

City of Grand Coulee
City Council
January 20, 2026

MINUTES

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 Tom Poplawski, Tim Snead, Mark Nash and Gary Carriere

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Chief Ponusky, PWD Olmstead, Renata Rollins, Eric and Nichole Ahlem, Andrew Dobson, Crystal and Jillian, Chamber of Commerce and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

2. Swearing in of New Council Members: Mayor Dalton administered the oath of office for Andrew Dobson. Mr. Dobson was elected to Council Position #2. Mr. Poplawski relinquished his chair to Mr. Dobson.

3. Visitor Input:

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Fish reported that the department had responded to 530 calls for service, 156 were non-transports, 233 calls were in Grand Coulee, 55 were to Electric City, Coulee Dam had 103 and Elmer City had 57.

Police Dept. Chief Ponusky reported there were 36 calls for service since the December meeting. The department responded to 100 more calls in 2025 than the previous year. A new officer has been hired.

Public Works: Ms. Olmstead reported that the sewer cleaning/camera crew was back in town to finish videoing the collection system, there were two small sewer line breaks that were repaired. Josh Flowers will be assisting the crew with taking the Christmas lights down.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WWTF Committee: Mr. Nash reported that the next Joint Board meeting would be February 6, 2026.

6. AGENDA REVISIONS:

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8.1 Approve Mayor's Signature on Public Works Board Grant/Loan Agreement for Sewer Improvements: Mr. Snead motioned to approve the Mayor's signature, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Consideration of Quote for Inspection/Cleaning of the Water Reservoirs: Mr. Nash motioned to accept the quote and authorize the Public Works Director to move forward with scheduling, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

9.2 Review of 5 Year Agreement with SJ Environmental for Water/Wastewater Operator Service: There was discussion as to whether Electric City should be a party to the agreement, the city attorney had previously said that Electric City did not need to be on the agreement as they were not the administrative city for the wastewater facility. The agreement will be discussed at the February meeting.

9.3 Authorize the Mayor to sign the 2026-2028 Teamsters Union Agreement: Mr. Nash motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Teamsters Agreement, Mr. Snead second, motion carried.

9.4 Consideration of Paying the Annual membership to the Chamber of Commerce: Mr. Snead motioned to pay the Chamber annual membership at the Spillway Level for 2026, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

9.5 Selection of Three Representatives for the Regional Fire Board: Mayor Dalton asked if any of the council would volunteer to sit on the board, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Snead, Mr. Carriere and Mayor Dalton all volunteered their services.

9.6 Consideration of Letters of Interest for Council Position #1: Council asked each of the two applicants a series of questions before calling for a motion and vote. Mr. Nash motioned to appoint Eric Ahlem to Council Position #1, Mr. Dobson second, motion carried. Mayor Dalton administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Ahlem.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Ruth Dalton, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer