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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, Krystal and Jill Fillis, Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber, Jan Schrader, NCWUA, Jim Keene, NCWUA, Andrew Dobson, Chuck & Chantel Crowe, and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-2031 Six Year Street Plan:** Mayor Dalton opened the public hearing at approximately 6:01pm. Public hearing closed at approximately 6:06pm. Mayor Dalton moved on to the regular business of the council.

**3. VISITOR INPUT:**

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department: Chief Fish reported that the ambulance service has been responding to one to two calls per day, the department has responded to seven fire calls since August 1<sup>st</sup>. The tender truck that is in Spokane being outfitted may be back and put into service within the next couple of weeks. Washington State Patrol will be coming on September 4<sup>th</sup> to train the fire department on roof venting.

Police Dept.: Chief Ponusky reported all of the surplus patrol vehicles have been sold. Chief also stated that the department call volume was up approximately 12% for the year.

Public Works: PWD Olmstead informed council that an application for city wide street repairs had been submitted to TIB, with the purchase of the backhoe the department has been able to catch up on projects. There was a water line break on Banks Ave that has been repaired, and the crew will be working on finalizing the parking project at the city park.

Finance Department: Ms. Pearce informed council that the payroll audit was complete and no issues were found. The second quarter financial report was provided in the council packet. Ms. Pearce provided council with information regarding HB 2015 pertaining to public safety funds. Also, a citizen had concerns with the late-night activities in the city park and asked if new signs could be placed at the park with hours of use. Ms. Pearce told council that the TIB application that had been submitted for the multi-street project was approximately \$1.5 million, the city should know late November if the project will be funded in full or part.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Dalton said that the August RBOM meeting had been cancelled.

**WWTF Committee:** Mr. Nash stated that the WWTF ILA is still in the review process and that he has concerns about some of the proposed language, in particular that the joint board could change the administrative city with a vote of the board.

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**Planning Agency.** Mr. Snead said that the planning agency recommends contracting with SCJ, Alliance for planning services to update the comprehensive plan, the agency also recommends during the comprehensive plan update that the zoning of parcel 01 1306 000, 313 A St. be changed to Commercial Highway to accommodate the veterinary clinics request for a large animal facility.

6. **AGENDA REVISIONS:** Mr. Snead asked that the recommendation for engineering services be added to the agenda as Item 9.11. Mr. Poplawski asked that discussion of WWTF agreement be added as Item 9.12.

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

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**8.1 Discussion – Vacant Businesses:** Mr. Poplawski noted that there is still a lot of work needed before this could be put in place, city code would need to be updated, concerns about who would enforce and monitor a registration list. Mr. Poplawski has reached out to several business owners with no response. Bring back in September.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**9.1 New Columbia Water System – Discussion:** Mr. Keene provided some history of the water system; Grand Coulee provides water to the Association which they then re-sell to their customers. The system is running smoothly at this time. The reason they are here is last year a vendor to a private residence hit and disabled one of the fire hydrants, they are asking the city to provide labor and equipment to replace the hydrant. Council asked if they had contacted the vendor to have his insurance pay for the repairs, they were unsure. Council suggested that they get a bid to for the work and submit it to the vendors insurance company.

**9.2 Resolution 25-10 Adopting the 2026-2031 Six Year Street Plan:** Mr. Poplawski motioned to approve Resolution 25-10, Mr. Nash second, motion passed.

**9.3 Authorize the Transfer of Five Laptops to the Ambulance Department:** Mr. Carriere motioned to approve the transfer of the laptops to the ambulance department, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

**9.4 Ordinance 1103 Amending GC Municipal Code Section 5.04.025 (6) Business Licenses:** Ms. Pearce told council that the state had made an update to the dollar threshold for certain businesses. Mr. Carriere motioned to approve Ordinance 1103, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

**9.5 Authorize the Mayor to Sign the SCJ, Alliance Service Agreement for Climate Resiliency Planning:** Ms. Pearce reminded council that SCJ's services will be paid for through a Dept. of Commerce grant. Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the climate resiliency planning agreement, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

**9.6 Authorize the Mayor to Sign Dept. of Commerce Periodic Update Grant Agreement When Received:** Ms. Pearce reminded council that this is the first half of the grant for the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Nash motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Dept. of Commerce agreement when received, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

**9.7 Authorize the Mayor to Sign SCJ, Alliance Service Agreement for the Comprehensive Plan Update:** Ms. Pearce reminded council that these services will be funded by a Dept. of Commerce grant. Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the SCJ, Alliance agreement, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

**9.8 Discussion of Changing to Spectrum for Phone Service:** Ms. Pearce provided council with pricing information, the change would save the city several hundred dollars per month, there is the possibility the phone system itself may need to be updated. Council asked that the need to update the system be looked into and to place the item on the September agenda.

**9.9 Discussion of TextmyGov Public Notification System/Recommend Placing in Committee for Review:** Ms. Pearce provided information to council about the service and suggested that this placed into committee so that a demonstration of the service could be provided. Mayor Dalton asked if any of the council members were interested in participating in the demonstration, Ms. Christy and Mr. Carriere volunteered. Will revisit in September.

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**9.10 Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement with Natural Selection Once the Attorney has Approved:** Ms. Pearce told council this is alternative from Boulder Park for disposal of solid waste. Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement once the attorney approves the agreement, Ms. Christy second, motion carried.

**9.11 Recommendation for Engineering Services:** Mr. Nash let council know that the city had only received two RFQ's for engineering services, Gray & Osborne and Varela Engineering Services, he feels that Gray & Osborne are very familiar with our city infrastructure and are a good fit to continue services. Mr. Snead added that Gray & Osborne work strictly with municipalities, so they are familiar with municipal regulations. Both Mr. Nash and Mr. Snead are recommending that council select Gray & Osborne for city engineering services. Mr. Nash motioned to select Gray & Osborne for engineering services, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

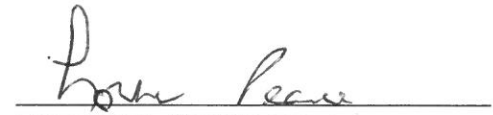
**9.12 Discussion of WWTF Agreement:** Mr. Nash would like to see the voting members of the board go back to Grand Coulee having three votes (as the majority interest holder) and Electric City having two votes. He is also concerned with the proposed language that the board can make a change to the administrative by a vote, this should have to a joint city council decision. Mr. Nash's other concern is the language regarding repairs over \$10,000 needing board approval, if there is an issue at the facility it should be corrected as soon as possible not have to wait for board approval. Council agreed with Mr. Nash's concerns and asked to be kept informed as the process to rewrite the agreement progresses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer