

City of Grand Coulee  
City Council  
February 17, 2026

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**MINUTES**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Dalton called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following were:

Present: Mayor Dalton, Council Members Andrew Dobson, Tim Snead, Mark Nash, and Eric Ahlem. Gary Carriere was excused.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Chief Ponusky, PWD Olmstead, Nancy Wetch, Gray & Osborne, Kristan and Addison Cannon, Scout Group, Nichole Ahlem, Linda Roberts and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:**

**2. Visitor Input:**

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department:

Police Dept.

Public Works: Ms. Olmstead reported she is still working with volunteers to get the Christmas lights down. The lift station on Roosevelt needed some repairs, it is now operational. Jolena Mills is retiring at the end of February.

Finance: Ms. Pearce said that the engineers have been unable to locate easements for water/sewer lines behind the old Pepperjacks building, if none are found easements will need to be drafted and recorded. Lisa Allen has been hired as the new Deputy Clerk.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WWTF Committee:** Mr. Nash reported that the next Joint Board meeting would be in May.

**Planning Committee:** SCJ provided guidance for moving forward with the Comp. Plan and the newly required Climate Resiliency element.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS:** Mr. Nash asked that Item 8.4 be moved to Item 7.1 under Unfinished Business.

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

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**7.1 Addison Cannon – Presentation of Retired Flag Dropbox:** Addison is a member of the Scouts and to receive her Eagle Scout patch she was required to do a community service project. Addison constructed drop boxes for the disposal of retired US flags. One has been provided to the City of Grand Coulee, and two others will be distributed between Coulee Dam and Electric City.

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**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**8.1 Discussion /Decision on Plumbing Revision at the WWTF for Non-Potable Water:** The revision includes moving the water meter from its current location along with installing proper backflow prevention devices. Mr. Nash motioned to approve the plumbing revision and include in the WWTF upgrades, Mr. Dobson second, motion carried.

**8.2 Discussion/Decision on Electrical Upgrade/Covering for the Screening Process at the WWTF:** Nancy Wetch, G&O, stated that neither of these items are critical but the screens do freeze when it is very cold and the three-sided structure would help retain the natural heat that the waste produces therefore reducing the potential freezing issues. The electrical for the screening process is not up to current code, it is out in the open and highly visible to any inspector that comes on site. There is the potential for the project to be "red-flagged" during construction if this is not updated. Mr. Dobson motioned to approve moving forward with the electrical upgrade and the building, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

**8.3 Expenditure of Funds for Flags for the America 250 Celebration:** Ms. Pearce told council the cost would be \$900 and may require a budget amendment later this year. Mr. Nash motioned to approve the purchase of the flags; Mr. Dobson second, motion carried.

**8.4 Engineering Agreement for Phase II of the Grand Coulee Collection System:** Mr. Snead motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the engineering agreement, Mr. Dobson second, motion carried.

**8.5 Council Committee Member Appointments:** Mayor Dalton made the committee appointments; Ms. Pearce was asked to provide council members with a copy of the appointments.

**8.6 Discussion of Ordinance 1105:** While office staff were drafting the letter to go out to business owners there were several questions that came up; who is the enforcement individual, what is the timeframe for compliance? Mr. Snead recommended that the Mayor place this in committee. Mayor Dalton asked the legislative committee, Mr. Snead and Mr. Ahlem to review and bring recommendations back to council.

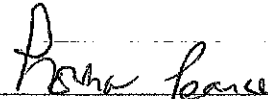
**8.7 Resolution 26.-01 Approving RBOM 2026 Budget:** Ms. Pearce explained that she had not received, until recently, the budget document for the RBOM. Mr. Snead motioned to approve Resolution 26-01, Mr. Nash second, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:05pm.



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer