

City of Grand Coulee  
City Council  
March 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 6:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following were:

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

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Fish, Crystal and Jillian, Chamber of Commerce, Nichole Ahlem, Solveig Chaffee, Linda Roberts and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- 2. Visitor Input:** Solveig Chaffee asked the council to consider not demolition the Vlachos building. Ms. Chaffee has been working with Grant County and the Vlachos family members to move toward purchasing the property. Council asked what her plans were if she was able to purchase the property, Ms. Chaffee said her current plan is to use it for open space, possibly a small park-like setting.

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department: Chief Fish reported that the department has responded to 112 ambulance calls and 2 fire calls to date. The older ambulance is in the shop, it needs a new transmission, repairs will be around \$4000.00. Chief Fish said that the department is looking at replacing one of the ambulances, a new one is approximately \$250,000.00, it can take up to a year after ordering to receive. Systems Design, ambulance billing service, is hosting a conference at the fire station the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The training is to assist service providers in collecting for unpaid service calls.

Police Dept.

Public Works:

Finance: Ms. Pearce reported that the water heater at city hall had ruptured and flooded the building, Clean Image Services will be handling the remediation and repairs. SCJ Alliance has developed and will be sending out survey information to the residents of Grand Coulee in the hopes of receiving public input on the comprehensive plan update.

Mayor: Mayor Dalton reported that Spring Cleanup will be from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WWTF Committee:** Mr. Nash reported that the engineers had done a walk through on Midway Ave of the shared wastewater service line and reviewed the plans.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS:**

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

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**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**


**8.1 Approval of Wisdom Earthworks Bid to Demolish the Building at 136 Spokane Way:** After some discussion Mr. Snead made a motion to reject the bid for the removal of the building, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

**8.2 Accept the Sewer Cleaning/Videeing Project as Complete:** Mr. Nash motioned to accept the project as complete, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

**8.3 Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore:** Mr. Snead motioned to appoint Mr. Nash as the Mayor Pro Tempore, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30pm.

  
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Ruth Dalton, Mayor

  
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Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer