
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, and Mark Nash. Mr. Carriere was excused

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Ruth Olmstead, PWD, Chief Ponusky, 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:

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Rick Paris reported that the ambulance responded to 28 calls for service and the fire dept. responded to 6 fire calls this month. The new tender truck will be delayed for a month or two. Council was asked to draft a letter in support of a Regional Fire Authority being created and mail it to all entities that would be involved.

Police Dept.: Chief Ponusky said that the surplus patrol cars are ready to be sold. Chief also reported that there had been a false posting Facebook, it was made to look like the police department had posted it, it has been removed.

Public Works: PWD Olmstead informed council that the resurfacing of Federal Ave. was done and that striping will be done the following week. Ms. Olmstead is working with G&O on the Six Year Street Plan.

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce told council that the office is undergoing a Northwest Administrators payroll audit for the time frame including October 2017 to the current pay period. Ms. Pearce told council that the Request for Qualifications for engineering service had been advertised and that there were two engineering firms who had returned their qualifications. Mayor Dalton asked Mr. Snead and Mr. Nash to review the statements.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WWTF Committee: Mr. Nash said that there have been meetings with Electric City to draft a new ILA for the wastewater facility, the draft will be sent to the attorney for review.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS: Mr. Poplawski asked that the request to draft a letter for the regional fire authority be added to the agenda as Item 8.5.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Snead motioned to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7.1 Discussion – Eminent Domain: Mr. Snead does not feel that the request by Ms. Boord and Ms. Chaffee is a plausible direction for the city. Mr. Poplawski suggested waiting until the county disposes of it for unpaid taxes or reaching out to the family to purchase the properties.

7.2 Discussion – Vacant Businesses: Mr. Poplawski stated that he has heard comments both for and against the city implementing any ordinance, but he feels that something needs to be done to affect change to the current situation. Mr. Carriere suggested possibly sending a letter to the property owner asking them to either fill or sell the property. Mr. Poplawski would like to see more involvement from the property owners regarding how to move forward.

7.3 Committee Recommendation on Public Works Board Funding for the Grand Coulee Collection System: The committee recommends either option 2 or 3 as proposed by G&O, either option would increase the amount of sewer line that can be repaired. Mr. Snead made a motion to instruct G&O to apply for funding referenced in option 2 (this would be \$2 million in grant and \$2 million in loan) Mr. Poplawski second, motion carried.

7.4 Discussion of Boulder Park Agreement/Pollution Insurance: Ms. Pearce informed council that she had reached out to CIAW to see if they offered a supplement to the city's current liability insurance that the city could purchase, they do not. CIAW provided a contact with an insurance agent that may be able to assist, no information has been received yet. Information will be provided once it is received.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Authorize Mayor to Sign Grant County PUD Agreement for Pay Station: Ms. Pearce stated that the new agreement has an increase to the amount the city will receive for being a pay station for the PUD from \$2000.00 to \$2500.00 for the first year of the agreement and increase 4.5% each year thereafter. Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

8.2 Authorize Mayor to Sign 2025-2027 Climate Planning Grant Agreement: This grant is in the amount of \$100,000 for adding the newly mandated climate planning regulations to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Poplawski motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

8.3 Resolution 25-09 Declaring Certain Equipment Surplus: Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-09, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

8.4 Discussion of Awards Available Through the American Legion: Mr. Nash informed council that the American Legion has various awards for individuals who are nominated and selected for their acts of selflessness, heroism etc. The recipients of these awards are eligible to be awarded on national level. Department heads would submit their nomination to the local chapter of the Legion for consideration. Mr. Jim Brakebill asked if the City would be willing to house a flag disposal box for retired flags, and the consensus was that the City would be honored.

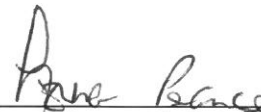
8.5 Regional Fire Authority: Mr. Poplawski made a motion that a letter be drafted providing the City's interest in moving forward with the creation of a Regional Fire Authority, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer