
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 Tom Poplawski, Tim Snead, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash. Anita Eylar was excused.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Linda Roberts, and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 Budget: Mayor Dalton opened the public hearing at approximately 6:02pm. There was no objection to the Mayor or council's participation. As there was no comment received Mayor Dalton closed the public hearing at approximately 6:05pm.

3. VISITOR INPUT:

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Fish let council know that the annual department banquet was scheduled for Dec. 12. The department has been participating in joint training with the Hartline and Coulee City departments. The dept. has been winterizing vehicles. Chief informed council that he had applied for a grant through DNR for a brush truck. Chief Fish said that the call volume for the ambulance had gone up at the beginning of November.

Finance Department: The third quarter financial report was included in the council packet, Mayor Dalton asked if council had any questions, there were none.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. AGENDA REVISIONS:

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8.1 Agreement with Boulder Park, Inc.: There was discussion regarding language that had been added to the new agreement addressing environmental spills, council does not feel that the city should have liability once the sludge is loaded on the truck. Council did not take action on the agreement.

8.2 LTAC Expenditure Recommendations: Mr. Poplawski is recommending that the entities that have submitted a request for funds be awarded funds, except the City of Grand Coulee's request for Chamber membership, he feels this is an inappropriate use of the funds and should be in the general fund budget. Mr. Snead motioned to approve LTAC expenditures at last year's amounts to each entity, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Executive Session: Discuss Potential Litigation: Mayor Dalton informed those present that the executive session would take approx.20 minutes, the time was approx. 6:30pm. Mayor and council left the chambers. Mr. Poplawski

returned after 20 minutes to extend the session for 15 minutes. Mayor Dalton reconvened the regular meeting at approx. 7:05pm. No council action was taken.

9.2 Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Vortex Services, LLC for Sewer Cleaning and Video: Mr. Carriere to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Vortex Services, LLC, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

9.3 Ordinance 1100 Amending the 2024 Budget: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1100, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.4 Ordinance 1101 Adopting the 2025 Budget: Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Ordinance 1101, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

9.5 Authorize Utility Staff to Stop Billing Acct. 1188.0: Ms. Pearce informed council the reason for the request was due to the owner having passed and there is no family or executor to handle the account. The utility staff is recommending that the meter be removed at this time and the charges on the account be removed. The property will sit until it goes up for County auction for back taxes, the new owner would then need to pay the reconnection fees for water and sewer. Mr. Poplawski made a motion to remove the charges on the account and to stop billing account 1188.0 and to remove the meter, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer