



Minutes
1349th Regular Council Meeting
February 12, 2020

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1349th 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.

Presentations:

a. **Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW)**

CIAW Risk Manager Blair Kok and Claims Adjuster Steve Whetstone presented some potential risks to the Town regarding the current sewer ordinance. In review of the Coulee Dam Municipal Code, they identified some potential issues regarding side sewers. There is diversity in connections where not all connections are the same. In this process they reviewed all other cities belonging to CIAW and Coulee Dam is the only city that takes responsibility for side sewers, where all other cities leave the responsibility on the property owner. Councilman St. Jeor asked if CIAW has a copy of the recently amended ordinance. Whetstone stated that he did have a copy but had not read it entirely. Councilman Dale Rey voiced that he had issues with lines that run through backyards. Whetstone agreed that was an issue. The code states that the Town's responsibility begins at the property line, but in many cases where the line runs through a backyard, the town has no legal access to the lines. Rey asked "why can't the access be through the easement". Discussion took place as to when and how the city can access through private property and the issues that could arise from that. The requirements for installation of clean-outs at the property line versus on private property were discussed. Councilmen St. Jeor and Netzel stated that cleanouts were addressed in the Ordinance. Kok reviewed the number of sewer related claims paid out over the past few years, a couple of which were regarding the same property. Kok and Whetstone relayed to the council that it is the council's decision regarding how to address the side sewers; they just wanted to bring some potential liability issues to the council's attention.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Dale Rey had some question regarding the non-potable water and asked to add time for discussion. Fred Netzel asked to add the COPS grant under Discussion Agenda. Dale Rey also requested to add the River Drive Speed Zone to the Agenda. Mayor Poch stated that it is already included in the Action Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Keith St. Jeor moved with Dale Rey seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 38705 through 38736 and EFT's dated February 12, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 50,991.49.

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Three EFT's to DOL Firearms dated January 15, 2020, January 24, 2020 and February 4, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 72.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 38697 through 38702, EFT's and direct deposits dated January 15 and 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$90,002.42.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2020-03, Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County – TIB Chipseal Project
Dale Rey moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County for street services for the Lincoln and Douglas TIB Chipseal Project. Motion carried.
- b. AB 2020-04, Ordinance No. 781, River Drive Speed Limit and School Zones
Merv Schmidt moved with Fred Netzel seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 781, setting speed limits and school zones on River Drive. Motion carried.
- c. AB 2020-05, Ordinance No. 782, Amending CDMC 5.05, Business Licenses
Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 782, amending CDMC 5.05, Business Licenses. Motion carried.
- d. AB 2020-06, Ordinance No. 783, Amending CDMC 5.10, Music and Dancing on Liquor Premises
Merv Schmidt moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 783, amending CDMC 5.10, Music and Dancing on Liquor Premises. Motion carried.
- e. AB 2020-07, Business Licensing Services Agreement with DOR
Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve the Business Licensing Services Agreement with the Department of Revenue. Motion carried.
- f. Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore
Merv Schmidt moved and Dale Rey seconded to appoint Keith St. Jeor as Mayor Pro-Tem for a six month period. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

a. Water Billing

Dale Rey had questions regarding the fairness of east side versus west side Coulee Dam for water billing. West Coulee Dam has the use of non-potable water for irrigation while East Coulee Dam has to pay for treated water to irrigate. Mayor Poch asked that Dale Rey meet in the office to go over the issue. Rey and Netzel asked to meet with the Clerk to go over the amount of water overages and how much it is costing the users.

b. COPS Hiring Grant

Fred Netzel has questions and concerns over submitting a grant application to hire another Police Officer. Mayor Poch stated that at this point it is just an application which the Town has applied for every two years. If the Town is offered the grant, the council can decide to turn it down. Dale Rey and Fred Netzel are not in favor of applying for a grant just to see if we can get it. Rey said "I wouldn't apply for a job if I didn't intend to take it". They asked what the figures would be and what the Town's obligation is. Merv Schmidt said the only question the council needs to consider is whether or not they want to hire another officer. Netzel and Rey would like to see the grant application before it is submitted. The Clerk explained that it is an online application that isn't easy to print in a readable format. Dale Rey moved to have the grant paperwork in the next council packet. After discussion on the feasibility of doing that, Rey withdrew his motion. Dale Rey moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to have the Clerk prepare the paperwork to apply for the law enforcement grant and include a summary in the next council packet for council review. Motion carried.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

Mayor Poch notified the council that there is a person interested in taking over the Melody Lease. Merv Schmidt and Fred Netzel were asked to sit on the committee to review the lease.


Mayor Poch received a "Thank You" from a citizen regarding help received from Officer Sullivan during an emergency medical situation. Fred Netzel also noted that Chief Bowden assisted the ambulance crew with another emergency situation.

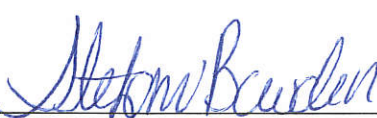
Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens reported on the irrigation water main leak under a tree on North Columbia. There are several more trees along that street that could start becoming an issue with utility lines. Scott Hunter, formerly associated with the tree board, stated that the Maple trees are not going to last and it was discussed by the board to start replacing every other tree. If it is done gradually, there will be less of a shock.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden