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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dalton called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following were:

Present: Mayor Dalton, Council Members Anita Eylar, Tim Snead and Mark Nash

Absent: Tom Poplawski and Gary Carriere

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Public Works Director Ruth Olmstead, Nancy Wetch, G&O, Mayor Kohout, Peggy Nesvimal, Robin Boyce, Travis Irwin, Linda Roberts, Rick Paris and Officer Hopper

- 2. Public Hearing: Wastewater Facility Design and Collection System Upgrades:** Mayor Dalton opened the hearing at approximately 3:05pm. Nancy Wetch, G&O, provided information on the planned upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility. Ms. Wetch let those present know funding for the design phase is provided by Dept. of Ecology, 50% forgivable loan(grant) and 50% loan, the total funding package is approximately \$1,826,000.00. The estimated payment amount on the loan portion is approximately \$ 51,000.00. Ms. Wetch believes that the upgrades will have a positive environmental impact, the upgraded facility would be more energy efficient.

The collection system will be cleaned and videoed to assist with finding any issues in the old lines. Any issues that are found during this process will be addressed either by lining the pipes or cutting and replacing the existing pipe.

It is estimated that construction of the collection system will take one year with the treatment plant taking two years.

Ms. Wetch estimates that Grand Coulee residents could see up to a \$22.47 per month increase to their utility bill.

There were questions from Electric City council and city clerk regarding funding for Electric City to assist with their portion of the upgrades.

As there was no other public input Mayor Dalton closed the hearing at approximately 4:30pm.

- 3. Budget Workshop:** Mr. Poplawski started by stating that there is no increase to or new revenue sources for the General Fund, utility rate increases will increase revenues to the utility funds. There was a suggestion that council may want to consider eliminating the current fee for utilities and charge the monthly amount whether service is active or inactive. The finance committee would like department heads to research grants to offset costs. The finance committee recommended that the transfers to fire and ambulance reserves be reduced to \$10,000 each and that \$20,000 be budgeted in ambulance professional services to start the process of developing a Regional Fire Authority. Mr. Poplawski and Mr. Snead were asked to review the applications for lodging tax funds and make a recommendation to council at the December 17, 2024 meeting.

Council thanked the department heads for working with them and making necessary adjustments to their department budgets.

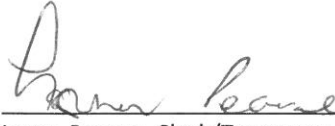
**ADJOURNMENT**

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As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the workshop at approximately 6:00 pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer