



Minutes
1348th Regular Council Meeting
January 22, 2020

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1348th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Mervin Schmidt, Dale Rey and Keith St. Jeor.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Fred Netzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Fred Netzel requested to add Animal Control and Comprehensive Plan to the Discussion Agenda. Mayor Poch added discussion for side sewers.

Consent Agenda

Merv Schmidt moved with Fred Netzel seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 38668 through 38676 and EFT's dated January 8, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 15,185.24.

Claim Voucher No.'s 38678 through 38696 and EFT's dated January 22, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 106,113.30.

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 38677 dated January 16, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 300.00.

Action Agenda

- a. Credit Union Transformer Oil Removal
Mayor Poch has received a bid for oil removal from the old transformer located in the Credit

Union. Dale Rey move and Keith St. Jeor seconded to accept the bid from Able Clean-up for the oil removal. Motion carried.

b. Council Committees

Mayor Poch asked the councilmembers to let him know where their interests are for serving on committees. Dale Rey asked for clarification of what the purpose and duties of the committees are and feels that the committees should help facilitate the Mayor to his job. Keith St. Jeor has served on the Public Works Committee in the past and would like to continue to see some projects to completion. Committees have not been established yet as the Mayor would like to give the council time to consider where they would like to serve.

Discussion Agenda

a. Side Sewers

Mayor Poch informed the council of a sewer blockage of Birch Street. Roots are in the side sewer which caused a blockage and flooded a basement. A brief discussion was held regarding the current ordinance on sewer lines. Superintendent Mike Steffens provided the council with an “opinion” received from MRSC regarding Town’s responsibility of side sewers.

b. Animal Control

Fred Netzel asked if the council is going to pick the topic of animal control back up and readdress the ordinance. Mayor asked Police Chief to bring the ordinance back up at the next meeting.

c. Comprehensive Plan Update

Fred Netzel asked if the council is ready to pick back up on the Comprehensive Plan. Superintendent Mike Steffens has been reviewing the infrastructure needs in the plan and has provided some input.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Councilman Dale Rey and Mayor Poch reported on a meeting held with BPA regarding the long term Tier 2 Power Rates and the 2028 Rate Case. Mayor Poch had some questions over billing issues. The informal meeting also included discussion on BPA fiscal issues and the switchyards

Councilman Keith St. Jeor received a suggestion from a citizen to install playground equipment in Cole Park.

Merv Schmidt asked what the status of the Melody was. Mayor Poch stated that he is working with the attorney on the situation.

Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens informed the council that the sewer jetter has been rebuilt and seems to be working okay.

Police

Chief Paul Bowden stated that the COPS grant is open again this year. It is a three year grant to hire a new officer. The Town would have a commitment to retain the officer for an additional two years. He is getting information and numbers from the school regarding discipline problems that could be used in applying for the grant.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden