



Minutes
1404th Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1404th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Kevin Black, Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey and Keith St. Jeor. Larry Hall attended via teleconference.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Clerk requested to add USDA Rural Development funding for wastewater treatment plant to the discussion agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40559 through 40571 and EFTs dated December 28, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 87,722.50.

Claim Voucher No.'s 40572 through 40590 and EFTs dated December 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 9,990.48.

Claim Voucher No.'s 40591 through 40608 and EFTs dated January 11, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 76,469.34.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. 40548 through 40549 dated December 16 and 19, 2022 in the total amount of \$27,143.05 . EFT's CPL 12.09.22 and CPL 12.29.22 dated December 29, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 36.00. EFT's CPL 1.11.23, dated January 11, 2023 in the amount of \$ 36.00

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 40550 through 40558, _EFT's and direct deposits dated December 15 and 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 96,821.16.

Voided Checks: Check No. 40547 (damaged). Check No. 40122 dated April 27, 2022 and 40405 dated September 28, 2022.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2023-01, Ordinance No. 807 -Amending the Coulee Dam Unified Development Codes to include Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
(m/s Rey/Black) to adopt Ordinance No. 807, amending the UDC codes to include electric vehicle charging stations. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Storm Drain Marking Project completed by the Boy Scouts
The Clerk and Public Works Superintendent provided the council with a summary of the storm drain marking project that was coordinated through Okanogan County Conservation. The town was contacted in September by the County Conservation and notified of a grant that was received to provide storm drain markers. They were looking for a group to assist with installing the markers. The Clerk forwarded the details on to the Boy Scouts and they gladly took on the project. A thank you letter will be sent from the Mayor and Council to the Boy Scouts.
- b. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Elmer City
Councilman Rey asked about the status of invoicing and payment for the new treatment plant from Elmer City. Mayor has provided the invoices to Elmer City Mayor. Elmer City Mayor has stated he won't provide any response until they have had the opportunity to discuss it with their attorney.
- c. West Side Lift Station/WWTP Project USDA Rural Development Funding Application Update
Just minutes prior to the council meeting, the Clerk received information from Rick Rose at Rural Development stating that he is proposing a \$932,000 loan only funding request to the USDA national office. The council was concerned that there was no grant offer

and with the amount of loan being requested. Discussion was held on the need for the full \$932,000. The WWTP committee of Councilmen Schmidt and Rey will hold a conference call with the engineer, Mayor, Clerk and Superintendent to discuss the funding needs and to adjust the budget if needed.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

Mayor Poch thanked Superintendent Steffens and his crew for a job well done in regarding the snow removal issues.

Council

Kevin Black thanked Superintendent Steffens for the repairs on the bridge lights.

Merv Schmidt asked Superintendent Steffens if they will still be picking up leaves. Steffens said they are currently picking up leaves as weather and time permits.

Dale Rey asked about the status of the security cameras in the park. Chief Bowden provided some information in December but is still researching it. Internet connectivity at the park will be necessary.

Public Works

Superintendent Steffens informed the council of a water line break at the wastewater treatment plant that caused flooding in the lab. It has been turned in to insurance and a contractor will be looking at it next week.

Police

Chief Bowden informed the council that the police department has been up and running in Electric City and they are staying busy so far.

Chief Bowden was contacted a couple of days ago by the dealership that the patrol car has been ordered from. The car that was ordered is almost complete. However; the dealership has acquired another car with very low miles and has offered it to the town as well for a discounted price if the Town chooses to purchase 2 cars. Chief Bowden stated that with the advertisement out for a fourth officer, the department will need the additional car. Councilman Rey had some concerns about funding of the car and how the Electric City contract affects it. Chief Bowden is requesting an additional \$40,000 to cover the extra car and any other unknown additional expenses. The Criminal Justice Reserve Fund currently has around \$118,000 available along with the \$10,000 left in the vehicle replacement fund.

(m/s Schmidt/Black) to authorize the Chief to purchase the 2 cars. Motion carried with 4 (Black, Schmidt, Hall, St. Jeor) in favor. Rey abstained.

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden