



Minutes
1425th Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 2024

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1425th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Oath of Office – Council Position No. 1, Council Position No. 3, Council Position No. 4 and Council Position No. 5

Clerk Stefani Bowden administered the Oath of Office to three elected officials, Councilmember No. 3 Dale Rey, Councilmember No. 4 Larry Hall and Council Position No. 5 Keith St. Jeor. Council Position No. 1 Kevin Black joined the meeting late.

Roll Call

Council members present: Kevin Black (joined at 6:10), Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall (via teleconference) and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden and Police Chief Paul Bowden. Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens joined later in the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Nancy Boord (Mrs. B.) presented the council with the Chamber's plans and directions for 2024. She also asked for Council's input and suggestions. The Council would like to see more events in Coulee Dam. They feel that most of the events over the past recent years have been focused on Grand Coulee. Council provided Mrs. B with a history of Colorama and how it originated in Coulee Dam and for some reason was moved to Grand Coulee many years ago. The Festival of America brings people to the USBR Visitor's Center, but most don't spend the day in Coulee Dam supporting businesses. Mrs. B. agreed that there needs to be more equality for the four cities when planning events.

Oath of Office – Continued

Clerk Stefani Bowden administered the Oath of Office Councilmember No. 1 Kevin Black at 6:33p.m.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

(m/s Schmidt/St. Jeor) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No. 41306 through 41325 and EFTs dated December 27, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 86,500.48.

Claim Voucher No. 41336 through 41353 and EFTs dated December 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 39,448.19.

Claim Voucher No. 41354 through 41371 and EFTs dated January 10, 2024 in the total amount of \$ 71,182.56.

Manual Vouchers: EFT's CPL-12.14.2023 in the amount of \$18.00 and CPL-01.03.24 in the amount of \$18.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 41305, 41326 through 41334, EFT's and direct deposits dated December 15 and 29, 2023 in the total amount of \$112,257.52.

Action Agenda

- a. Fire Department Membership
(m/s St. Jeor/Rey) to accept Fire Department Membership for Shaun Black. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Department of Natural Resources Grant – Ferry Ave. Trees
The Clerk informed the council that a grant application has been submitted to DNR for the replacement of the trees on Ferry Ave. The Town's engineer, TD&H, prepared the application which included cost of trees and tree planting, root barrier, water gators, deer barrier and contract services in the total estimated amount of \$71,180.

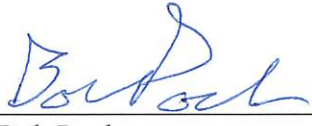
Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Dale Rey stated that this was his last meeting on the council. He thanked the Mayor and Council and said he enjoyed his time serving as a councilmember. The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Dale for his service.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm

Mayor 

Bob Poch

Clerk 

Stefani Bowden