

City of Grand Coulee
City Council
June 17, 2025

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, Janet Christy, Gary Carriere and Mark Nash.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Ruth Olmstead, PWD, Chief Ponusky, Nancy Wetch and Tim Devries, G&O, Theresa Adkinson, Grant County Health Dept., Olivia Ponusky, Solveig Chaffee, Nancy Boord, Krystal and Jill Fillis, Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber, Linda Roberts, Rick Paris, Chuck & Chantel Crowe, and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. VISITOR INPUT:

Nancy Boord-Zimmerman provided further information to council regarding the eminent domain process requested for the Vlachos properties.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Fish said that the ambulance call volume is down about 30-40 calls for the year, the fire dept. responded to fire calls this month. The structure truck repairs will be approx. \$3000. The fire department received a grant from DNR in the amount of \$23,000 for radio upgrades.

Police Dept.: Chief Ponusky provided a call report to council. The five surplus patrol vehicles should be ready to be sold soon. The body cams received from Grant County Sherrif should be in service sometime in July, the tasers will be a little longer due to the officers needing training on these specific units.

Public Works: PWD Olmstead let council know that the resurfacing repairs to Federal Ave. had been done and will be completed within two weeks.

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce let council know that the 2024 annual report had been submitted to the auditor's office.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor: Mayor Dalton said that spring cleanup had gone well.

WWTF Committee: Mr. Nash let council know that the next joint board meeting will be held on July 3 at 6pm at the Electric City city hall.

Planning Agency. Mr. Snead said that the planning agency had reviewed Ryan Fowlers request for a boundary line adjustment and that the planning agency has submitted a recommendation of approval to the council.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS:

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Snead motioned to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the town hall meeting minutes adding Mayor Dalton to those present, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7.1 Discussion – Eminent Domain: Mr. Poplawski recommended that the non-profit purchase the property directly, the city has to have a valid reason to take the property under eminent domain. If the city were to claim eminent domain, the property can not then be deeded to another entity. Council will review the information provided by Nancy Boord-Zimmerman and discuss further in July.

7.2 Discussion – Vacant Businesses: Mr. Poplawski noted that there is still a lot of work needed before this could be put in place, he does recommend that council move forward with discussion. Mr. Carriere suggested contacting property owners. Will be discussed more at the July meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Grant County Health Department; Public Health Update: Theresa Adkinson provided a packet of information to council which included an annual report on the services provided to the communities within Grant County. The health department is overseen by a board of eight members made up of four elected officials and four community members. Seventy-five percent of the health department funding is state and federal dollars. Grant County provides the buildings and maintenance of those facilities. Council thanked Ms. Adkinson for providing the information, it was informative.

8.2 Gray & Osborne: Sewer Collection System Funding: Ms. Wetch and Mr. Devries provided some of the results of the video inspection of the sewer system, they feel a majority of the system would be eligible for some type of lining, but there are portions that would need to be dug up and replaced. Ms. Wetch spoke with Kim Priscock, Dept. of Ecology, Kim suggested that the city take advantage of a grant loan package through Public Works Trust Fund. The city could apply for up to \$10,000,000, only \$2,000,000 would be eligible for grant, the rest would be loan. G&O is recommending the city apply for a \$4,000,000 package, \$2,000,000 in grant and \$2,000,000 in loan, this would potentially upgrade 30% of the sewer lines. This would be an additional cost to citizens, with the upgrade to the wastewater facility, up to \$30 per residence. Mayor Dalton asked the sewer committee to meet and discuss this and bring their recommendation back to council in July. The application to the PWTF Board is due August 8th.

8.3 Reel Recreation Concept Plan for Community Center: Nic Alexander provided council with a concept plan for a community center. In his proposal the center would sit on city property overlooking Crescent Bay. Nic is proposing to lease the property from the city, would like to see what that would look like. He also asked that the city, if in agreement with the plans, not sell the property and allow him five years to get his funding in order. Council will need to review this further.

8.4 Service Agreement with Assured Hospice: This agreement is to allow the city to bill Assured Hospice if a hospice patient utilizes the ambulance service. Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve the agreement, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

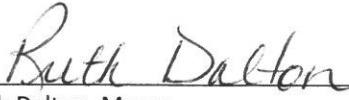
8.5 Approve/Disapprove R. Fowler Boundary Line Adjustment: The planning agency reviewed this application and recommended that council approve the boundary line adjustment. Mr. Snead motioned to approve R. Fowler's boundary line adjustment, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

8.6 Authorize SCJ Alliance to Apply for Grant Funding for the Upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update: The Dept. of Commerce notified the clerk that the city qualifies for up to \$100,000 in grant funding to update the comprehensive plan. Mr. Poplawski motioned to authorize SCJ Alliance to apply for grant funding, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

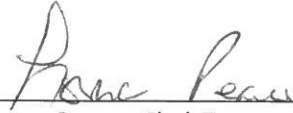
8.7 Request for Reduced Reconnection Fee for Water/Sewer: Clerk Pearce provided council with the request and emails between the clerk and the resident stating that if the connection was turned back to the city there would be a reconnect fee for both the water and the sewer service. After discussion Ms. Christy motioned not to reduce the reconnection fees, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:53pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer