

City of Grand Coulee  
City Council  
May 20, 2025

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MINUTES

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**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, Janet Christy, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Ruth Olmstead, PWD, Chief Ponusky, Olivia Ponusky, Solveig Chaffee, Nancy Boord, Scott Ross, Port Dist. #7, Krystal and Jill Fillis, Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber, and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**2. VISITOR INPUT:**

Scott Ross, Port Dist. #7, asked council to consider an offer of \$2000.00 for the purchase of the 2011 Crown Victoria. The Port District would like to use it as a courtesy vehicle for patrons of the airport.

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department: Chief Fish said that the call volume was down slightly for the month. The structure truck is in the process of being repaired, once it is serviceable it will be going to Spokane to be serviced and pump tested. The tender is being fitted for the tank and pumps. The second fire truck received from DNR has been picked up, this vehicle came with a \$26,000 grant for outfitting to the city needs.

Police Dept.: Mayor Dalton introduced Chief Ponusky. Chief Ponusky provided a call report to council, he said that the department had also assisted other agencies with twelve calls.

Public Works: PWD Olmstead informed council that the transmission pump in the backhoe had gone out, the pump will cost approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000 dollars and will have to be shipped from Germany. This cost is just for the pump, will not know if there are other issues until the transmission is opened up. Ms. Olmstead will be researching replacing the backhoe.

Finance Department: The monthly revenue/expenditure reports were included in the council packet. Ms. Pearce let council know that Nancy Wetch has spoken with Dept. of Ecology and they are recommending that the city look into a grant loan package through Public Works Trust Fund for the collection system portion of the wastewater upgrades. The funding application period is currently open.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Planning Committee:** No meeting.

**WWTF Committee:** The Mayor, clerk and Mr. Nash met with Electric City to discuss revisions to the WWTF Interlocal Agreement. Electric City would like the WWTF agreement to mirror the RBOM agreement. The next meeting will be June 11, 2025, at 10:30am in Electric City.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS:** Mr. Poplawski asked that Item 8.3 be moved ahead of Item 8.1, add the request by Port Dist. #7 be added to the agenda as Item 8.5, add PWTF grant loan for water facility plan as Item 8.6, add appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore as Item 8.7.

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

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**8.3 Introduction of New Non-Profit:** Solveig Chaffee informed council that a group of individuals had started a non-profit, Neighborhood Recharge Initiative, their purpose is to provide assistance with blighted properties within the community. They are currently interested in refurbishing the Vlachos properties, their vision for the property is a "pocket" park. There was discussion of the City obtaining the property under eminent domain and either deeding or selling it to the non-profit or entering into a long-term lease with the City. At this time, it does not appear that there would be any family members who would object to someone taking the property. Council will follow up with the city attorney to see what the City can do. Information will be provided at the June meeting.

**8.1 Ordinance 1102 Amending Section 10.04.020 of the Municipal Code:** WSDOT provided clarification of speed limits on Highways 155 and 174 within the city limits. Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Ordinance 1102, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

**8.2 Council Committee Reassignments:** Mayor Dalton made adjustments to the committee appointments now that Ms. Christy has been appointed to position #1.

**8.4 Discussion of applying for PWTF Grant for the Grand Coulee Collection System Upgrades:** PWD Olmstead said that the video and cleaning of the system is complete, and G&O is reviewing the video. Mr. Poplawski motioned to move forward with the PWTF grant/loan package, Mr. Snead second, motion carried. Council asked to have Nancy Wetch to attend the June meeting to provide further information.

**8.5 Consideration of Port Dist. #7 Request to Purchase Vehicle:** Scot Ross, Port Dist. #7 asked council to consider selling the 2011 Crown Victoria that had been surplus to the Port District for \$2000. Mr. Nash motioned to accept the offer of \$2000, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

**8.6 Consideration of Accepting PWTF Grant/Loan Package for Water Facility Plan:** Mr. Carriere motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

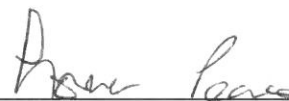
**8.7 Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore:** Ms. Christy motioned to appoint Mr. Poplawski, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer