

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

May 19, 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 May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., there being present the following members:

Dan Gookin, Mayor

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

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

**INVOCATION:** John Pulsipher of Interfaith CDA provided the invocation.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Virginia Tate, Kootenai County, noted she is present and available to answer any questions regarding the Agreement for the provision of water services outside the city limits at 4176 E. Potlatch Hill Road and future annexation agenda item.

Stephen Petroskie, Kootenai County, noted he is also present and available to answer any questions regarding the Agreement for the provision of water services outside the city limits at 4176 E. Potlatch Hill Road and future annexation agenda item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilmember Gabriel noted that Fire Chief Jon Fugitt started his employment yesterday. He congratulated Water Department employee, Travis Furey, for receiving the PNWS-AWWA Muddy Boots Award last week at the awards banquet for Exceptional Water Operator.

Councilmember Miller noted that the Historic Preservation Commission is presenting an award for the preservation of the Roosevelt Inn on May 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of North Idaho. Please RSVP to Traci in our Planning Department at [tclark@cdaid.org](mailto:tclark@cdaid.org).

Mayor Gookin shared an obituary honoring Don Johnston, who recently passed away at the age of 97. He served as the City's Mayor from 1978-1982 and Councilmember from 1969-1977. Mayor Gookin expressed condolences to his family and loved ones. He fondly remembered meetings at the Breakfast Nook, wherein 90-year-old Don drove himself.

Mayor Gookin requested the appointment of Adam Kroeger to the Arts Commission.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Evans, to confirm the appointment of Adam Kroeger to the Arts Commission. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Gookin noted that last month there were some comments made and questions posed to the City Attorney; however, he didn't realize there was an E-mail sent out to Councilmembers Sheckler and Evans that noted some legal guidance regarding a motion to be made at the Council meeting. He expressed disappointment that the legal representation was made to two Council members rather than the whole Council. Councilmember Evans noted that she requested legal guidance from the City Attorney. Mayor Gookin stated that he didn't feel it was appropriate. Councilmember Wood noted that she also read the E-mail and expressed frustration and that the process was broken. Councilmember Sheckler expressed concern that this subject is not on the agenda and expressed concern about discussing it at this time. He confirmed that he received the E-mail as it was his motion that was going to be discussed and the City Attorney was providing his legal analysis and applicable codes. He expressed his opinion that it is not inappropriate for the City Attorney to provide legal advice to individual Councilmembers and moved to table this item and place it on the agenda at the next city council meeting. The Mayor noted that he will place it on the next meeting agenda for discussion and a motion is not needed. Councilmember Wood requested that reconsideration of Councilmember Evans as Council President and a review of the employment of Mr. Adams be placed on a future agenda, stating her view that the full Council should have been informed. Councilmember Miller stated concerns regarding the discussion and referenced prior communications involving Councilmember Wood, the Police Department, and Mr. Hagar. She stated her opinion that Mr. Adams had not acted inappropriately. She noted that there is a division among Council and expressed concern regarding the treatment of staff and noted that it seems inappropriate for it to be on the agenda as it should be an Executive Session item on the next agenda. Councilmember Gabriel concurred that discussions regarding staff should be an Executive Session item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Council Minutes for the May 5, 2026 Council Meeting.
2. Approval of the May 11, 2026 General Services Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Setting of the Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Public Works Committee Meeting
4. Setting of a Public Hearing for June 2, 2026 – V-26-02 - Vacation of a portion of alley right-of-way, the 6' strip adjoining the east boundary line of Tax Number 25369, a portion of the South ½ of Lot 2, Block A, and Lot 3, Block A, Sanders Addition to Coeur d'Alene
5. Approval of Bills as Submitted.
6. Approval of Financial Report.
7. Approval of Outdoor Eating Permits:
  - a. Jim Purtec, Jimmy's Down the Street, 1613 Sherman Avenue; 12 Seats
  - b. Daniel Griffin, The Coral Café, 1524 E. Sherman Avenue; 18 Seats

8. Approval of **RESOLUTION NO. 26-036** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE FOLLOWING: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COEUR D’ALENE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC., FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND FIREWORKS SHOW FOR 2026, 2027, AND 2028; AMENDMENTS TO RULE 27 OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE PERSONNEL RULES REGARDING FLSA EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; A NON-BUDGETED ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000.00 TO JB FENCING FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF SIX (6) GATE OPERATORS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARATION AS SURPLUS OF A 2014 FORD EXPLORER, A 2013 FORD INTERCEPTOR, AND A 2015 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE AND THE SALE OF SAID VEHICLES AT AUCTION.

**MOTION:** Motion by Evans, seconded by Gabriel, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, including **Resolution No. 26-036**.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-037**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D’ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED UNDERWATER SERVICES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,658.35, FOR PROFESSIONAL DIVING AND UNDERWATER SURVEYING SERVICES RELATED TO ADDITIONAL OUTFALL MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASTEWATER OUTFALL INVESTIGATION AND CONDITIONAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

**STAFF REPORT:** Wastewater Capital Program Manager, Mike Becker, noted that the City’s wastewater outfall system, constructed in 1985, has experienced significant sediment buildup that has reduced its discharge capacity to approximately 50% of its original design, creating reliability concerns during peak storm flows. An underwater inspection conducted in 2025 confirmed advanced sediment intrusion and partial blockage of discharge ports. To address this, Amendment No. 1 to the existing agreement with Associated Underwater Services (AUS) proposes sediment removal, limited riverbed regrading, and replacement of key components to restore system capacity and improve long-term performance. As a maintenance process they will continue to do regular inspections. The amendment, totaling \$36,658.35 and bringing the overall contract to \$112,188.35, which is within the budgeted amount. Staff recommends City Council approval to ensure continued reliable wastewater operations.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gabriel noted that during discussions of the original project, it was noted that there may be more work needed depending on their findings.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by Gabriel, to approve **Resolution No. 26-037** - Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Associated Underwater Services Inc., for Wastewater Outfall Maintenance Services in the amount of \$36,658.34.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-038**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J-U-B ENGINEERS, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,278,800.00 FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT'S 2026 FACILITY PLAN UPDATE.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Becker noted that the Facility Plan update will establish a long-term strategy for expanding the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility while identifying near-term improvements needed to maintain regulatory compliance and meet capacity demands. The update will also position the City to pursue funding opportunities, including low-interest loans, and support wastewater management needs for the next 10 to 20 years. Following a competitive qualifications process, J-U-B Engineers, Inc. was selected and negotiated a scope of services for the project, drawing on their extensive experience with the City and regional agencies. This plan will look at the entire plant and look at new technologies and provide recommendations for the next 10 years. The Wastewater Department has sufficient budget authority to fund the effort, and staff recommend City Council approval of the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$1,278,800.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Miller asked if other engineering firms were contacted. Mr. Becker noted that they did a formal request for qualification and at the pre-selection meeting, JUB was the only firm to talk about the schedule, other firms did not make their proposal Coeur d'Alene centric, which is some of the justification to recommend JUB.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by Gabriel, to approve **Resolution No. 26-038** - Approving a Professional Services Agreement with J-U-B Engineers, Inc., for the 2026 Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Plan Update in the amount of \$1,278,800.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-039**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 KENWORTH T880 DUMP TRUCK, FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$280,760.00 FROM KENWORTH SALES COMPANY, INC., THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

**STAFF REPORT:** Wastewater Assistant Director Ben Martin noted that the Wastewater Department has identified the need to replace an aging biosolids dump truck as part of its scheduled equipment replacement plan and budget. Staff recommend purchasing a new truck through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program, allowing the City to utilize competitively bid pricing without conducting a separate procurement process. The new truck will increase hauling capacity by approximately 50%, improving operational efficiency and reducing trips between facilities. Funding for the \$280,760 purchase is available within the approved budget and falls below the allocated amount. Upon replacement, the existing 13-year-old truck will be reassigned to another City department.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gabriel asked how many trips a day, with Mr. Martin noting two to three truck loads per day. Councilmember Sheckler asked how many man hours will be saved per day. Mr. Martin noted that it will save approximately two hours per day, which will allow them to help with other projects. Mayor Gookin asked if the truck sit and slowly gets filled throughout the day. Mr. Martin explained that the truck does sit in the bay under the conveyor shoot where the sludge will fall into the truck. He noted that the bigger truck will allow them to not have to move the truck back and forth to fill evenly, which will also save staff time.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Miller, to approve **Resolution No. 26-039** - Approving of the purchase of a 2027 Dump Truck from Kenworth Sales Co. through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program in the amount of \$280,760.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-040**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LARIVIERE, INC., FOR THE 2026 PEDESTRIAN RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$319,689.00.

**STAFF REPORT:** City Engineer Chris Bosley explained that the ADA requires that pedestrian facilities be brought into compliance whenever streets receive asphalt overlays, with the City responsible for upgrading intersection corners. To meet these requirements, the City plans to replace or install new pedestrian ramps as part of recent overlay projects, with design and bid preparation completed by HMH Engineering. Following a competitive bidding process, LaRiviere, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$319,689. The project will be funded through the existing Overlay/Chipseal Program budget and will improve accessibility citywide.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gabriel stated that the funding for this project comes from the overlay budget, so it will need to be added back to the budget in the future. Mayor Gookin asked about the previously funding ADA sidewalk budget, with Mr. Bosley explaining that the sidewalk fund not big enough to cover this size of a project.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by English, to approve **Resolution No. 26-040** - Approving a Contract with LaRiviere, Inc. for the 2026 Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project for \$319,689.00.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-041**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING THE CREATION OF A 2-HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WALLACE AVENUE BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> STREETS, TOGETHER WITH A 15-MINUTE LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE AT 110 WALLACE AVENUE.

**STAFF REPORT:** City Engineer Chris Bosley noted that Municipal Code § 10.24.020 governs limited-time parking, and the lack of restrictions on the 100 block of Wallace Avenue has led to all-day parking that limits access for nearby businesses. In response, Coeur Vitality Family Medicine Clinic has requested implementation of a 2-hour parking limit along the south side of the block, along with a 15-minute loading and unloading zone in front of its location to better serve patients. The cost for signage is minimal, though enforcement would require adjustments to the City's contract with Diamond Parking. Establishing these restrictions is expected to improve short-term parking turnover and accessibility.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Miller asked when the Diamond Parking contract is up for renewal, with City Clerk Renata McLeod stating it would be 2028. Councilmember Miller noted that this is the second time Council has been requested to consider a one-off parking zone since Parking Commission and questioned what the policy is or should be for future requests. She would like to see pulling the Parking Commission back together and/or creating an Ad Hoc Committee to address the impact of new development pushing parking into residentially zoned areas. Councilmember English noted that it is reasonable to have that discussion. Mayor Gookin noted that he will add it to a future agenda.

**MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by English, to approve **Resolution No. 26-041** - Establishing a 2-hour parking restriction on the south side of Wallace Avenue between 1st and 2nd Street, together with a 15-minute loading/unloading zone at 110 Wallace Avenue.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-042**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VIRGINIA L. TATE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AT 4176 E. POTLATCH HILL ROAD AND FUTURE ANNEXATION.

**STAFF REPORT:** Water Department Director Kyle Marine noted that property owner Virginia Tate requested City water service for her property outside City limits after her domestic well failed. While a temporary solution was provided, she declined annexation after learning it would require significant infrastructure upgrades at her expense. Under the City's policy (17-001), properties contiguous to City limits must annex before receiving permanent water service, and staff identified multiple required improvements tied to annexation. Although the system has capacity to serve the property, approving service without annexation could create equity concerns, set precedent, and impact long-term planning. He noted there are specific fire, sewer, and annexation requirements. He noted that there have been 28 properties denied service in the past. He noted that staff is bringing this forward for Council to determine whether to enforce the existing policy or allow an exception to provide service without annexation.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Gookin noted this is a real complex issue and there have been many years of discussion. Councilmember Wood noted that there are no direct costs to the Water Department to serve the lot and that it has capacity and would not reduce pressure to other parcels. She expressed concern about the lack of water on the hill and risk to businesses and homes. She noted that she is not concerned with a precedent as Council reviews each request. Mr. Marine clarified that there are annexation requirements from each department, not only the Water Department. Mayor Gookin noted that the property is currently served by Kootenai County Fire and Rescue as it is not annexed into the City and there is a hydrant at the entry at the frontage road that is city owned. Mr. Marine explained that the County has tankers for fire services, which the City does not so they need hydrants within a certain distance of the building. Mayor Gookin explained that the annexation requirements include that the road be to City standards and that hydrants are installed at 500' increments, with the costs bore by Ms. Tate at the time of annexation. Councilmember Sheckler asked if future parcels want to be annexed in, what would be the consequences if the parcel is connected to city water service but not annexed. Mr. Marine explained that the requirement is that water lines go to and through the parcel, which could be extended into the next parcel as lots are annexed. Councilmember English stated that there is a current need for water to the Tate property and he would support the request. Councilmember Gabriel stated that the City has had many conversations over the years to try to get this request to the finish line and reiterated that fire flow is an issue in that area. He expressed concern about setting a precedent and how the City would be justified in saying no in the future. Councilmember Wood noted that the difference for this request is the history and no one else has provided the expenses and decades of negotiations. She explained that this is solely a water request and if they don't get this request approved, they will not have water; additionally, their parcel abuts the City on three sides. Councilmember English indicated that he believes there is good justification and the Council will weigh the merits of future requests individually. Councilmember Miller noted that the City doesn't know what the future holds for that area development and asked if a developer would have to develop lines backwards to connect the line, with Mr. Marine confirming that is correct. Councilmember Miller expressed concern that this kicks the can down the road for those properties. She asked Community Planning Director Hilary Patterson to address the issue. Ms. Patterson noted they have had a few meetings with Ms. Tate and that fire service is the biggest challenge, and the provision in the Good Neighbor Agreement included in the Council packet is that they would have to agree to annexation to ensure other properties could be developed in the future. She also noted that the County road is a challenge as it is not built to city standards. Mayor Gookin asked Mr. Marine if this request is

allowed what happens to the policy. Mr. Marine explained that the City would look for possible changes to the policy, or the policy can stand and if someone that was previously turned down could come back to the City Council also requesting an exemption from the policy. Mayor Gookin clarified that if this request is allowed, the Council is making an exception to the policy. Councilmember Wood noted that the policy was enacted in 2005 and updated in 2017 and the Tate family has been dealing with since the 80's. According to the Good Neighbor Agreement they agree to connect, pay fees, follow City policies, and agree to annex at the time they are contingent and or we allow water without annexation at this time or at a later date. Councilmember Miller noted that within the agreement it says that upon acceptance they will annex when certain things occur. Councilmember Wood asked if the Agreement has been reviewed with Ms. Tate and are they agreeable to the terms. Mayor Gookin requested Ms. Tate to speak on the matter. Ms. Tate noted that the request for water began in the 1980's during the Armstrong Park development when the City bifurcated their property, under the guarantee of City water and sewer. She noted that when the north 4 acres of her property were annexed, she was required to install the fire hydrants. The water line guaranteed was never properly installed. Her first request was prior to the policy development, the newly dated agreement was not sent to her, and she has never read it. She noted that fee off sets are not address into this agreement. She explained the history of previous Annexation Agreement negotiations and the development of the first Good Neighbor Agreement. Councilmember Sheckler expressed concern about the agreement not being reviewed by Ms. Tate and suggested the item be tabled until they have had a chance to review it and make suggested changes. Ms. Tate expressed concerns about getting to the finish line and her desire is to get approval for water service tonight. She noted that the sewer line is properly installed; however, the water line was not. She was asked to abandon her water rights not just the well, and she is not agreeable to that. Councilmember Miller concurred that this item should be tabled if there is no agreement of the parties. Ms. Tate noted that she had seen a prior version of the agreement and made suggested changes which were never addressed. Councilmember English asked if there is something the Council could give tonight and follow up with other details later. Ms. Tate agreed to complete the install underground while long range planning occurs, further explaining that the real problem goes back to the Highway District and original roadway development, which can't be brought into the City. Councilmember Sheckler noted that the Council wants to complete the Good Neighbor Agreement that is needed; however, the one before Council has not been seen by Ms. Tate. He asked Ms. Tate what terms she wants that the Council can propose to change the document so there is a motion council could make that is agreeable. Ms. Tate noted that the agreement keeps changing and would love to annex in the future, but it will take millions of dollars to change that road. Mayor Gookin asked Ms. Tate if they could direct staff to provide you with a water connection and work on a future annexation agreement, which Ms. Tate concurred.

Councilmember Miller asked for clarification regarding the mechanism for accomplishing the water connection if there is no Good Neighbor Agreement. Ms. Tate noted that they would need to have the Good Neighbor Agreement and she has previously paid for the fire hydrant. Mayor Gookin noted they could still direct staff to work with Ms. Tate without delaying it further. Councilmember Miller asked for clarity if staff is directed to negotiate an Annexation Agreement that would deviate from normal agreements. Mayor Gookin asked Ms. Patterson to explain how this could be accomplished. Ms. Patterson noted the challenge between the City and State Codes that led to annexation, clarifying that it would be better under this other agreement format. She

also clarified that the agreement in the packet is the same as the December 11 agreement provided to Ms. Tate, noting Ms. Tate sent her response back on December 12 which contained her areas of disagreement and where she wanted credits given, which was not agreeable at that time. Additionally, a meeting was held with Ms. Tate in January including the Mayor and Mr. Tymesen to go over the concerns with Ms. Tate. Furthermore, the Annexation Agreement would not work as Ms. Tate is not ready to annex. Ms. Tate stated that if she could get the Highway District to fix the road, they would not be in this situation, she has been trying to resolve the issue to no avail. Councilmember Miller asked if staff and the Tate's could meet and draw up each point with possible solutions to present to Council. Ms. Tate noted that she has been down the road before and felt all the concessions were made on her side. Councilmember Miller asked if staff could compare the two agreement versions and note the areas of impasse and provide it to Council for review at the next meeting. Ms. Tate doesn't believe that would work, reiterating that she already paid for the fire hydrant and can't change where the road sits and doesn't know how they can come up with something that sticks in the future.

Councilmember English offered to be a Council representative in meetings with the staff. Councilmember Wood expressed concern regarding pushing the item down the road but felt the Council doesn't have all the information to ensure they are entering into the proper agreement for the future. Councilmember Gabriel noted that the Council is asking for more information to protect the future and ensured Ms. Tate they want to get this to the finish line. Ms. Tate noted that she would like to write the agreement to ensure it is accurate.

**MOTION:** Wood motion, second by Miller, to table this item for two weeks, giving Ms. Tate time to come back with information, including all costs incurred by Ms. Tate, for Council review within the Good Neighbor Agreement. **Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Gookin asked if a two-week timeline would work for staff. Ms. Patterson noted that the review will also include Water, Legal, and Fire Departments; however, she felt two weeks will work.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 26-043**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE AND THE COEUR D'ALENE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL NO. 710, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF), ESTABLISHING A NEW STAFFING SCHEDULE TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT STAFFING OF MEDIC 34 AND THE FUTURE STAFFING OF MEDIC 34 AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027.

**STAFF REPORT:** Interim Fire Chief Bill Deruyter explained that the amendment addresses both current and future staffing needs for Medic 34, transitioning from limited weekday coverage to full 24/7 service funded by the Kootenai County EMS System beginning October 1, 2026. While full staffing will not be in place until early 2027, the amendment ensures continuity in scheduling without requiring further revisions. The change will have no financial impact on the City or Fire Department, as ongoing funding is secured externally. Mr. Deruyter recommended Council approval of the contract amendment to support expanded ambulance service coverage.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Gabriel noted that KCEMS has committed to paying into perpetuity.

**MOTION:** Motion by Gabriel, seconded by Miller, to approve **Resolution No. 26-043** - Approving of an Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 710, regarding Article 8, entitled Staffing.

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

### **COUNCIL BILL NO. 26-1008**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO, REPEALING COEUR D'ALENE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.64, ENTITLED "AMUSEMENT MACHINES AND ARCADES"; 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 arcade regulations were established in 1982 to ensure safe environments for youth, are now outdated and no longer serve a meaningful purpose. The City has not issued an arcade license in at least 15 years, and the existing code provides limited oversight, requiring only background checks for facility owners. Additionally, similar businesses in neighboring cities are not subject to additional licensing requirements. Given the lack of relevance and applicability, Ms. McLeod recommended repealing the Amusement Machines and Arcades code.

**MOTION:** Motion by English, seconded by Sheckler, to dispense with the rule and read **Council Bill No. 26-1008** once by title only.

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

**MOTION:** Motion by Sheckler, seconded by Wood, to adopt **Council Bill 26-1008**.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION:** Motion by Wood, seconded by English to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

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

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Those present were the Mayor, City Council, Interim City Administrator, Wastewater Director, and City Attorney. Council exited Executive Session at 8:26 p.m.

**MOTION:** Motion by Sheckler, seconded by Gabriel to put personnel matters as an executive session item on the next Council meeting agenda. **Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSSION:** Councilmember Wood requested to remove her two early requested agenda items (reconsideration of Council President and Removal of City Attorney). Councilmember English expressed interest in discussing Councilmember Wood's items.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Sheckler, seconded by Gabriel, that there being no other business, this meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried, with English voting No.**

The meeting ended at 8:31 p.m.