32206	Aflac	800.45	AFLAC Payroll- Pre & Post Tax
4343	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32207	Benton/Franklin County Boys & Girls Club	344.72	Sanchez- July 2026 Payroll
4344	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32208	Evergreen Financial Services	9.90	Shanafelt, Matthew - Garnishment
4345	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32209	OPEIU	1,022.12	OPEIU
4346	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32210	C/O American Legal Servic Teamsters Legal Defense Fund	72.40	Legal Defense Fund
4347	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32211	Teamsters Local Union No 839	2,083.00	Teamster Union
4348	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32212	WA Dept Of L&I	22,370.75	WA L&I Taxes
4349	07/31/2026	Payroll	1	32213	Western Conf Of Teamsters Pension Trust	4,455.97	Teamsters Pension Trust

001 General Fund

102 Street Fund

117 Employee Benefits Security

149 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

403 Water Fund

407 Sewer Fund

448 Garbage Fund

208,310.15

16,305.73

1,736.80

4,224.71

14,587.21

16,744.75

715.14

Claims:

1,736.80

262,624.49 Payroll:

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4462	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Benton PUD	37,514.96	Electric Bill July 2026; WCR Lights July 2026; 6th St Lights July 2026
					001 - 518 31 47 000 - Public Utility Services	117.23	Electric Bill July 2026
					001 - 521 20 47 000 - Public Utility Services	667.25	Electric Bill July 2026
					403 - 534 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services	21,419.80	Electric Bill July 2026
					407 - 535 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services	8,216.66	Electric Bill July 2026
					403 - 539 20 47 000 - Public Utility Services	1,199.02	Electric Bill July 2026
					102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services	2,345.73	Electric Bill July 2026
					102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services	330.44	WCR Lights July 2026
					102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services	193.18	6th St Lights July 2026
					102 - 542 90 47 000 - Public Utility Services	218.16	Electric Bill July 2026
					001 - 569 21 47 000 - Public Utility Services	347.52	Electric Bill July 2026
					001 - 572 50 47 000 - Public Utility Services	554.06	Electric Bill July 2026
					001 - 576 20 47 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Publi	1,388.09	Electric Bill July 2026
					001 - 576 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services	517.82	Electric Bill July 2026
4463	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Chase	3,391.03	UB CC Pymts July 2026; Non-UB CC Pymts July 2026
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	0.54	Non-UB CC Pymts July 2026
					001 - 521 20 41 000 - Professional Services	9.30	Non-UB CC Pymts July 2026
					001 - 524 20 41 000 - Professional Services	716.69	Non-UB CC Pymts July 2026
					403 - 534 80 41 000 - Professional Services	443.89	UB CC Pymts July 2026
					407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services	443.89	UB CC Pymts July 2026
					448 - 537 80 41 000 - Professional Services	443.88	UB CC Pymts July 2026
					403 - 539 20 41 000 - Professional Services	443.89	UB CC Pymts July 2026
					001 - 558 60 41 000 - Professional Services	888.95	Non-UB CC Pymts July 2026
4464	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Kassandra Garza	460.00	Refund
					001 - 362 00 00 002 - Short Term Pool Rentals	-460.00	Refund
4465	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	CM 9690 US Bank Na	11,898.89	Fuel July 2026
					001 - 521 20 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	5,639.59	Fuel July 2026 PD
					001 - 524 20 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	206.65	Fuel July 2026 BLDG
					403 - 534 80 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	700.49	Fuel July 2026 WT
					407 - 535 80 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	621.14	Fuel July 2026 WW
					403 - 539 20 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	700.49	Fuel July 2026 IRR
					102 - 542 90 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	2,757.79	Fuel July 2026 ST
					001 - 571 22 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	139.80	Fuel July 2026 ADMIN
					001 - 576 80 32 000 - Fuel Consumed	1,132.94	Fuel July 2026 PK
4466	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	CM 9690 US Bank Na	5,040.76	Safelite-Window Repair; Starlink-Internet; Ryans Pet Supply-Scanner; Yellow Rose-Bark; Swim Outlet-Uniforms, Target-Diapers, OpenAI-Software, Costco-3 On 3 Supplies, Ready & Out-Food, Dominos-Food, Pr
					001 - 513 10 43 000 - Travel & Training	685.00	ICMA-Training
					001 - 514 23 43 000 - Travel & Training	1,830.00	WFAO-Training, MRSC-Training
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	282.88	Yellow Rose-Bark
					001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance	76.03	Safelite-Window Repair
					001 - 524 20 35 000 - Small Tools & Minor Equipmen	413.05	Ryans Pet Supply-Scanner
					407 - 535 80 43 000 - Travel & Training	813.75	Evergreen Rural-Training
					001 - 571 22 31 001 - Office & Operating Supplies	538.86	OpenAI-Software, Costco-3 On 3 Supplies, Ready & Out-Food, Dominos-Food, Prosser Mini Mart-Ice
					001 - 576 21 31 000 - Aquatic Center Programs - Offi	91.19	Swim Outlet-Uniforms, Target-Diapers
					001 - 576 80 42 000 - Communications	310.00	Starlink-Internet

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4467	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	USDA	1,310.00	Street Sweeper Loan Aug 2026
					102 - 591 95 78 001 - USDA -Street Sweeper	1,111.44	Street Sweeper Loan Aug 2026
					102 - 592 95 83 001 - USDA Street Sweeper-Interest	198.56	Street Sweeper Loan Aug 2026
4468	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	WA DOR Electronic Payments	35,109.30	Excise Taxes July 2026
					001 - 514 30 44 000 - External Taxes	1.23	Excise Taxes July 2026
					403 - 534 80 44 000 - External Taxes	14,382.70	Excise Taxes July 2026
					407 - 535 80 44 000 - External Taxes	6,093.17	Excise Taxes July 2026
					448 - 537 80 44 000 - External Taxes	9,960.91	Excise Taxes July 2026
					001 - 571 22 44 000 - External Taxes	522.90	Excise Taxes July 2026
					001 - 576 21 44 000 - Aquatic Center Programs - Ext	4,148.39	Excise Taxes July 2026
4469	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Firearms Section WA Dept Of Lisc-CPL	36.00	CPL-IC, IA
					001 - 582 30 00 001 - Concealed Pistol License Disbu	36.00	CPL-IC, IA
4470	08/11/2026	Claims	1	EFT	Xpress Billpay	1,526.07	Online Pymts July 2026
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	0.05	Online Pymts July 2026
					001 - 521 20 41 000 - Professional Services	0.73	Online Pymts July 2026
					001 - 524 20 41 000 - Professional Services	56.36	Online Pymts July 2026
					403 - 534 80 41 000 - Professional Services	357.58	Online Pymts July 2026
					407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services	354.04	Online Pymts July 2026
					448 - 537 80 41 000 - Professional Services	343.70	Online Pymts July 2026
					403 - 539 20 41 000 - Professional Services	342.11	Online Pymts July 2026
					102 - 543 30 41 000 - Professional Services	0.24	Online Pymts July 2026
					001 - 558 60 41 000 - Professional Services	69.91	Online Pymts July 2026
					001 - 571 22 41 000 - Professional Services	1.35	Online Pymts July 2026
4471	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32214	All Doors Inc	966.32	Door Repairs
					001 - 569 21 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance	966.32	Door Repairs
4472	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32215	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	2,454.24	Lysol Spray; SD Card Reader; Skimmer, Tubing, Nets, Sanding Discs, Scrub Pads, Bucket, Wasp Killer, Dryer Vent Cleaner; Cordless Pruning; Grabber Tools; Bulbs; Return Bulbs; Ipad Charger; Pens; 3 On 3
					001 - 514 30 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	15.87	Vent Cover
					001 - 518 88 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	45.18	Ipad Charger
					001 - 521 20 21 000 - Uniforms	48.90	Shoes-Garcia Academy
					001 - 521 20 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	49.05	Lysol Spray
					001 - 521 20 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	14.11	SD Card Reader
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	713.51	Skimmer, Tubing, Nets, Sanding Discs, Scrub Pads, Bucket, Wasp Killer, Dryer Vent Cleaner
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	160.37	Cordless Pruning
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	29.33	Wasp Spray
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	74.44	Knife, Plate
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	193.59	Keychain, Metal Cutter, Boots
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	440.59	Pens, Odorizer, Shelves
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	166.33	Grabber Tools
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	19.72	Pens
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	19.91	Pens
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	46.38	Beacon Light
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	227.89	Sharpies & Air Fresheners
					001 - 571 22 31 001 - Office & Operating Supplies	127.38	3 On 3 Supplies
					001 - 571 22 31 001 - Office & Operating Supplies	61.69	Bluetooth Connector
					001 - 576 20 31 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Offic	21.74	Bulbs

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			001 - 576 20 31 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Offic			-21.74	Return Bulbs
4473	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32216	Anatek Labs Inc- Yakima	997.00	Bacteria Analysis; Bacteria Analysis; Bacteria Analysis
			407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services			336.00	Bacteria Analysis
			407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services			130.00	Bacteria Analysis
			407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services			531.00	Bacteria Analysis
4474	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32217	Apollo Mechanical Contractors	1,394.02	Walk In Freezer Repairs; Mini Split Repairs; HVAC Maintenance
			407 - 535 80 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			614.16	Mini Split Repairs
			001 - 569 21 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			434.80	Walk In Freezer Repairs
			001 - 572 50 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			345.06	HVAC Maintenance
4475	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32218	Aqua Backflow, Inc	856.35	BFT Software July 2026
			403 - 534 80 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			856.35	BFT Software July 2026
4476	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32219	Autozone	83.26	Window Tint
			407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies			83.26	Window Tint
4477	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32220	Badger Meter, Inc	1,597.59	Meter Maintenance July 2026
			403 - 534 80 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			1,597.59	Meter Maintenance July 2026
4478	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32221	Baer Testing, Inc	7,388.75	Alexander Ct Testing
			304 - 595 10 41 304 - Capital Expenditures/Expenses			7,388.75	Alexander Ct Testing
4479	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32222	Beaver Bark	4,510.18	Play Chips
			001 - 576 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies			4,510.18	Play Chips
4480	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32223	Benton Co Commissioners	671.16	District Court May 2026 Credit should not have been applied to bill
			001 - 512 52 41 000 - Professional Services			671.16	District Court May 2026 Credit should not have been applied to bill
4481	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32224	Benton Co Dept Of Human Services	912.65	Liquor Taxes 1st Qtr 2026; Liquor Taxes 4th Qtr 2025
			001 - 566 00 44 000 - Liquor Taxes			467.09	Liquor Taxes 1st Qtr 2026
			001 - 566 00 44 000 - Liquor Taxes			445.56	Liquor Taxes 4th Qtr 2025
4482	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32225	Benton REA	1,300.21	Chardonnay Ave Lights July 2026; Power Net July 2026; Village Park Lights July 2026; Water Tower Lights July 2026; Entrance Sign July 2026
			403 - 534 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services			75.66	Water Tower Lights July 2026
			407 - 535 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services			20.00	Power Net July 2026
			102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services			1,060.58	Chardonnay Ave Lights July 2026
			102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services			28.62	Village Park Lights July 2026
			102 - 542 63 47 000 - Public Utility Services			115.35	Entrance Sign July 2026
4483	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32226	Benton/Franklin County Boys & Girls Club	5,416.66	Boys & Girls Club Aug 2026
			001 - 571 22 41 000 - Professional Services			5,416.66	Boys & Girls Club Aug 2026
4484	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32227	Brown's Tire Co Inc	92.37	Flat Repair
			102 - 542 90 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			92.37	Flat Repair
4485	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32228	CBIT, Inc.	150.00	PD Fiber Aug 2026
			001 - 518 88 42 000 - Communications			150.00	PD Fiber Aug 2026
4486	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32229	VIVA Capital Funding LLC Cascade Engineering	2,125.44	Radar Maintenance
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			2,125.44	Radar Maintenance

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4487	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32230	Cascade Natural Gas Corp	2,733.27	Pool Natural Gas Aug 2026; Park Natural Gas Aug 2026; Shop Natural Gas Aug 2026; WWTP Natural Gas Aug 2026; WWTP#A Natural Gas Aug 2026; Library Natural Gas Aug 2026
					407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services	807.49	WWTP Natural Gas Aug 2026
					407 - 535 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services	28.44	WWTP#A Natural Gas Aug 2026
					102 - 542 90 47 000 - Public Utility Services	27.13	Shop Natural Gas Aug 2026
					001 - 572 50 47 000 - Public Utility Services	27.13	Library Natural Gas Aug 2026
					001 - 576 20 47 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Publi	1,804.22	Pool Natural Gas Aug 2026
					001 - 576 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services	38.86	Park Natural Gas Aug 2026
4488	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32231	Charter Communications	415.00	WWTP Fiber
					407 - 535 80 42 000 - Communications	415.00	WWTP Fiber
4489	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32232	Cintas Corp	2,549.70	First Aid Kit Refill; New Kit & First Aid Kit Refill; First Aid Kit Refill; First Aid Kit Refill
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	333.55	First Aid Kit Refill
					001 - 521 20 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	194.88	First Aid Kit Refill
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	1,843.46	New Kit & First Aid Kit Refill
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	177.81	First Aid Kit Refill
4490	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32233	Cook's Hardware, Inc	680.11	Wet Mop, Dust Pan, Broom; Chain Oil, Hose Barbs; Gloves & Plunger; Window Scrubbers; Wasp Killer; Roller Cover; Shipping; Spray Paint; Shims; Fasteners; Sheet, Torch, Glue, Spreaders; Bags; Screws; Lu
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	30.41	Window Scrubbers
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	11.07	Roller Cover
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	20.20	Screws
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	13.03	Lube
					001 - 518 31 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	11.71	Fasteners
					403 - 534 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	7.60	Wasp Killer
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	57.77	Chain Oil, Hose Barbs
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	25.18	Shipping
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	180.36	Sheet, Torch, Glue, Spreaders
					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	19.56	Bags
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	69.52	Wet Mop, Dust Pan, Broom
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	47.81	Gloves & Plunger
					001 - 571 22 31 001 - Office & Operating Supplies	16.29	Shims
					001 - 571 22 31 001 - Office & Operating Supplies	65.73	Fasteners
					001 - 576 20 31 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Offic	45.64	Trash Can
					001 - 576 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	7.16	Spray Paint
					001 - 576 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	51.07	Guard, Chlorine
4491	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32234	Cougar Digital Marketing & Design, LLC	5,435.00	PD Hero Video
					001 - 521 20 41 000 - Professional Services	5,435.00	PD Hero Video
4492	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32235	Databar	3,612.14	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026; Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	51.39	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	331.06	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
					403 - 534 80 41 000 - Professional Services	754.09	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026
					403 - 534 80 41 000 - Professional Services	41.38	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
					407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services	754.09	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026
					407 - 535 80 41 000 - Professional Services	41.38	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026

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			448 - 537 80 41 000 - Professional Services			41.38	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
			403 - 539 20 41 000 - Professional Services			754.09	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026
			403 - 539 20 41 000 - Professional Services			41.38	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
			102 - 542 90 41 000 - Professional Services			6.43	Utility Bill/Newsletter Printing July 2026
			102 - 542 90 41 000 - Professional Services			41.38	Newsletter Printing Aug 2026
4493	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32236	FMS Truck Parts	107.77	Valve
			403 - 539 20 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies			107.77	Valve
4494	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32237	Galls, LLC	93.60	Garcia Academy; Biase Uniform
			001 - 521 20 21 000 - Uniforms			22.97	Garcia Academy
			001 - 521 20 21 000 - Uniforms			70.63	Biase Uniform
4495	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32238	HD Fowler, Co	6,008.50	Hydrant & Gate Valve
			403 - 534 80 35 000 - Small Tools & Minor Equipmen			6,008.50	Hydrant & Gate Valve
4496	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32239	Haley & Aldrich, Inc	1,958.75	Grant Writer
			001 - 558 70 41 000 - Professional Services			1,958.75	Grant Writer
4497	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32240	Moore Auto Group, LLC Hall Chevrolet-Buick, Inc	271.61	2019 Dodge Charger Repairs
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			271.61	2019 Dodge Charger Repairs
4498	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32241	David Thompson Hi-Way Auto	2,935.56	Malibu Oil Change; Veh #16-2 Oil & Brake Change; Veh #18-2 Oil & Brake Change; Veh #19-2 Oil Change; Veh #23-1 Oil Change; Veh #19-2 Repairs; Veh #19-1 Repairs; Veh #26-2 Oil Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			54.30	Malibu Oil Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			880.64	Veh #16-2 Oil & Brake Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			711.71	Veh #18-2 Oil & Brake Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			54.30	Veh #19-2 Oil Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			54.30	Veh #23-1 Oil Change
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			545.76	Veh #19-2 Repairs
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			542.15	Veh #19-1 Repairs
			001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			92.40	Veh #26-2 Oil Change
4499	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32242	Historic Downtown Prosser Assoc	6,125.00	Mainstreet Credit
			403 - 534 80 44 000 - External Taxes			3,062.50	Mainstreet Credit
			407 - 535 80 44 000 - External Taxes			3,062.50	Mainstreet Credit
4500	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32243	The Home Depot Pro	477.74	Can liners, Odor Eliminator
			001 - 576 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies			477.74	Can liners, Odor Eliminator
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					001 - 521 20 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance	325.00	PD Carpet Cleaning
					001 - 569 21 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance	675.00	Senior Center Floor & Pressure Wash
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					130 - 573 90 31 000 - Office And Operating Supplies	8.66	Water
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					102 - 542 67 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	14.12	Cap
					102 - 542 90 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	32.59	Gloves
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					102 - 542 64 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	201.10	Street Signs
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					122 - 558 60 41 122 - Planning And Economic Develc	114.50	Climate Change Grant Final
					123 - 558 60 41 123 - Planning And Economic Develc	5,390.66	Comp Plan June 2026
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					102 - 542 90 41 000 - Professional Services	58.70	Camera Subscriptions July 2026
					001 - 576 21 41 000 - Aquatic Center Programs - Pro	234.79	Camera Subscriptions July 2026
4515	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32258	Port Of Benton	14,390.81	PD Bldg Lease Aug 26 & Deposit Increase
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			403 - 534 80 44 000 - External Taxes			69,417.52	WT UT Tax July 2026
			403 - 534 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services			2,026.80	W, S, G Billing July 2026
			407 - 535 80 44 000 - External Taxes			65,345.31	WW UT Tax July 2026
			407 - 535 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services			8,083.49	W, S, G Billing July 2026
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			102 - 542 90 47 000 - Public Utility Services			2,511.11	W, S, G Billing July 2026
			001 - 569 21 47 000 - Public Utility Services			491.67	W, S, G Billing July 2026
			001 - 572 50 47 000 - Public Utility Services			1,191.99	W, S, G Billing July 2026
			001 - 576 20 47 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Publi			4,169.83	W, S, G Billing July 2026
			001 - 576 80 47 000 - Public Utility Services			18,377.58	W, S, G Billing July 2026
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			001 - 512 52 41 000 - Professional Services			5,665.00	Prosecution July 2026
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			407 - 343 50 00 000 - Sewer Revenues			-13.06	2842.01 - 1817 BENSON AVE
			448 - 343 71 00 000 - Garbage Service Charges			-5.66	2842.01 - 1817 BENSON AVE
			403 - 343 90 00 000 - Irrigation Fees & Charges			-0.89	2842.01 - 1817 BENSON AVE
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			001 - 558 60 41 000 - Professional Services			2,038.20	Planning July 2026
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			407 - 535 80 48 000 - Repairs & Maintenance			402.19	VFD Repairs
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			233 - 592 75 85 000 - Bond Admin Fees			350.00	PROLTGO11 Bond
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			458 - 592 35 85 000 - Interest And Other Debt Servic			119.00	PROWATREF15 Bond
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					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	336.90	Pipe Fittings
4531	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32274	Valley Publishing Co, Inc	123.88	BOA Vacancy; Ord 26-3316, 3317
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	68.93	BOA Vacancy
					001 - 514 30 41 000 - Professional Services	54.95	Ord 26-3316, 3317
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					407 - 535 80 42 000 - Communications	119.26	Cell Phone Bill July 2026
					102 - 542 90 42 000 - Communications	39.24	Cell Phone Bill July 2026
					001 - 576 20 42 000 - Aquatic Center Facilities - Com	39.24	Cell Phone Bill July 2026
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4535	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32278	WA Dept Of Ecology	9,053.50	2027 Water Quality Program
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4536	08/11/2026	Claims	1	32279	Budget & Fiscal Service- WA State Patrol	105.00	Background Checks; Background Checks
					001 - 571 22 41 000 - Professional Services	33.00	Background Checks
					001 - 582 30 00 001 - Concealed Pistol License Disbu	72.00	Background Checks
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					407 - 535 80 31 000 - Office & Operating Supplies	8.65	Water
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						102 Street Fund	13,933.85
						122 Climate Planning Grant	114.50
						123 Comp Plan Periodic Update Grant	5,390.66
						130 Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	74.28
						233 2011 GO Bond - Pool	350.00
						304 Alexander Court Improvement Project	7,388.75
						403 Water Fund	125,336.90
						407 Sewer Fund	129,283.30
						448 Garbage Fund	25,161.02
						456 Water Revenue Bond Debt Redemption	231.00
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T. J. Jost
Signature

8/5/26
Date



Agenda Item Title: Community Vision Adoption (*Toni Yost, Finance Director*)

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Department: Finance

Item Category: Resolution

Council Goal: Goal #1: Livability & Quality of Life

Goal #2: Financial Sustainability

Goal #3: Promote Economic Development & Jobs

Goal #4: Infrastructure & Transportation

Goal #5: Operational Excellence & Communication

Fiscal Impact:

None

Approvals:

Toni Yost

Benjamin Goodwin

Rachel Shaw

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Prosper Community Vision

Summary Statement:

The City Council is being asked to consider adoption of the “**Articulating a Common Vision**” report as a guiding framework for Prosper’s long-term planning, budgeting, capital investments, economic development efforts, and community partnerships. The vision was developed through stakeholder interviews, research, site visits, and workshops with community organizations and local partners, and emphasizes a welcoming and walkable community, agriculture and viticulture, local business, creativity, traditions, and small-town character.

Adoption of the resolution would establish the report as a tool for future decision-making and accountability, including consideration during annual budgeting and long-term planning.

Recommended Action/Suggested Motion:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-_____ adopting the Community Vision Report.

**CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 26-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROSSER,
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE “ARTICULATING A COMMON VISION”
COMMUNITY VISION AS A GUIDING FRAMEWORK FOR LONG-TERM
PLANNING, CITY INVESTMENT, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AND
FUTURE DECISION-MAKING.**

WHEREAS, the City of Prosser recognizes the importance of establishing a clear, cohesive, and community-supported vision to help guide the community’s future growth, investment, economic development, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the visioning process included interviews with more than twenty individuals and a two-day workshop involving representatives from Historic Downtown Prosser, the Port of Benton, Prosser Economic Development Association, Chamber of Commerce, Prosser City Council, Mayor’s Office, Prosser Wine Network, Prosser Creative District, Princess Theatre and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, through that process, three recurring themes emerged for Prosser’s future: creating a welcoming and walkable community, celebrating and strengthening agriculture and viticulture, and preserving the traditions and family connections that contribute to Prosser’s unique identity; and

WHEREAS, the resulting vision, summarized as “Hometown charm. Wine country welcome.”, describes a community that celebrates its historic downtown, agricultural heritage, creative industries, local businesses, families, visitors, and small-town character; and

WHEREAS, the Community Vision establishes guiding principles that include helping small and local businesses thrive, building a creative community, welcoming residents and visitors, drawing inspiration from agriculture, and maintaining Prosser’s small-town character through safety and walkability; and

WHEREAS, the Community Vision is intended to be used by the City and its partners as a framework for asking whether proposed actions advance the shared vision, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and considering how projects and programs can benefit local businesses and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that implementation of this vision cannot be accomplished by City government alone and will require continued teamwork among the City, residents, businesses, property owners, community organizations, the Port of Benton, tourism organizations, regional partners, volunteers, and other public and private stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, successful implementation will require sustained coordination, shared responsibility, accountability, strategic investment, and the integration of the Community Vision into the City’s annual and long-term planning processes;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Prosser that it is the desire of the City Council that:

Section 1. Adoption of Community Vision.

The Prosser City Council hereby adopts the “**Articulating a Common Vision – Strategic Vision Narrative, Prosser, Washington,**” dated June 22, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by this reference, as a guiding framework for the future of the Prosser community.

The Community Vision shall be used to help inform City priorities, policies, partnerships, programs, capital investments, economic development efforts, community development activities, tourism initiatives, and other long-term planning efforts.

Section 2. Integration into Annual Budget and Long-Term Planning.

City departments shall consider the Community Vision when developing:

1. Annual operating and capital budget requests;
2. Capital improvement plans and infrastructure priorities;
3. Departmental work plans and strategic initiatives;
4. Grant applications and outside funding requests;
5. Economic development and tourism initiatives;
6. Plans, policies, and programs that may affect downtown, transportation, parks, recreation, public spaces, community development, or other areas addressed by the vision; and
7. Opportunities to coordinate City investments with projects being undertaken by community and regional partners.

Where practical, departments should identify opportunities to advance the Community Vision through already-planned projects and programs before proposing entirely new initiatives.

Section 3. Community Partnership and Shared Responsibility.

The City Council recognizes that the Community Vision belongs to the broader Prosser community and that its successful implementation will depend upon continued collaboration.

The City shall encourage ongoing communication and coordination with community organizations, businesses, residents, property owners, tourism partners, economic development organizations, the Port of Benton, and other regional partners to identify shared priorities, coordinate activities, leverage available resources, avoid duplication of effort, and pursue opportunities that further the Community Vision.

The report itself emphasizes this model of shared responsibility by assigning potential roles to the City, business organizations, LTAC, business owners, the Port of Benton, and marketing partners across project areas.

Section 4. Coordination and Communication.

The City supports regular opportunities for community partners to communicate regarding projects, events, economic development opportunities, tourism initiatives, grant opportunities, and other activities related to the Community Vision.

Where appropriate, the City should participate in or help facilitate coordinated planning efforts that allow partners to share information, establish responsibilities, identify opportunities for cooperation, and measure progress.

Section 5. Long-Term Stewardship of the Vision.

The Community Vision is intended to provide long-term direction while remaining adaptable to changing circumstances and opportunities.

The City Council should periodically review the Community Vision to determine whether its priorities continue to reflect the needs and aspirations of the community. A more comprehensive review should be considered approximately every **five years**, or sooner if significant community, economic, or planning changes warrant reconsideration.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Prosser and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Prosser this _____ day of August, 2026.

MAYOR GARY VEGAR

ATTEST:

JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

BENJAMIN GOODWIN, CITY ATTORNEY

Articulating a Common Vision

Strategic Vision Narrative

RUPERT

Prosser Washington

June 22, 2026

PROJECT BACKGROUND

What are we doing?

Prosser, Washington has been a fixture in the Washington wine industry for over a hundred years and is sometimes known as “The Birthplace of Washington Wines”. It hosts over 30 wineries that produce some of Washington’s finest wines.

And yet, the city has little name recognition statewide (and less nationally). Despite its historic buildings and charm, the downtown core has struggled as businesses have closed and not been replaced. And as wine sales decline nationally, Prosser is searching for new income streams.

An obvious solution would be to make Prosser an attractive destination for tourists. But until the city is able to create a more tourist-friendly environment that encourages word-of-mouth and repeat visits, the fear is that any revenue driven from advertising will be short-lived.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Something to rally around

Prosser has a lot of pride and does not lack for ideas on how to make Prosser a better place. But in order to make meaningful progress, we believe that it's important that Prosserites share a common strategic vision. Currently there is a lot of activity, but not necessarily in concert. Prosser needs a single vision and message so that all parties can “pull together” toward the common goal.



RUPERT

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Objective

Rupert has been asked to help Prosser define and articulate its strategic vision for the future. What could Prosser become? We want to get the people of Prosser to get excited about a shared vision for what's next.

Our goal is to do more than just paint a picture of what the future of Prosser could look like, but to help create a roadmap for sustained success.



RUPERT

Executive Summary



Methodology:

In preparing this report, we visited Prosser four times over the course of several months and spoke with more than 20 people with experience either in Prosser, Washington wines, or urban development.

In addition, Rupert toured 3 similar towns and conducted a two-day workshop with representatives from Historic Downtown Prosser, Port of Benton, Prosser Economic Development Association, Chamber of Commerce, City Council of Prosser, Mayor’s Office, Prosser Wine Network, among others.



Challenges:

- Prosser has directed growth away from the downtown core, exacerbating downtown vacancies.
- Lack of tree canopy and outdoor spaces makes downtown unattractive.
- Lingering damage to downtown small businesses incurred during Covid remains to be seen in empty storefronts.
- Tourists lack a reason (or natural, intuitive connection) to come downtown or explore beyond the Vinters Village.
- Wine industry in general is down.



Opportunities:

- Use new creative district designation to drive investment and tourism.
- Implement policies that maintain and beautify downtown, and encourage small creative businesses.
- Create opportunities for agricultural festivals and events to attract visitors from Yakima Valley, PNW and nationally.
- Invest in improvements (trees, sidewalks, bike paths) to make downtown more walkable.
- Connect Vinters Village to downtown through shaded pedestrian and bike paths to help “share” tourists between both locations.

Perceptions & Insights

What We Learned

Site Visits: Road Trip Observations

Many of the challenges Prosser is facing are not unique. Empty storefronts were common in the towns we visited, particularly in wine country. But there were lessons for Prosser in each of the towns we visited and some general principles for success, from a tourist's perspective.

RUPERT





Tieton

Overview

- Population: 1,561
- Former fruit packing town was in dire straits before a coalition of outside artists and entrepreneurs began buying buildings and opening creative businesses.

The Exception

- Despite the involvement of nearly a dozen artists and entrepreneurs, Tieton is really the product of one man's vision and substantial investment.

Takeaway for Prosser

- Tieton focused on what they had that other areas lacked—namely cheap land and a ready source of inexpensive labor. And worked hard to make connections with artists and creative businesses outside of Tieton to bring jobs and income into town.
- Tieton also focused on physical beauty — creating public art, gardens and refreshed signage/storefronts, which inspired others to do the same.



Waitsburg

Overview

- Population: 1,166
- Waitsburg has benefited from viticulture and its proximity to Walla Walla, with a well-preserved downtown core from the 1800s.

The Exception

- Waitsburg has a James Beard nominated restaurant (Bar Bacetto) and is an easy driving distance from Walla Walla.

Takeaway for Prosser

- Poster and advertising campaign to support local small businesses and emphasize the importance of maintaining the town's culture.
- Coordination and collaboration among downtown businesses, making sure they are open for each other's events and encouraging pedestrians to "move along" down mainstreet to other businesses.
- Fines for blocked or tinted windows in the downtown core (except for partial blinds to block direct sunlight for diners, cafe-goers, etc. Empty storefronts have signage celebrating the town in general (vs just being left vacant).



Walla Walla

Overview

- Population: 34,060
- With the rise of shopping malls, Walla Walla's downtown was beginning to empty, but saved by the rise of viticulture and the opening of tasting rooms downtown.

The Exception

- Walla Walla benefits from the presence of three colleges, the Walla Walla AVA, and its relative isolation creating a center of gravity for the surrounding region.

Takeaway for Prosser

- During Covid, Walla Walla encouraged restaurants to open outdoor seating. Today the sidewalks are still lined with tasting rooms, restaurants and cafes, creating a vibrant social scene.
- Empty lots and storefronts are clean, well-lit and/or otherwise dressed up. The result is that empty storefronts feel occupied to a casual observer.
- A few dedicated people fought to keep downtown viable and formed the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation.

The general principles for success

What makes a historic downtown feel like a destination to out-of-town tourists? A lot of the things that Prosser is looking to establish:

- **Attractive, well-maintained storefronts.** Welcoming storefronts have clear windows that invite shoppers in to look around or spend time.
- **Shade from trees, umbrellas or other plants** near places to sit, relax and be social (both restaurants and public benches). When people linger, it creates a sense of gravity in town that encourages others to visit and stay.
- **Colorful signage** with character gives a sense of a thriving culture and interesting businesses. Even if a building is empty, a colorful sign can make it feel interesting.
- **Landmark or historic hotel.** A destination hotel within walking distance of restaurants, shops and other attractions makes it easy for tourists to imagine themselves spending the night.
- **Complimentary businesses.** A theater, renowned restaurant and boutique hotel work together to create a complete experience for out-of-town guests.

Inventory of Assets & Barriers

Interviews & Workshops

Interviews & Workshops

Throughout our discovery process we were able to identify six categories of “assets” that Prosser has to offer out-of-town guests, as well as its own citizens. As often as not, these assets also came with barriers that prevent Prosser (or visitors) from fully realizing or appreciating the assets. In our next deliverable we’ll share some ideas for overcoming these barriers.



Historic Downtown

ASSETS

The downtown of Prosser is really close to being great.

- Big enough to spend time exploring and feel like you still haven't seen everything, but small enough to know your way around and to feel safe.
- Great old buildings with well-preserved facades, cute AirBnB options
- Well-sited close to the highway, but picturesquely nestled between the river and Horse Heave Hills.
- Feels like an integral part of the town — people really live and work here in Prosser

BARRIERS

Not quite a walkable destination town...yet.

- Absentee or uncooperative landlords don't participate in community efforts to beautify downtown.
- Empty storefronts create a feeling of desolation or disrepair
- Cheap or unattractive signage for some existing businesses that are there work against the curb appeal of downtown.
- The growing number of professional services (vs retail) creates uninteresting store fronts for window shoppers.
- Lack of shade and outdoor seating (or sidewalk signage) creates an uninviting atmosphere and contributes to an "empty" feeling, despite the number of businesses actually operating there.
- Lack of coordination between businesses on opening hours contributes to feeling of emptiness.



Wineries/Vinters' Village

ASSETS

World-class wines on par with anything from the PNW

- Birthplace of Washington wines and supply grapes to wineries around the state.
- Highly regarded and rated wineries.
- Vinters' Village puts several wineries within walking distance of one another.
- Horse Heaven Hills AVA and Yakima Valley AVAs are unique and respected.
- Special events and weekends with participation across multiple wineries.

BARRIERS

A tale of two Prossers

- The physical distance between village and downtown is not far, but feels far.
 - Too hot, too dusty, no sidewalks, not much to look at on the way.
- Very little agricultural presence at the Village. Could be anywhere instead of in the heart of Washington wine country.
- Wine sales are down globally, reducing impact as a tourism and economic driver for the region.
- Lack of consistent coordination and cross-promotion with other organizations or events in town.
- Empty "Phase 2" lots subtract from the feeling of activity and growth.
- Limited dining options



Natural Beauty

ASSETS

The Yakima River and Horse Heaven Hill provide a beautiful backdrop

- River is substantially cleaner than in the past.
- Dam creates flat water perfect for boating or swimming.
- Yakama Indian Nation Prosser Hatchery plays an important and significant role in salmon population in the Yakima and Columbia rivers.
- Horse Heaven Hill borders and embraces the town, creating a natural and identifiable landmark.
- Wild horses are rumored to still live in the hills.
 - The town was originally founded as a site for capturing and training wild horses.

BARRIERS

Hiding in plain sight

- Prosserites seem to overlook the hill and river as attractions because of past issues or simply familiarity.
- Local reputation is that the river is polluted
 - But there is an issue with star grass, which is safe but unpleasant to look at or swim in.
- River is not visible from many locations.
- Lack of recreational activities on or near the river.
 - E.g. bike lanes, pedestrian paths, boat rentals, etc.
- Horse Heaven Hill is very steep. There are not many viable ways up or down without a car.
 - Existing trail is too steep and infrequently used



Agricultural Roots

ASSETS

Authentic agricultural center with produce enjoyed globally.

- Renown producer of grapes (wine and juice), apples, cherries, hops, asparagus, soft wheat, etc
 - Exported globally as well as nationally.
- Hundred year history, innovator in irrigation techniques that made farming the Yakima Valley viable.
- The global agritourism market was valued at USD 9.01 billion in 2025 and is expected to exhibit a CAGR of 12.3% from 2026 to 2033. (Grand View Research, Inc., 2025).
- Summer farmers' market on Saturdays with local produce, honey, jams and flowers.

BARRIERS

What's on the farm stays on the farm.

- Other than a large cold storage facility as you head into town (which has little signage or explanation) there is little agricultural presence in town.
- Few agriculture-related activities to do in and around town.
 - Working farms have little appetite to pivot core business toward tourism.
 - Good farmers don't necessarily make good hospitality business owners.



Community Spirit

ASSETS

Active and engaged volunteer community

- Strong leadership and participation from local organizations and volunteers.
- Motivated and engaged city leadership (Mayor and Council).
- Wide variety of organizations with vested interest in improving the city and surrounding areas.
- Passionate populace that supports annual events and local businesses.
 - Traditional events and parades that draw large participation from Prosser and surrounding areas.
- Strong “alumni” culture. Folks return to Prosser from all over. Families have been here for generations. Unique events like “States Day” reinforce Prosser as a special place and community.

BARRIERS

Pulling in different directions

- Inconsistent coordination and communication between organizations.
- Well-intentioned initiatives are sometimes at odds with one another.
- Close-knit community can be difficult for new arrivals to assimilate into.



Creative District Designation

ASSETS

A golden opportunity

- Awarded a much-coveted “Creative District” designation from the state.
 - Qualifies Prosser for grants and other funding.
- Historic Princess Theater has been renovated and has a thriving theater program for adults and kids.
 - 120 events a year, including live music and theater productions.
 - Theater program only one of its size and kind in south Yakima Valley.
- Dance class, pottery, live music and other arts are already thriving downtown.
- Wineries, breweries and distillers also qualify as creative industries.
- Annual Street Painting Festival where local artists create chalk drawings on downtown streets

BARRIERS

Still work to be done

- Federal funding for creative district programs has been canceled.
- Lack of definition and identity around Creative District designation – what does it mean for Prosser? For visitors?
- Lack of gallery or museum spaces dedicated to displaying art
- Lack of public art/sculpture
 - Parade of Ponies walk lacks signage and cohesive route
- Downtown businesses are not predominately “creative” – e.g. financial planning, dermatology, insurance, etc.



WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS

Three Themes, One Vision

Throughout our discussions at the Workshops, three themes continued to emerge. These themes naturally incorporated many of the assets we inventoried as well as the principles for success we found on our roadtrip.



Welcoming and walkable

From the start, we heard over and over from the community that the future vision of Prosser must include a walkable, welcoming downtown, full of vibrant small business and creativity,



Agriculture and viticulture

Obviously, wine and agriculture are a major part of Prosser's identity, history and economy. Any discussion about a future vision for Prosser is going to have to include agriculture.



Traditions and family

We also heard that the traditions here are powerful connectors between generations, new arrivals and longtime residents. The future of Prosser must be rooted in its past.

Our vision narrative then must account for all three of these themes.

Vision Narrative

Hometown charm. Wine country welcome.

Prosser is timeless. It's a place where families gather to buy fresh produce from local farms, while the children play nearby. A place of open doors and open arms. Where school kids make their way from rehearsal or sports practice, stopping for ice cream downtown before pedalling home along shady streets.

Visitors are charmed by Prosser's historic downtown creative district, where winemakers, craftsmen and artists share the tree-lined sidewalks with open air cafes. The easy camaraderie between shop keepers reveals a community that cares deeply about supporting local businesses. Hand-lettered signs direct foot traffic into artfully restored storefronts that offer curated goods, local crafts and fine wines.



VISION NARRATIVE



Drawn by the creative culture and spirit of collaboration in Prosser, restaurateurs and hoteliers have opened their own additions to the historic downtown, attracting visitors from nearby cities and from across the Pacific Northwest with award-winning restaurants and accommodations.

Prosser is happy to be small. It takes pride in offering both locals and tourists a welcome break from highways, big box stores and chain restaurants. A modern take on small town America, where family farms and unique local businesses thrive among artists and artisans. Where hometown charm meets wine country welcome at the intersection of 6th and Meade.





▲ Pedestrian friendly boulevards

▼ Daylight storefronts and slow traffic



How to Use This Vision

- **Guiding principles for planners**
 - Helping small and local businesses thrive
 - Building a creative community
 - Being welcoming to visitors and locals alike
 - Inspired by agriculture
 - Maintain a small town feel, both in terms of safety and walkability
- **Refer back to this as guiding principles for government and partner organizations**
 - is this action consistent with the narrative? how will this action further the vision?
 - What other organizations, businesses or individuals could we partner with? Who can help make this event a success for visitors and locals?
 - How will this help local businesses? What do they need to do to reap the benefits? Are they excited to participate?

Anchor Ideas

These are project ideas that could help set Prosser on its path toward its ideal future. They'll include short-term, "easy wins" as well as longer, more ambitious ideas. The intent is to provide Prosser with concrete next steps, along with potential budgets.

ANCHOR IDEAS

Low Hanging Fruit

(Can be done now) These are short-term or immediate steps that can be taken in pursuit of the vision narrative.

Mid-Range Plans

(2-5 years) What can Prosser start now that might take a few years to bring to fruition.

Long-term Ambitions

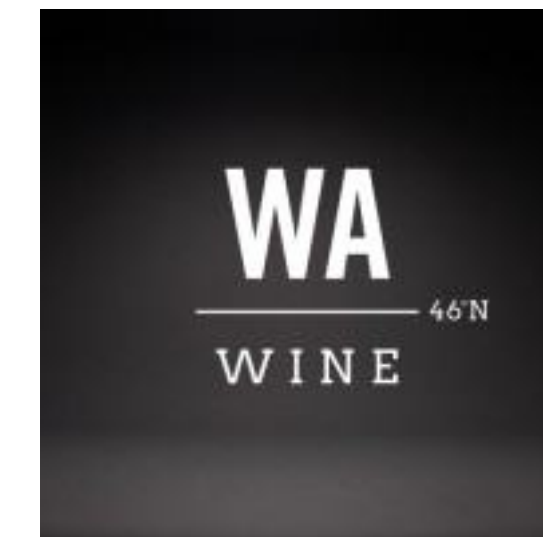
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Connect and Collaborate

Prosser has an active volunteer community and there is already some great collaboration happening between organizations, businesses and the city government. In our discussions we found a few areas that could help further that collaboration.

- Washington Wine Commission, Regional Association Meeting
 - Meets quarterly, currently an open seat (formerly held by representative from Yakima Tourism)
- Restart quarterly tourism planning meeting, including small business owners
 - Coordinate schedules, brainstorm ways to collaborate and leverage one another efforts
 - Give each other a chance to co-promote events and share foot traffic

Additionally, we believe Prosser should actively reach out to and connect with artists in bigger cities (like Seattle) that have become too expensive. Artists need studio space, and space is what Prosser has in abundance.



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Create Some Shade

Widening the sidewalks and planting trees is the ultimate goal, but in the meantime, there are a few things Prosser can do to help mitigate heat and make the downtown streets more welcoming.

- **Encourage sidewalk cafes, umbrellas and canopies.** Walla Walla has some trees, but it also has a lot of sidewalk planters, outdoor cafes and shade from umbrellas and canopies. These are relatively easy and inexpensive ways.
- **Prosser parasols.** The University Village in Seattle offers shoppers complimentary umbrellas to help encourage shoppers to explore and go door-to-door. Why not a barrel with Prosser Parasols at participating shops to help keep visitors in the shade? And if they get stolen... great! An ad for Prosser is out circulating in the world.



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Add Easy Activities

Look for opportunities to create more activities for visitors, especially visitors with families. What can be done with existing infrastructure? A designated kite-flying area, provide a handful of bikes or paddle boards for rent (via self-serve kiosks?), offer historic walking tours – anything that a visitor can do to add to their trip, before or after visiting the wineries.



Advertise (a little)

Speaking of advertising, Prosser already does some advertising, but we believe there is more that can be done in the short-term.

- **Prosser Wine Network.** Currently spending \$4k/quarter, plus agency fees to drive web traffic. We recommend a higher spend directed toward raising awareness (vs web traffic). Awareness can be tracked via research studies, organic lift to winery websites or through video-completes that show our message was delivered.
- **Princess Theater.** Provide the theater with additional advertising dollars to promote music events, upcoming shows, and other creative activities. Target visitors from Seattle, Portland, as well as cities closer to home and suggest spending the night in Prosser.

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Add Trees Downtown

If funds can be secured, the most impactful improvement would be to widen the sidewalks and add shade trees (or maybe local fruit trees?). A more walkable, welcoming downtown can improve economic development, encourage tourism, even reduce crime by encouraging people to stay, be seen and be social.



Create an Agricultural Connection

Build an agricultural connection between the village and downtown. Expand and connect existing paths between both locations and line them with representative fruit trees, or grape vines grown in the region. Maybe there are interpretative displays along the route explaining the history of each crop in the region, or the nearby farm that donated it.

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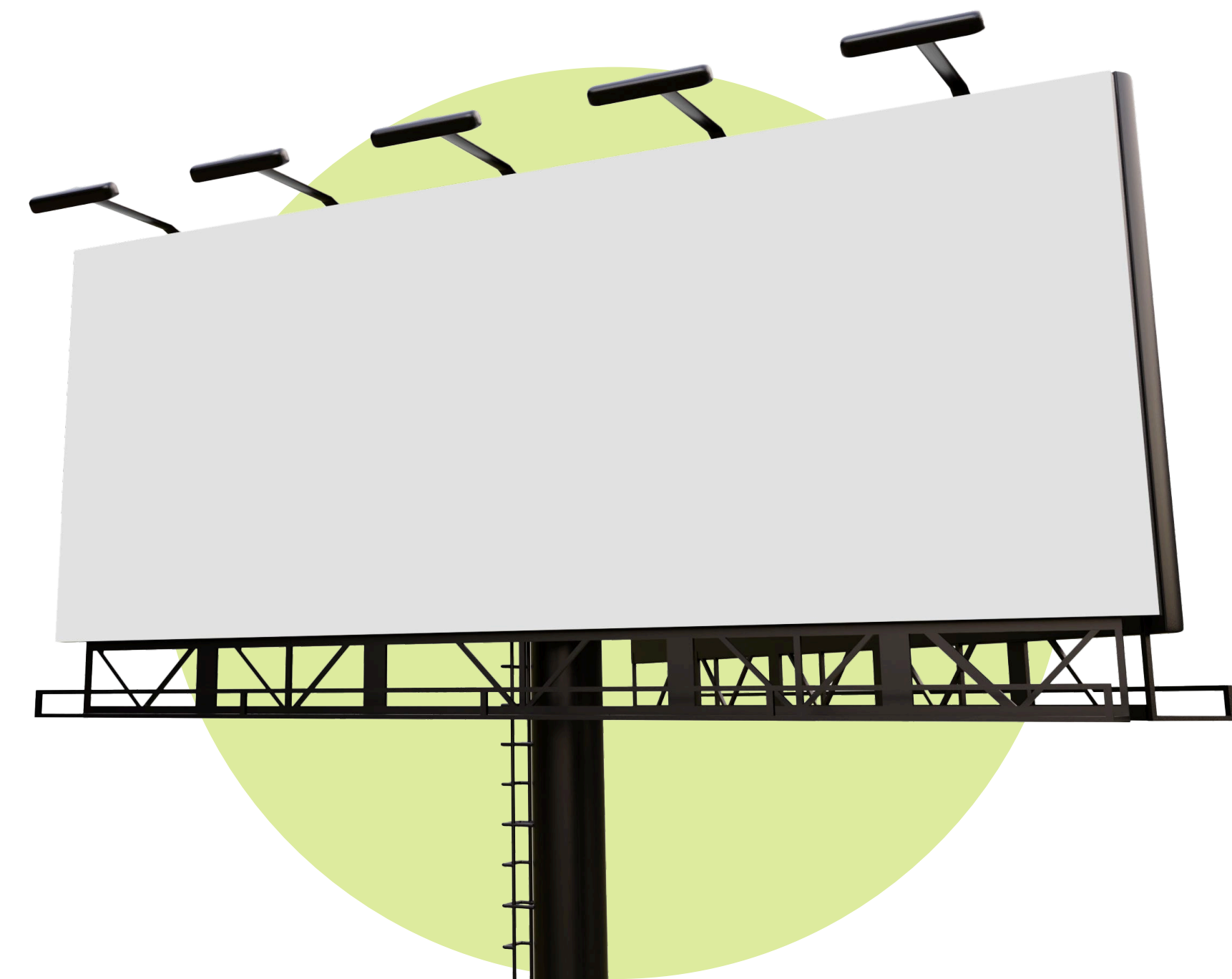
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Advertise (some more)

Help build awareness of Prosser in Seattle through consistent advertising efforts. Consider mediums that can deliver a more emotional and inspirational message, like video (YouTube, Meta, CTV), or look for ways to connect with a large audience inexpensively, like transit ads or by taking advantage of special programs.

For example, Port of Seattle has a [Tourism Marketing Support Program](#) to provide premium ad spaces at a fraction of the normal costs.



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Pop Up Restaurant Contest

It sounds audacious, but what if Prosser prepared a space (the Masonic Lodge?) for a retail restaurant and then held a contest to “give it away” as a “pop-up” to a rising culinary star? Every two years, the restaurant would be awarded to a new, up and coming chef from Seattle, the Tri-Cities or Portland. The biannual event would generate PR for the creative district and drive foodies from the surrounding regions to downtown Prosser.



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Build a Bike Path From Richland to Yakima

The weather and easy grade along the Yakima River make it a great place for a dedicated bike path. Tourists could bike from town to town, stopping at wineries and inns. Prosser's size and proximity to the river make it a natural hub. E-bikes bring the Horse Heaven Hills into play and make travel between towns viable for locals as well.



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Summer Sleep-Away Camp

A summer camp in Prosser would draw campers from across the PNW. Parents could spend the night before pick-up enjoying the wineries and trying the restaurants in town. A spin on this idea that could tie the camp to the creative district would be to extend the Princess Theater's youth program to include a summer camp program.

Open an Art School

Whether teaching pottery, fine arts, culinary or hospitality, schools draw talented people together who share ideas, work locally and start businesses. In addition to providing a stream of short-term residents, the schools also act as incubators for new businesses and establish a cadre of full-time creative residents in the city.

Taking Action

From the start there's been no shortage of great ideas and inspired folks invested in the future of Prosser. The challenge is finding a balance between supporting one another and staying out of each other's way — agreeing on ways to create momentum while smoothly passing the baton is key to getting our ideas across the finish line.

We have identified eight project areas and proposed roles for key stakeholders.

Downtown beautification and walkability

CITY LEAD ROLE

Lead sidewalks, trees, lighting, crossings, traffic calming, outdoor seating permits, façade/signage standards, vacant storefront expectations. The report repeatedly identifies shade, outdoor seating, attractive storefronts, and walkability as major gaps.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Add planters, window displays, sidewalk seating, better signs, coordinated hours, open windows, and participation in downtown standards.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Organize merchant input, promote “open and active downtown” standards, coordinate volunteers for cleanups/planters.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Support property and infrastructure coordination; help identify redevelopment/funding tools for Port-adjacent or underused sites; connect business/property prospects with economic development resources.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Fund eligible tourism-facing elements: wayfinding, visitor amenities, downtown maps, public-facing promotion, visitor experience improvements where legally eligible.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Tell the “walkable downtown” story with before/after visuals, downtown maps, storefront spotlights, parasol/shade campaign, and content encouraging visitors to park once and explore.

Quarterly tourism coordination

CITY LEAD ROLE

Provide direction to LTAC and support qualifying projects.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Share event dates, hours, promotions, offers, staffing constraints.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Operate the meeting, agenda, event calendar, and partner follow-up.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Attend quarterly meetings as a standing partner; bring Port project updates, property/business recruitment leads, grant opportunities, and regional partner contacts.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Require funded applicants to attend/report at least quarterly.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Maintain a shared promotion calendar, partner toolkit, event submission form, and campaign dashboard; push quarterly themes to all partners for co-promotion.

Creative District identity

CITY LEAD ROLE

Adopt/recognize a Creative District implementation plan; align public art, signage, zoning, and capital projects.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Host artist pop-ups, classes, music, maker nights, tasting-room art, creative window displays.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Market the Creative District as a visitor-facing experience, not just a designation.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Position the district as an economic development asset; help recruit makers, artists, food/beverage tenants, and creative businesses; identify spaces for studios/pop-ups/incubators.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Prioritize tourism-marketing funds for creative district events and overnight-stay drivers.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Create a Creative District brand/landing page, visitor map, public art/Parade of Ponies route, theater/event content, artist profiles, and targeted weekend-stay campaigns.

Agriculture + wine connection

CITY LEAD ROLE

Lead physical connection between downtown and Vintner’s Village: shaded route, bike/ped improvements, interpretive signs, plantings.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Cross-promote farms, wineries, restaurants, retail, tasting rooms; create visitor bundles.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Package “farm, wine, food, downtown” itineraries.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Coordinate on Vintner’s Village/downtown connectivity where Port participation is needed; support wayfinding, trail/path partnership conversations, and ag/wine business recruitment.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Fund visitor-facing promotion, wayfinding, event marketing, and measurable tourism campaigns.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Package farm + wine + food + downtown itineraries; promote the shaded route, interpretive stops, wine/farm bundles, maps, and seasonal harvest stories.

Events and festivals

CITY LEAD ROLE

Permit, coordinate public safety, streets, infrastructure, trash, public spaces.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Stay open, offer event specials, extend hours, decorate storefronts, participate in shared promotions.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Produce or coordinate the event calendar; reduce event conflicts; recruit volunteers.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Help secure partner sites, sponsor/funding leads, logistics contacts, and regional economic-development promotion; encourage Port tenants/properties to participate where appropriate.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Fund events/festivals designed to attract tourists, consistent with lodging-tax rules. RCW 67.28.1816 allows lodging tax revenues for tourism marketing and special events/festivals designed to attract tourists.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Build annual campaign calendar; create reusable event assets, paid/social/email campaigns, PR pitches, lodging packages, and post-event metrics.

Visitor activities

CITY LEAD ROLE

Identify public spaces for walking tours, bike routes, river access, kite area, paddle/bike rentals, signage.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Offer rentals, guided tours, classes, tasting add-ons, family-friendly activities.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Build itinerary content and visitor guides.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Explore partnerships for bike/paddle rentals, trail connections, river-oriented amenities, and visitor-serving businesses; assist with site/tenant recruitment.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Fund marketing, visitor-facing signage, campaign assets, and eligible tourism-support items.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Promote walking tours, bike routes, river/kite/paddle activities, family add-ons, and “things to do before/after wine tasting” content.

Catalytic business recruitment

CITY LEAD ROLE

Identify vacant/underused buildings, streamline permitting, consider incentives for aligned uses.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Property owners and entrepreneurs activate spaces with restaurants, lodging, galleries, studios, retail, pop-ups.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Recruit/restaurateur/artist/maker prospects; connect property owners and entrepreneurs.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Lead or co-lead recruitment for destination-aligned businesses; match vacant/underused properties with restaurateurs, lodging, makers, and arts entrepreneurs; support incentive/grant packaging.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Support destination marketing around openings/events where eligible.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Develop recruitment and launch marketing: prospect sheets, property one-pagers, press kits, grand-opening campaigns, chef/artist contest PR, and success stories.

Regional partnerships

CITY LEAD ROLE

Coordinate with Port, County, Yakima Valley, Benton-Franklin, state agencies, trail partners.

BUSINESS OWNER LEAD ROLE

Participate in regional packages and shared .

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONAL LEAD ROLE

Help maintain partner contact list and co-marketing calendar.

PORT OF BENTON LEAD ROLE

Serve as a regional convener with Benton County, Tri-Cities, Yakima Valley, state/federal agencies, trail partners, and economic development organizations.

LTAC LEAD ROLE

Fund cooperative tourism campaigns where measurable.

MARKETING EFFORTS

Coordinate co-branded regional campaigns, shared itineraries, partner links, earned media, and measurement so Prosser shows up in Yakima Valley/Tri-Cities/PNW trip planning.

LAST WORDS

Prosser, the Pride of the Yakima Valley

The vision for Prosser's future is not that different from its present. A place that stands out among its peers in the valley. A destination for people from neighboring cities and towns. The future Prosser is a place where people come for an afternoon to walk the tree-lined streets and shop from unique, locally-owned businesses, or spend the night after dining at an outdoor restaurant and catching a show at the Princess Theater.

This vision is achievable through a renewed focus on beautifying the historic downtown core and encouraging unique, local businesses that are aligned with Prosser's creative district designation, while celebrating Prosser's history and deep agricultural roots.

RUPERT



Thank you



Agenda Item Title: Police Officer Participation in Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF) (*John Markus, Police Chief*)

Meeting Date: 8/11/2026

Department: Police

Item Category: Discussion Item

Council Goal: Goal #5: Operational Excellence & Communication

Fiscal Impact:

\$12,000

Approvals:

John Markus

Toni Yost

Benjamin Goodwin

Rachel Shaw

Attachments:

None

Summary Statement:

City Staff would like Council to review and consider approval of the Prosser Police Department's proposal to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force (PNVOTF), authorizing the assignment of two patrol officers to participate in the task force in a part-time capacity. The officer's participation will not interfere with their regularly assigned patrol shifts or the department's ability to maintain local law enforcement services.

The Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force is led by the U.S. Marshals Service and brings together federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to enhance operational capacity through collaborative enforcement efforts. As task force officers, Prosser Police Department personnel will work alongside Deputy U.S. Marshals and partner agencies to investigate and apprehend felony offenders using a variety of investigative techniques. The task force focuses on locating and arresting violent fugitives, known gang members, and individuals involved in serious criminal offenses, while also supporting high-profile or significant cases when approved by U.S. Marshals Service leadership.

The assigned officers will receive specialized U.S. Marshals Service training at no cost to the City, providing advanced investigative and operational skills that will directly benefit the Prosser Police Department and the community. Participation in the task force will strengthen partnerships between the City of Prosser, the U.S. Marshals Service, and participating federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, increasing regional collaboration and enhancing public safety.

The long term vision for this program is to establish a full-time Prosser Police officer position on the task force. A permanent assignment would further enhance community safety by increasing access to regional investigative resources, supporting officer recruitment and retention through unique professional development opportunities, and strengthening valuable multi-agency partnerships that improve the department's ability to address violent crime both within Prosser and throughout the region.

Officers will utilize their existing department issued equipment while assigned to the task force. To meet U.S. Marshals Service operational requirements, each officer will require specialized ballistic-rated helmet and body armor plates at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,000 per officer, for a total one-time equipment cost of approximately \$2,000.

In addition, the department is requesting the establishment of a dedicated overtime budget within the Criminal Justice Fund with a maximum annual allocation of \$10,000 to support task force related operations conducted outside of normal duty hours. Any overtime required beyond the approved \$10,000 annual allocation would not be reimbursed by the City and would be performed on the participating officer's own time.

City Staff recommends that Council approve the department's proposal to assign two patrol officers to the PNVOTF in a part-time capacity and authorize the associated equipment purchases and overtime funding to enhance regional law enforcement partnerships and community safety. If directed, staff will prepare a resolution to approve an interlocal agreement and present these items for approval at a future meeting.

Recommended Action/Suggested Motion:

Review and provide staff direction on proposed participation in task force.