

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

July 1, 2025

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 July 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

Woody McEvers, Mayor

Dan English) Members of Council Present
Christie Wood)
Dan Gookin)
Kiki Miller)
Kenny Gabriel)

Amy Evans) Member of Council Absent

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McEvers called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: David Bruyette of Mountain Lakes Bible Church led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember English led the pledge of allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by English, to table for next meeting the Other Business item no. 2 regarding Resolution No. 25-033, Approval of a Lease Agreement with HREI for a building located at 414 W. Fort Grounds Drive.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin noted that he had requested staff to provide more information to look at the history. Councilmember Miller asked whether this information would be shared with the entire Council, and Councilmember Gookin confirmed that it would.

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

EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT EVENT: Mayor McEvers invited City Administrator Troy Tymesen to recognize David Bruyette of Mountain Lakes Bible Church, who led the invocation. Mr. Tymesen praised David as a dedicated servant leader, chaplain academy graduate, and East Side Fire District volunteer. He highlighted David's role in a recent life-saving incident and announced the East Side Fire District Pancake Breakfast on July 5th from 8:00–11:30 a.m. at their new Highway 97 station. Mayor McEvers thanked David for his service to the community.

COUNCIL MESSAGES: Mayor McEvers invited Councilmembers to share their reflections on the recent tragic event at Canfield Mountain involving the deaths of Coeur d'Alene Fire Battalion

Chief John Morrison and Kootenai County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Frank Harwood, as well as the serious injury sustained by Fire Engineer Dave Tysdal.

Councilmember Miller expressed her gratitude to Councilmember Wood for volunteering her expertise as a former public information officer with the Police Department. She commended her for bringing together the Council's thoughts cohesively to communicate and reassure the community of the Council's support during this time of crisis. Councilmember Miller shared how deeply moved she was by the morning's homecoming event, where thousands of community members lined the streets. She said witnessing such unity was a powerful reminder of the strength and heart of the community. She thanked the public for their support, adding that their presence and solidarity gave her strength during this sad time.

Councilmember Wood thanked Councilmember Miller for her kind words. She acknowledged the trauma of losing a team member and praised the strength shown by firefighters and police officers during this difficult time. She expressed deep appreciation for the community's support, noting that the outpouring of kindness and unity has been a source of strength. She thanked the community and expressed pride in their response.

Councilmember English reflected on how, despite the extensive training the Fire Department undergoes, nothing could have fully prepared them for such unfortunate event.

Councilmember Gookin acknowledged the difficulty of the recent tragedy, noting that while first responders are trained to face dangerous situations, such as police officers in confrontations or firefighters entering burning buildings, what occurred over the weekend was entirely unexpected. He expressed empathy for the firefighters, especially those who trained and served alongside Battalion Chief John Morrison, and emphasized the City's commitment to ensuring first responders are well-trained, well-equipped, and fully supported. He concluded by stating that the event was both unexpected and heartbreaking for everyone.

Councilmember Miller expressed her appreciation for Councilmember Gabriel, noting that his leadership and experience as a former Fire Chief have been invaluable during this difficult time. She thanked him for stepping in to coordinate efforts, checking in on personnel, and using his expertise to support the City and its first responders.

Councilmember Gabriel stated it was an honor to support during this difficult time, emphasizing that serving the community is at the heart of what first responders do. He echoed Councilmember Gookin's sentiment that the loss has deeply affected firefighters, especially given its unexpected nature. He shared that Coeur d'Alene's duty firefighters chose to continue serving their own community, demonstrating their deep commitment. He acknowledged the emotional toll and the irreplaceable loss but also highlighted the overwhelming support from the community through gestures and prayers, which reflects the true spirit of the community. He expressed pride in having served as Fire Chief and gratitude for the continued support, urging everyone to remember the sacrifices of first responders not just now, but in the months ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Randy Adams introduced Emily Fairchild, the legal intern this summer. Emily has completed her first year at the University of Idaho College of Law and has been a valuable asset to the Legal Department, especially during a period of understaffing since February. Mr. Adams thanked her for her contributions.

Councilmember Miller shared that she would be speaking at the NIBCA Joint Government meeting on July 15, where she will present the six-month report card for the Housing Solutions Partnership.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the June 17, 2025 Council Meetings.
2. Setting of General Services/Public Works Committee meeting for July 7, 2025
3. Setting of a Fee Public Hearing – July 15, 2025
4. Approval of cemetery repurchases:
 - a. From Christie and Allen Donat for Section RIV, Block NGC, Niche 19, Forest Cemetery Annex (\$900.00)
 - b. From Wendy Jones Shipley for Section RIV, Block J, Lot 883, Forest Cemetery (\$1,400.00)
5. Approval of SS-25-08c, Thomas George Project Amendment No. 1: Final Plat
6. Approval of SS-25-06c, La Vista at Atlas Waterfront Condominiums Amendment No. 1: Final Plat
7. **Resolution No. 25-031** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT, AND AGREEMENT TO PERFORM SUBDIVISION WORK AND SECURITY FOR THE ROOSEVELT ADDITION [SS-24-08]; AND APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT, AND AGREEMENT TO PERFORM SUBDIVISION WORK AND SECURITY FOR CAREFREE VIEW [SS-25-05].

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Gabriel to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 25-031**.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-032

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 TO THE SOLIDS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT WITH APOLLO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$334,035.72 FOR A CITY PLUMBING PERMIT AND OTHER ITEMS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A,” AND EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE TO AUGUST 15, 2025.

STAFF REPORT: Wastewater Capital Programs Manager Mike Becker requested approval of Change Order #3 to the Solids Building Improvements Contract with Apollo, Inc., in the amount of \$334,035.72. The Solids Building Improvement (SBI) Project, now in its third year and nearing completion, includes equipment upgrades and control system enhancements to improve

dewatering capacity, treatment redundancy, and odor control at the City’s Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. Becker explained that, rather than waiting until project completion, the Wastewater Department is submitting change orders progressively. Change Order #3 includes one Change Proposal Request (CPR) and twelve Work Change Directives (WCDs) for work completed in 2024, primarily due to unforeseen site conditions and damaged infrastructure discovered during construction. Apollo, Inc. is also requesting a contract extension to August 15, 2025. Despite delays and challenges, the contractor has consistently met performance expectations and has not requested additional compensation for setbacks. The department supports the extension, with the goal of completing the project by the end of the fiscal year.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Miller asked if Mr. Becker anticipates only one final balancing change order at the end of the project, with no additional change orders expected before completion. Mr. Becker confirmed, noting that they have 14 remaining change directives that they still need to iron out. Mayor McEvers inquired whether the project remains under budget. Mr. Becker responded affirmatively, explaining that despite the project's complexity, it remains within budget and aligned with the facility plan and rate study.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood to approve **Resolution No. 25-032** - Approving Change Order #3 to the Contract with Apollo, Inc., for the Solids Building Improvements Project in the amount of \$334,035.72 and a contract extension to August 15, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT BY WHICH ITD WILL PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,800.00 FOR RESURFACING THE 4TH STREET OVERPASS.

STAFF REPORT: Director Todd Feusier reported that current road projects are nearing completion and are coming in slightly under budget. Beginning the first week of June, the department placed 3,000 tons of hot mix asphalt on Honeysuckle Drive and a portion of Lunceford Lane, completing the work in approximately a week and a half. Also in early June, Interstate Concrete began work under contract with the Streets Department and has since placed 7,382 tons of hot mix asphalt. The project has been progressing successfully. Additional work completed by the Streets Department includes improvements on 3rd Street along Harrison Avenue and Kathleen Avenue from Ramsey Road to St. Michelle Drive. He added that striping is scheduled for completion next week, which will result in more open and accessible streets.

Mr. Feusier explained that the asphalt surface on 4th Street, from Birch Street to I-90, had significantly deteriorated over the years and required maintenance. The Streets & Engineering Department initiated a project to mill the existing surface and overlay new asphalt, extending the life of the corridor. The section of 4th Street at the I-90 interchange, under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), was in worse condition than the City’s portion. As a result, ITD agreed to contribute \$170,800 toward the project. This funding covers the cost of

milling, asphalt overlay, and replacement of traffic signal detection equipment damaged during milling. A Cooperative Agreement is required to transfer the ITD funds to the City to help offset the overall project cost.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gabriel complimented the Streets Department on the improved condition of 4th Street, noting that it now looks excellent and commending the team for their work. Mr. Feusier shared that, typically, the department receives complaints when they do night's work and also during the day due to streets interruptions. However, during recent projects be it day or night work, they received no complaints. He expressed appreciation for the public's patience and support, calling the project a huge success. Mayor McEvers added that both 4th and 3rd Streets now look smooth and clean, with bright, clear road markings, and thanked the department for their efforts.

MOTION: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Miller to approve **Resolution No. 25-034** - Approving a Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department for funding in the amount of \$170,800.00 to resurface the 4th Street Overpass in conjunction with the 2025 Overlay Project.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Gookin asked Mr. Feusier to share a recent incident involving Fire Engine 3. Mr. Feusier explained that the engine was stuck on the hill because the tires were shot, and the City's vendor, Pomp's Mobile Truck Repair, responded immediately, pausing other work to assist. After completing the repair, the vendor informed the City that there would be no charge for the service. Mr. Feusier praised the vendor's generosity and highlighted it as a reflection of strong community support and partnership.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gookin, seconded by Wood that there being no other business, this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.