



Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

Minutes
1295th Regular Council Meeting
February 22, 2017

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1295th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: David Schmidt, Gayle Swagerty, Duane Johnson, Ben Alling, and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gayle Swagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Peggy Nevsimal asked for the council thoughts on holding the Festival of America events and fireworks on the weekend of June 30th through July 2nd due to the 4th of July falling on a Tuesday. Council had no objections and felt that holding the event on the weekend rather than mid-week would draw more out of town guests. Keith St. Jeor moved with Duane Johnson seconding to support the Festival of America events taking place on the weekend of June 30th through July 2nd. Motion carried. Discussions continued on costs of the event including the expensive rental of a stage for entertainment. Council would like for the Chamber to look into purchasing a stage in the future. Ben Alling brought up the handicap parking issue and would like the Chamber to address the lack of parking and drop-off/pick-up areas.

Mayor Wilder introduced a college administrative student, Melissa Meza, who was in attendance to observe meeting procedures. Ms. Meza is a town resident and graduated from Lake Roosevelt High School.

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

David Schmidt moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 36390 through 36426 and EFT's dated February 8, 2017 in the total amount of \$190,905.82

Claim Voucher No.'s 36427 through 36440 and EFT's dated February 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$143,870.86

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 36383 through 36389 direct deposits and EFT's dated January 13 and 31, 2017 in the total amount of \$87,041.09

Bank Fees: January 2017 Bank Fees

Action Agenda

None

Discussion Agenda

A. Town Hall Water Damages

Mayor Wilder and Clerk Bowden updated the council on the status of the insurance claim for damages caused by the hot water heater leak. Additional water damages have been caused from ice damming on roof. The insurance has been notified but coverage is not certain at this time.

Keith St. Jeor reminded the council that the air handlers on top of the Community Building still need to be taken off. They are causing roof leaks in the restaurant.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

None

Clerk

None

Public Works

None

Police

David Schmidt thinks we should be aware of the potential new immigration and naturalization laws that may place enforcement requirements on the local police departments. We just need to be prepared if the topic comes up.

Keith St. Jeor said there is a situation in the town regarding the police department that is being ignored. He has been asked by citizens as to what kind of physical or fit for duty requirements we have on the police officers. We could have some liability if Officers are not fully physically able to perform their duties. Mayor Wilder responded that there are some limitations on what the town can require.

Councilmembers

David Schmidt wanted to consider holding a council retreat. He doesn't feel there is a need to spend a lot or go out of town. Keith St. Jeor would like to get together first without a facilitator to bring up issues. Duane Johnson feels a mission needs to be created and maybe check with AWC and the town insurance regarding a facilitator. Gayle Swagerty and David Schmidt will plan the retreat.

Duane Johnson thanked the maintenance department for quick responses. He also reported on his meeting attendance at OCOG and informed the Mayor and Council that he submitted a letter of support for OCOG on behalf of the Town. Johnson asked to be excused for the March 8th Council Meeting.

Announcements

None

Executive Session

None

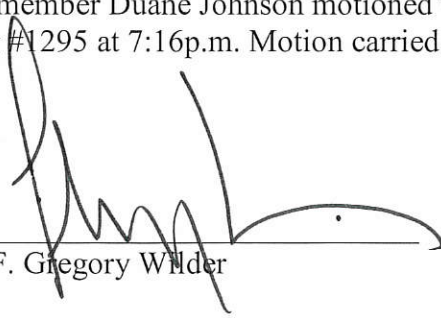
Public Input

Fred Netzel noted that with the Town Hall costing money and the Community Building costing money, it is kind of ironic that the Town is looking at building a new restroom. It is just another facility to maintain.

Adjournment

Councilmember Duane Johnson motioned with David Schmidt seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1295 at 7:16p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden