

City of Grand Coulee  
City Council  
July 21, 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 not present, unexcused. Mr. Dobson motioned to not excuse Mr. Carriere, Mr. Ahlem second, motion carried.

Also Present: Clerk Lorna Pearce, Chief Ponusky, Chief Fish, Josh Watkins, Nichole Ahlem, Rick Paris, Olivia Ponusky, Alicia Ayers and Alex Emmons, SCJ Alliance, and Scott Hunter, Star Newspaper

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**2. Executive Session:** Mayor Dalton informed those present that council would be going into executive session for approx. twenty minutes to discuss potential litigation at 6:04pm. At 6:04 pm the Mayor extended the executive session to ten minutes. At approximately 6:30pm the Mayor called the regular meeting to order.

**3. Visitor Input:** Mike Coffey, 219 Dill Ave., shared his concerns with the property located at 212 Dill Ave. There is continual traffic in and out all night, a couple of rv's that are being lived in and trash covering a large portion of the property. Mr. Coffey said he has concerns that the property may be a health hazard and would like to know what can be done to get the property cleaned up. Mr. Dobson offered to look into the city codes to see what the process is. Kevin Moser, 218 Dill Ave., voiced the same concerns as Mr. Coffey and added that his family does not feel safe and he will defend his family.

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Fire Department: Chief Fish said the department has responded to 50 calls for service in July, with 11 fire calls. The ambulance has responded to 340 calls to date in 2026.

Police Chief: Chief Ponusky said that he had requested and was denied use of the USBR shooting range and that the dept. is currently working with Bureau to get an MOU in place so that our officers can utilize the range for training and qualifications.

Finance: City hall repairs are complete, and the office is semi back to normal.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**6. AGENDA REVISIONS:**

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

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## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**8.1 SCJ Alliance Progress Update of the Comprehensive /Climate Resiliency Plan:** Alicia Ayers and Alex Emmons provided council with a progress report on both the comprehensive and climate resiliency plans. The city is still waiting to hear from the Department of Commerce regarding the second half of funding for the comprehensive plan.

**8.2 Review of Recommendations of Enforcement for Ordinance 1105:** No information at this time, will bring information to the August meeting.

**8.3 Ambulance Fees-Activity Per City:** No information at this time, hope to have information for the August meeting.

**8.4 Review of Committee Information Provided on Kratom:** Mr. Dobson provided council with statistics on Kratom deaths, overdoses etc. Mr. Dobson would like council to hold off on implementing a ban on kratom until Washington State or the Federal Government puts something on the books, Mr. Snead agreed. Mr. Dobson motioned to wait until the State implements regulations on kratom, Mr. Nash second, motion passed with Mr. Dobson, Mr. Snead and Mr. Nash voting yay, Mr. Ahlem voted nay.

## 9. New Business:

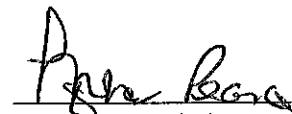
**9.1 Discussion of Interlocal Agreement for Public Works Departments:** By consensus council was not interested at this time but would review this further and discuss at a later date.

**9.2 Discussion of Potentially Canceling Contract with Rhizor's Painting and Awarding to Next Highest Bidder:** Ms. Pearce told council that there have been delays with Rhizor to get the outside of city hall painted. By consensus council said to wait and see and if needed this could be discussed at the August meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, Mayor Dalton adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.

  
Ruth Dalton, Mayor

  
Lorna Pearce, Clerk Treasurer