

**City Of Cove
Council Meeting Minutes
March 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: Council President, Matt McCowan, Councilors, Eric Stone, Shawn Parker, Boss Parker, and Student Councilor, Emma Carson.

Council Members Present Remotely: Councilors, Cheryl Hargrove and Alexis Cannon.

City Staff Present: City Recorder, Lana Shira, Billing Clerk, Kerri McCowan.

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

Council Members not Present: All council members were present.

City Staff not Present: Public Works Director, Dave Johnson.

Public Present: There was no public present.

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

- Possible Purchase and Pricing of Road Sander or Second Snowplow (See New Business)

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time.

Consent Agenda

- February 3, 2026, Council Minutes
- Approval of Bills to Be Paid

Clarification was made on the Bills Paid by Credit Card regarding what the Rain Network's charge for 1 year Barracuda is and changing the reference from Community Bank to Spokane Teacher's Credit Union (STCU) on the Interest Income Report.

Motion: Council President McCowan moved to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections. Councilor Boss Parker seconded. Motion carried.

- **Correspondence**

The Cove Education Foundation is holding their annual Spring Runoff on April 25, 2026, and they are requesting the standard letter of approval from the city. They supplied the certificate of liability and the map of the route.

- **Old Business**

- **Approve Sealed Bids for Surplus Vehicles**

Lana, in front of those present at this meeting, opened the sealed bids received for the Surplus Vehicles. Two sealed bids were received. A bid for \$7,255 for the Hyundai Tucson and another bid for the Hyundai Tucson was received for \$9,350. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to accept the bid for \$9,350. It was determined to wait for Dave's input on how to handle the other two vehicles that received no bids.

Motion: Councilor Shawn Parker moved to accept the \$9,350 bid for the 2015 Hyundai Tucson. Councilor Stone seconded. Motion carried.

It was discussed that if the first bidder backs out, the city can accept the second bidder's bid.

*Councilor Cannon joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

- **New Business**

- **T-Mobile Tower Conditional Use Request for Extension**

Lana explained there has been an inquiry, but no formal request from T-Mobile, for a Conditional Use Extension. The email included in the meeting packet was just a notification that they would be requesting one. No action is necessary at this time until a formal request has been made.

- **Annual Statement of Economic Interest Filing**

Lana reviewed the requirements for the annual SEC filing and noted the information included in the packet. Councilors asked for an additional reminder to file at the April meeting.

- **Customer Request for Forgiveness of Water Overage**

The request for October 2025 through January 2026 water overage forgiveness from Gerald "Bud" Forrest was reviewed. It was agreed to approve fifty percent of the overage amount which is \$163.88.

Motion: Council President McCowan moved to approve the request from Gerald "Bud" Forrest for forgiveness of \$163.88 which is fifty percent of the overage amount from Oct. '25 to Jan. '26. Councilor Stone seconded. Councilors Shawn and Boss Parker abstained. Motion carried.

- **Possible Purchase and Pricing of Road Sander or Second Snowplow**

The information for a sander and/or second snowplow Dave presented and was included in the packet was reviewed and discussion ensued. It was determined that we would table this agenda item until the April meeting so Dave can comment further on the options.

City Council Working Committee Report

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

The revisions to the TSP document from the City of La Grande edits and the suggestions from LOC have been completed. Lana did some further research and has

requested more information from the DLCD, Transportation and Growth Management division, for a model for small towns. She is hoping they can give us further guidance.

- **Cove Beautification Pilot Project**

A thank you card was dropped off by Councilor Cannon for council members to sign and send to the Cove Community Association for their participation in the Cove Beautification Pilot Project.

City Recorder Report

Lana did not provide a report beyond what was addressed in Old and New Business.

Public Works Director Report

Dave was not present to provide a report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Haeger did not provide a report.

Student Councilor Report

Emma provided a verbal report:

- The ASB held a 3-point contest, and they are organizing days here and there to keep students interested.
- She offered to drum up interest for the City of Cove Student Councilor position. The mayor also offered to go to the school to give a presentation on the position.

Good of the Order

There was no Good of the Order presented at this meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment made at this meeting.

Suggestions for Future Workshops & Meeting Agendas

No suggestions for future workshops or meeting agenda items were made at this meeting.

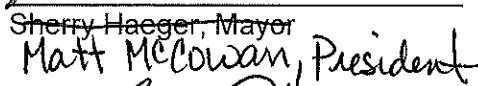
Upcoming Meetings

Regular council meeting scheduled for April 7, 2026.

Adjournment

Mayor Haeger adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Sherry Haeger, Mayor


Matt McCowan, President


Lana Shira, City Recorder



Kerri McCowan, Billing Clerk