

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,  
HELD AT THE LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

February 17, 2026

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Library Community Room on February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

Dan Gookin, Mayor

Dan English	)	Members of Council Present
Christie Wood	)	
Amy Evans	)	
Kiki Miller	)	
Kenny Gabriel	)	
Dan Sheckler	)	

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gookin called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Councilmember English provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Gabriel led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Shirley Freeman, Coeur d'Alene, shared that after a squatter incident led to her arrest, the squatter moved into her home and burned it down. She wasn't allowed to stay in a motorhome on her own property during the rebuild and was forced to sleep in her car, leading to an injury. She urged changing the rules so property owners can stay in their motorhomes after events like a fire, both for safety and to oversee rebuilding. She added that allowing motorhome stays could also reduce homelessness.

Mike Gridley, Coeur d'Alene, expressed appreciation for City Administrator Troy Tymesen, reflecting on his 25 years with the City and comparing his contributions to a "most valuable player." He explained that among the many excellent Mayors, Councilmembers, and staff he has worked with, Troy stands out for keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes. He referred to the Boy Scout Law being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent; and said Troy embodies every one of those qualities.

Gabe Eckert, Coeur d'Alene, expressed gratitude to Mr. Tymesen's years of support and service to the City and the Fire Department. He thanked him for always doing an excellent job, for his friendship with the firefighters, and said he would be greatly missed, wishing him well in his retirement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilmember Gabriel thanked Mr. Tymesen and noted that while he has earned the chance to spend more time with his family, his departure is a loss because he has long been the “glue” holding the organization together.

Councilmember Miller echoed prior comments about Mr. Tymesen and reported that she heard the Mayor speak at a well-attended North Idaho Building Contractors Joint Government meeting today, emphasizing the importance of maintaining strong relationships with partner organizations. She noted that she testified on housing bills earlier in the day and will continue focusing on housing issues and keeping the Council informed. She also reminded the group that elected officials are invited to the Annual Housing and Growth Workshop on March 5.

Councilmember Wood thanked Mr. Tymesen for his many years of dedication to the City, his consistency, and commitment to the organization through decades of service. Mr. Tymesen responded by reflecting on the honor of serving the community and praised the strength of the City’s leadership team. He said he was proud of the City’s success, grateful for the professional challenges he’d been given, and pleased with the choice of Ron Jacobson as his successor. Councilmember Wood closed by updating the Council on her first meeting with the Coeur d’Alene Economic Development Corporation, expressing optimism about its strategic planning efforts and future opportunities for high-paying jobs in the area.

Councilmember English shared his appreciation for Mayor Gookin, noting that in his many years of serving alongside numerous elected officials, he has never worked with anyone who provides the same level of communication and support. He praised the Mayor’s detailed, thoughtful daily reports and said they are immensely valuable.

Mayor Gookin welcomed interim City Administrator Ron Jacobson to his first Council meeting in Coeur d’Alene and expressed appreciation for his service over the next few months. He also requested the appointments of Michael Drobnock and Woody McEvers to the CDATV Committee

**MOTION:** Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Evans, to confirm the appointment of Michael Drobnock and Woody McEvers to the CDATV Committee. **Motion carried.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the February 3, 2026 Council Meetings.
2. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
3. Approval of Financial Report.
4. Approval of Repurchase of Cemetery Lot Section RIV, Block H, Lot 215, Forest Cemetery Annex from Shirley Shibley to Darin Shibley (\$40.00 transfer fee)
5. Approval of an Outdoor Eating Permit for Twigs CDA, LLC located at 101 E. Front Avenue for 30 seats.
6. **Resolution No. 26-016** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM IGNITE CDA TO THE CITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN A PORTION OF TRACT 2 OF ATLAS WATERFRONT FIRST ADDITION, APPROVING THE LOWEST QUOTE OF, AND AGREEMENT WITH, DANA SAFETY SUPPLY FOR THE UPFITTING OF SIX (6) CHEVY TAHOE VEHICLES BY, AND RATIFICATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A

USED 2024 CATERPILLAR 903 COMPACT WHEEL LOADER FROM WESTERN STATES CAT.

**MOTION:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Wood, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 26-016**.

**ROLL CALL:** Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-017**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AMENDING THE CITY POLICY FOR PROCUREMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERVICES.

**STAFF REPORT:** Finance Director Katie Ebner presented an updated purchasing policy, noting it had not been revised in many years and emphasizing the City's long record of clean audits and strong financial controls established under former Finance Director Troy Tymesen. She explained that the updates align expenditure limits with Idaho Code § 67-2806 while maintaining the City's ability to be more restrictive when appropriate. The revisions aim to reduce unnecessary burdens on department Directors by streamlining steps such as vendor selection and contract approvals, without removing any internal review safeguards, which still include multiple approval levels and final Council review of payments through the consent agenda. She expressed confidence that the updated policy continues to protect taxpayer funds while improving consistency and efficiency.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Gookin thanked Ms. Ebner for her presentation and added that Accounting Specialist Amanda McCarley also deserves significant credit for reviewing the purchasing policy and identifying needed updates. He noted that some recent consent agenda items were already being processed in compliance with the code, something he hadn't noticed until it was pointed out to him.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by Gabriel, to approve **Resolution No. 26-017** - Approving an amendment to the Purchasing Policy for Procurement of Personal Property and Services.

**ROLL CALL:** Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-1001**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.16 ENTITLED "PRECINCTS"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

**STAFF REPORT:** Municipal Services Director Renata McLeod noted that the City’s Municipal Code still contains voter-precinct references last updated in 2005, but since the State shifted all local election administration, including creation and management of precincts, to the County, this section is now obsolete. Ms. McLeod recommends that the City Council repeal Municipal Code Chapter 1.16, entitled “Precincts.”

**MOTION:** Motion by English, seconded by Wood, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 26-1001** once by title only.

**ROLL CALL:** Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Evans, to adopt **Council Bill 25-1001**.

**ROLL CALL:** Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-1002**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING COEUR D’ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.50, ENTITLED “YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL”; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

**STAFF REPORT:** Ms. McLeod stated that the Municipal Code includes a reference to a Youth Council, created around 2005 as part of a Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board initiative, but the program has not been used in more than a decade. Since then, the City has incorporated student representatives directly into various committees, commissions, and boards. After consultation with the Mayor, it was determined that Coeur d’Alene Municipal Code Chapter 2.50 entitled “Youth Advisory Council” is no longer needed.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember English commented that although the Youth Advisory Council code is being repealed, the City still meaningfully involves young people, noting that as the Council liaison to the Library Board, they work with a student representative who attends regularly, along with an alternate. He emphasized that youth participation continues but it’s simply integrated differently and more effectively now.

Mayor Gookin noted that several cities adopted similar Youth Council codes around the same time, but since Coeur d’Alene now places students directly on committees and the advisory council has not met in years, repealing the unused code is appropriate.

**MOTION:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 26-1002** once by title only.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Evans, to adopt **Council Bill 25-1002**.

**ROLL CALL:** English Aye; Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-1003**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.100.020(A) AND (B) OF THE COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

**STAFF REPORT:** Ms. McLeod noted that the CDA TV Committee recommended updating the membership section of its code to change required representation from groups such as NIC, a telecom provider, and School District 271 from “shall” to “may.” She explained that it has been difficult to consistently secure representatives from these organizations, and making participation optional would allow the committee to function with a full membership while still inviting those groups to participate if they are willing and able.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by English, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 26-1003** once by title only.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Gookin explained why the Council must formally dispense with the rules before repealing code. Idaho law requires ordinances, including code repeals, to be read three times, and while some cities handle this over three separate meetings, Coeur d’Alene can dispense with the rule to complete the process in a single meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by Miller, to adopt **Council Bill 25-1003**.

**ROLL CALL:** Wood Aye; Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-1004**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING COEUR D’ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 4.05.100, 4.05.110, AND 4.05.120, REGARDING THE JEWETT HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND AMENDING COEUR D’ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.05.080, ENTITLED “DUTIES,” TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE JEWETT HOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

**STAFF REPORT:** Ms. McLeod explained that the Jewett House Advisory Committee has not met for some time, because its responsibilities have already been integrated into the Parks and Recreation Commission. The requested action formally removes the outdated committee from the code and adds its duties to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with the full support of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Wood, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 26-1004** once by title only.

**ROLL CALL:** Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Wood, to adopt **Council Bill 25-1004**.

**ROLL CALL:** Evans Aye; Sheckler Aye; Miller Aye; Gabriel Aye; English Aye; Wood Aye.  
**Motion carried.**

**RECESS:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller, to recess to February 23, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front Avenue, for an Appeal Hearing for the revocation of the Revocation of Security Agency License #64832 Security Agent License #58458, of Paul Trouette dba Lear Asset Management, Inc, and to receive a presentation from Richard Curtis with ESCi, regarding the Fire Station Location/ Fire & EMS Deployment Study.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Sheckler stated that he would abstain if it included the appeal hearing. Councilmember Wood asked whether the appeal hearing would actually occur, with Ms. McLeod explaining that the appellant had requested to reschedule the hearing.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Miller, to recess to February 23, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the Library Community Room, located at 702 E. Front Avenue, to receive a presentation from Richard Curtis with ESCi, regarding the Fire Station Location/ Fire & EMS Deployment Study. **Motion carried.**

The meeting ended at 6:32 p.m.