

**City Of Cove  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2026**

**Call to Order**

Mayor, Sherry Haeger, called the regular session of the Cove Common Council to order at 7:00 p.m. located at City of Cove City Hall, 504 Alder St., Cove, Oregon, 97824. Remote access to the meeting was active.

Council Members Present: Councilors, Shawn Parker, Boss Parker and Cheryl Hargrove.

Council Members Present Remotely: Councilor, Alexis Cannon.

City Staff Present: City Recorder, Lana Shira, Public Works Director, Dave Johnson.

City Staff Present Remotely: There were no city staff present remotely.

Council Members not Present: Council President, Matt McCowan, Councilor, Eric Stone and Student Councilor Emma Carson.

City Staff not Present: Billing Clerk, Kerri McCowan.

Public Present: Dennis Nostrant and Anderson Perry Representative, Brandon Mahon.

Public Present Remotely: There was public present remotely. See City of Cove Meeting Info printout.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Haeger.

**Council Roll Call**

Roll call was performed by Lana Shira, City Recorder. A quorum was determined to be present.

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was made at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

- January 6, 2026, Council Minutes
- Approval of Bills to Be Paid

Motion: Councilor Hargrove moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Councilor Cannon seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

- Union County Resolution Opting Out of Eastern Oregon Solar Siting Rules  
The Resolution was presented as information only. It was discussed that it is a notice of the Union County Property Value Appeals Board Notice of session on February 12, 2026.

- **Old Business**

- **Water System Master Plan – Anderson Perry**

Brandon Mahon from Anderson Perry was present to explain the need to update the Water System Master Plan noting it needs to be updated every 20 years, and ours is currently outdated. He also stressed that an updated plan is needed from a regulatory standpoint. He shared some information on a \$50,000 TA (Technical Assistance) grant that is available through the Water/Wastewater Financing Program. He proposed that Anderson Perry help with the funding application and submit it to the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services, which will cost \$4,000. He noted that cost may be included in the grant, but he is waiting for clarification of that from Business Oregon. Discussion ensued regarding the details of the application process and expenses that will need to be allowed in the budget. It was determined we need to move forward with the application process.

Motion: Councilor Shawn Parker moved to proceed with the application process for the grant. Councilor Boss Parker seconded. Motion carried.

- **Verizon Radio Frequency Report**

The Radio Frequency Report from Verizon was reviewed and briefly discussed with no further action taken.

- **New Business**

- **Sealed Bid Documents for Surplus Vehicles**

Dave provided the sealed bid documents and information on the surplus vehicles the city will be making available for bids. The vehicles for sale and the invitation to bid must be noticed and information made available at City Hall and the Cove Post Office. Any sealed bids received will be opened on March 3, 2026, and approved at the March 3, 2026, council meeting. Jason Jayne will be available if bidders want to inspect and/or test drive any of the vehicles.

- **Hydro Production Report**

The annual hydro production report was reviewed noting there was low production last year.

- **Becky Droke \$200 Donation Request for City Garden**

Becky Droke's request for a \$200 donation for the City Garden was discussed. Lana reported there is \$400 left in the Special Request Budget.

Motion: Councilor Shawn Parker moved to approve Becky Droke's request for a \$200 donation. Councilor Hargrove seconded. Motion carried.

- **Scheduling Cove Clean Up Day**

Cove Clean Up Day was scheduled for May 16, 2026.

**City Council Working Committee Report**

- **TSP – Land Use Development Code Follow-Up**

Lana is adding the changes LOC recommended as well as using the latest updates from the City of La Grande due to state laws. She will present a summary of the changes in the overall document at the March meeting and have the information on the DLCD review process.

- **Cove Beautification Pilot Project**

The yard signs that Lana ordered for the Cove Beautification Pilot Project were presented for council to see. The winners of the award were notified and congratulated by phone and received a \$50 credit on their January water bill. They chose to receive a \$50 gift certificate to Mill Creek Nursery which Lana will purchase when they open this spring. At that time Lana will invite the winners to a council meeting to be awarded the gift certificate and present them with the yard sign.

Councilor Cannon suggested and agreed to compose a thank you letter to the CCA volunteers for their participation in the project.

#### **City Recorder Report**

Lana provided a verbal report:

- She received a complaint about chickens running at large.

#### **Public Works Director Report**

Dave provided a verbal report:

- They continue with storm water work.
- Some mailboxes have been moved for the upcoming street paving.
- They relocated the Second and Water Street hydrant.
- The transformer for the Hydro Plant has been given to OTEC to install.
- The jetter repair is being performed by Travis Brown at Oregon Trail.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Haeger did not provide a report.

#### **Student Councilor Report**

Emma was not present to provide a report.

#### **Good of the Order**

Avista representatives met with Lana and Dave earlier today. They provided copies of the 2026 Annual Update.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment made at this time.

#### **Suggestions for Future Workshops & Meeting Agendas**

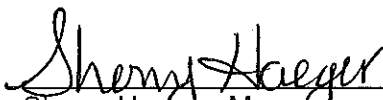
February 11, 2026, Mandatory Public Meetings Law Training.

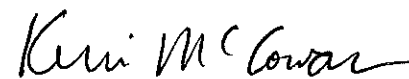
#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Regular council meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Haeger adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

  
Sherry Haeger, Mayor

  
Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk

  
Lana Shira, City Recorder