

08 April 2026 Minutes to the Coulee City Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mayor Don Rushton at 1830.

Council Members Present: Adam Black, Mary Haney, Rick Heiberg, Jim Holcomb, and Robert Schnelle. (Robert Schnelle kept the minutes.) The Mayor announced there was a quorum.

The Mayor led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items on the Agenda:

1) Nancy Nibarger asked a question about a permit for Vendors during the Memorial Day Parade. Council discussion followed, after which it was decided that no permit was needed from the City if the Vendors set up entirely on private property - in this case, the parking lot of the Steam Boat Rock Restaurant.

Items not on the Agenda:

1) Steve Frye asked about the burned-out mobile home at 117 N 1st Street. He noted there was still no action except a couple of vehicles had been moved off the property. The Mayor said he would talk to the Building Inspector during his meeting with the Building Inspector on Thursday, 9 April 2026.

2) Marcus Dingman asked about a variance for installing temporary or transient accommodations in the Insurance Building.

The Mayor asked for a motion to add a 6th item to the Agenda: Add an item for bids for McEntee Street Improvement. Motion made by Robert Schnelle. Seconded by Adam Black. Passed unanimously.

Council Discussion: None.

Rick Heiberg made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Robert Schnelle. Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Rick Heiberg made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Jim Holcomb. Passed unanimously.

The Council went into Executive Session from 1845 to 1853 to discuss an employee performance issue.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of Miller Short Plat. A motion was made to accept the proposal per the submittal. Moved by Robert Schnelle. Seconded by Rick Heiberg. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of Comprehensive Plan contract. Eric Jensen of EJ Municipal Planning LLC made a presentation. Rick Heiberg made a motion to accept the contract as presented, subject to review by the lawyer. Seconded by Mary Haney. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of sewer cleaning and inspection. Rick Heiberg made a motion to defer consideration of this item pending investigation into costs, source of funds, and consultation with the lawyer. Seconded by Adam Black. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of a new printer for City Hall. Rick Heiberg made a motion to buy the copier for \$7380 plus sales tax. Seconded by Alan Black. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of special event permit for rodeo parade. Mary Haney made a motion to accept the permit. Seconded by Jim Holcomb. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration of McEntee Street Improvement Bid. Robert Schnelle made a motion to accept the bid of Wheeler Excavation, LLC for \$693,396.00. Seconded by Rick Heiberg. Passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: Rick Heiberg made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting, all business being concluded. Seconded by Jim Holcomb. Passed unanimously. Council Meeting adjourned at 1944.

Mayor

Clerk Pro Tem

 