
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Dalton called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Dalton, Council Members Anita Eylar, Tom Poplawski, Tim Snead, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Public Works Director Ruth Olmstead, Rick Paris, Travis Irwin, Robin Boyce and Renata Rollins - Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Mr. Paris reported the ambulance has responded to 435 calls as of Sept. 16th. The department participated in joint training with the USBR. A new EMT class is under way with one student for Grand Coulee. The department lent a helping hand to the hospital to prepare for their pow-wow.

Public Works Department: Ms. Olmstead reported that the dept. had another sewer line repair, they have been working with the engineers to see if more of the sewer lines could be added to the wastewater project. Ms. Olmstead also informed council that the water main that runs from Pole Park to the WWTF has break and she is looking into the possibility of doing a liner instead of having to dig up the line for replacement.

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce asked council to consider placing the police vehicles that had been surplus on the agenda to discuss options for disposal, the minimum bids were not met on the auction site.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wastewater Committee: The board should be meeting a minimum of four times per year, they plan to meet each month until the end of the year. Robin Boyce told council that the board should be somewhat involved in the budget process for the WWTF. Mr. Boyce feels that the agreement with SJ Environmental should require both Grand Coulee and Electric City to be mentioned in the agreement and both Mayors signature. Ms. Eylar feels the agreement should be reviewed and will ask to add to the agenda for discussion.

Planning Committee: Ms. Crowe has found the deeds for the properties suggested to be sold and has provided information to the mosquito district and the Grant County Weed Board regarding ROW that is being assessed as parcels.

Labor Committee: Ms. Eylar has not received job descriptions back from the police department or the public works department at this time.

5. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Dalton provided information on discussion at the RBOM meeting; the truck needs to be replaced, Randy Gumm is looking into this. Fall vegetation collection is scheduled for October 26, 2024 from 8am to 3pm, vegetation must be free of all plastics and other refuse.

6. **AGENDA REVISIONS:** Ms. Eylar asked to add WWTF Joint Board to the agenda as Item 9.4, the USBR Law Enforcement as Item 9.5 and the Surplus Vehicles as Item 8.5.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

8.1 Resolution 24- 04 Small and Attractive Asset Policy: Mr. Eylar motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04 with a change to the number of characters for the ID from 5 digits to 7, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

8.2 Resolution 24-05 Adopting City Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Handbook: Ms. Eylar motioned to approve Resolution 24-05, Mr. Nash second. Mr. Poplawski asked that the language for hiring all department heads should read the same and asked that the language in Section 17 be changed to read the same as Section 10. Ms. Eylar amended her motion to include changing the last sentence in Section 17 to read, "subject to council majority approval." Mr. Nash second, motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Ms. Eylar, Mr. Nash, Mr. Carriere and Mr. Snead voted yea, Mr. Poplawski nay.

8.3 Resolution 24-06 ROW/Encroachment Permit Application: Mr. Snead motioned to approve Resolution 24-06, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

8.4 Discussion – Police Chief: Mayor Dalton told council that the Interim Chief resigned, effective September 25, 2024. Due to the department now having fewer than six officers the Chief position has to remain under civil service. There was discussion of the possibility of contracting with an outside entity for law enforcement.

8.5 Surplus Vehicles: After some discussion Mr. Poplawski motioned to advertise the surplus vehicles utilizing the sealed bid process with minimum bids that are \$500 less than originally set, Ms. Eylar second, motion carried.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 Set a Date for Public Hearing on 2025 Property Tax Levy: By consensus council set October 15, 2024 at 6pm for the public hearing.

9.2 Ordinance 1098 Setting 2025 Ambulance Rates: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1098, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.3 Ordinance 1099 Ambulance Attendant Pay Scale: Ms. Pearce told council that Chief Fish would like to implement a change in the way attendants are paid, he has drafted a pay scale based on duties performed during a call. Council asked that the Ordinance be brought back in October after the attorney has reviewed it for form.

9.4 WWTF Joint Board: There was discussion about having the joint board review the interlocal agreement and provide both Grand Coulee and Electric City councils with recommended updates. Mr. Boyce spoke about the SJ Environmental agreement and feels that both cities should be party to the agreement with both Mayors signing. Ms. Pearce will ask the attorney to review and provide her input.

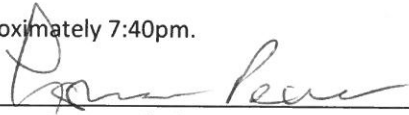
9.5 USBR Law Enforcement: At this time Grand Coulee is unable to provide the level of service contracted, Mr. Poplawski suggested that the Mayor contact the attorney and ask her to draft a letter to the Bureau releasing Grand Coulee from the contract for service.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer

City of Grand Coulee, Washington
Regular Council Meeting
September 17, 2024