

TOWN OF COUPEVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
January 27, 2026
6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00pm, Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order and led the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Molly Hughes, Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Rick Walti, Kristo Allred, Evan Henrich, and Jackie Henderson

STAFF PRESENT

Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson, Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly, and Community Planning Director Josh Pitts

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda of the January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A note about adding a future Council workshop to discuss Parks and Rec improvements was added to the minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henrich, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes met with representatives from the Coupeville Festival Association about their plans to create a Volunteer Park in the Johnson Lot. They have been working with a landscape architect and will come to Council soon to present their ideas.
- Mayor Hughes met with the local Girls Scouts group to talk about local government. The girls were very engaged, and it was a great learning opportunity.
- Mayor Hughes had her monthly meeting with the Coupeville Chamber and Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association (CHWA). They are working hard to get ready for MusselFest. They also discussed the statue theft in front of the Visitors Center.
- Mayor Hughes has started working with WSU Waste Wise, Island Disposal, and the Coupeville Lions to get Spring Cleanup Day organized. That will be in April again this year.
- Mayor Hughes met with our representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife about the local deer population. There are reports of more feeding happening again. The Town may do another community education event about feeding the deer.

- The Town has multiple Requests for Proposal out, for Website Design, On-Call Engineering, and On-Call Archaeology Services.
- Mayor Hughes reminded the Council of educational opportunities for elected officials.
- The Sound Water Stewards will have an educational event at Coupeville High School on February 7th about protecting our waters. The Town will have a table at the event.

AUDIENCE INPUT

- Krista Flemming introduced herself to the Council on behalf of MusselFest and offered to answer any questions the Council may have about the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Right-of-Way Reductions

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Bright, to approve a reduction in the required Right-of-Way width for NW Third Street extension to NW Broadway Street from sixty feet to forty feet, pursuant to CTC 16.24.040(B)(1). The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henrich, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve a reduction in the required Right-of-Way width for NE Leach Street extension from sixty feet to thirty feet, pursuant to CTC 16.24.040(B)(1). The motion passed unanimously.

MusselFest Street Closures

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Walti, seconded by Councilmember Henderson, to approve the street closures associated with 2026 MusselFest. The motion passed unanimously.

Cabaret License for Tyee Restaurant and Motel

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to approve Cabaret License CL26-002, issued to Tyee Restaurant and Motel. The motion passed unanimously.

Cabaret License for Spectacled Sasquatch

Councilmember Allred recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Henrich, to approve Cabaret License CL26-001, issued to the Spectacled Sasquatch. The motion passed unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement for Tourism Promotion

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bright, seconded by Councilmember Allred, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Tourism Promotion Agreement with Island County, Oak Harbor, and Langley. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson

Councilmember Henderson reminded the Council and the public that the Coupeville School District Levy ballot measure election is coming soon and encourages everyone to vote.

Councilmember Henrich

Councilmember Henrich reported that his first Law and Justice Council meeting will be on January 28th.

DISCUSSION

Coupeville Marshal's Office Statistics

Coupeville Marshal, Bo Miller, discussed five years' worth of year over year statistics about Law Enforcement calls with the Council.

2025 Revenue and Expense Review

Clerk-Treasurer Corine Jackson gave a report to the Council on the state of the Town's finances for 2025. The Town's revenues were higher than budgeted, and expenses were lower than budgeted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07pm, Mayor Hughes adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYOR



Deputy Clerk Chris Jolly



Molly Hughes