



**Minutes**  
**1350<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**February 26, 2020**

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**6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1350<sup>th</sup> 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 and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Merv Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

None

**Updates and Modifications to Agenda**

Fred Netzel requested that lift stations be added to the discussion agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Dale Rey 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 38738 through 38753 and EFT's dated February 26, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 579,507.06 .

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
EFT to DOL Firearms dated February 25, 2020 in total amount of \$ 18.00.

Voided Checks:              Lost check No. 38125 , reissued as check no. 38737 ,(no change of funds)

Bank Fees:                      January 2020 Invoice Cloud Fees in the amount of \$ 85.00 .

**Action Agenda**

- a. Confirmation of Appointment to Planning Commission  
Mayor Poch asked the council for confirmation on his appointment of Ben Alling to the Planning Commission. Fred Netzel asked the rest of the council if they are looking at

changing the number of members assigned to the Planning Commission or if the Town should continue trying to seek more members. Discussion took place as to how long the council should wait before making the decision to amend the ordinance. Mayor reported on the status of the Comprehensive Plan Update and the meeting that the Mayor, Ben Alling and the Clerk participated in with the planner. Dale Rey asked what the responsibilities of the Planning Commission are. Mayor said the main focus right now is to get through the Comprehensive Plan Update. Rey asked if the Town is developing a new Comp Plan. Frank Andrews, the planner for the Colville Tribe, was present and helped to provide an explanation of the Comp Plan Update process. The Town already has a plan. This is an update to that existing plan and does not need to be recreated. Keith St. Jeor stated that the council first needs to appoint the Planning Commission Membership for Ben Alling as presented to them before anything else is decided.

Dale Rey moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to amend the Ordinance stating that the Planning Commission membership will consist of up to 5 members. Rey rescinded the motion and followed with another motion. Rey moved with St. Jeor seconding to prepare an amendment for review at the next council meeting. Motion carried.

Dale Rey moved to set a time frame of 30 days after Chairman's appointment to amend the ordinance. Motion died for lack of a second.

Keith St. Jeor moved with Dale Rey seconding to confirm the appointment of Ben Alling to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

b. Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement - USBR

The USBR has submitted a Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement for acceptance by the Town. Fred Netzel asked if the attorney had reviewed it. Mayor Poch and the Clerk stated that the Town recently received the agreement and it has not been reviewed by the attorney yet. Fred Netzel moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to accept the USBR Fire Protection Agreement contingent on review and approval of the attorney. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

a. Splash Pad- Partnership with CCT

Colville Tribal Planner Frank Andrews asked to re-address the Splash Park proposal that was brought to council two years ago. They would still like to consider the area between the museum and the daycare as a location to install a water splash park and are asking the council for support in submitting a grant application to the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO). Andrews stated that the proposed project would be located on tribal trust property but would like the Town to provide operation and maintenance. Tonasket has a similar park with an operation and maintenance plan. This proposal is being presented to tribal council next week. The head of the tribal parks and recreation, Linda Palmer, was also present to answer any questions.

Councilmember Dale Rey asked Andrews who would be submitting the grant; is it the tribe, an individual, etc.? Andrews stated it would be the tribe. Rey asked if a business plan has been done and what would the O&M costs be. He also asked if the use of the park would be free or would they charge for it. Andrews said that a business plan had not yet been done

but that is something they can and will do. No decisions have been made as to whether or not to charge admission. Rey asked if the location would be on fee or trust property which Andrews clarified that it was Tribal Trust property. Rey also had some concerns as to who would provide insurance coverage.

Councilmember Keith St. Jeor voiced his support of moving forward with grant and thanked Andrews for trying to do something for the youth of the community. Councilmember Merv Schmidt stated he would like some more information before making any decisions.

b. Melody Roof

Mayor Poch informed the council that there are a couple of people that have expressed interest in leasing the Melody Restaurant. One has stated that they would like the roof fixed before they take over. Poch told the council that the HVAC units on the bowling alley roof are still in use so if and when the roof is repaired, the town will need to consider an alternate HVAC system. Poch stated that he will continue seeking roof bids and find out what costs would be to repair just the roof over restaurant section for now so that new tenants could get up and going.

c. Sewer Jet Agreement with Grand Coulee

Grand Coulee provided a draft agreement for the town council to consider regarding the sewer jetter that Coulee Dam shares with Grand Coulee. Grand Coulee is in the process of purchasing a new jetter for themselves and would like Coulee Dam to take over maintenance responsibility for the shared one. Also in the agreement is a statement that Coulee Dam will share the profits with Grand Coulee when the jetter is surplused and sold. Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to move the issue to the Action Agenda. Motion carried.

### Action Agenda Continued

c. Sewer Jet Agreement with Grand Coulee

Fred Netzel asked if the town could potentially buy out Grand Coulee's interest in the sewer jetter. Dale Rey moved with Fred Netzel seconding to get estimates of the value of the sewer jetter and make a counter offer to Grand Coulee. Motion carried with 3 (Netzel/Rey/Schmidt) and 1 (St. Jeor) opposed.

### Discussion Agenda Continued

d. Dog/Cat Ordinance

The animal ordinance that was presented last fall was brought back forward for review and consideration. Dale Rey asked if the Town had the capability of enforcing the Ordinance and felt that the town shouldn't make rules that we can't enforce. Fred Netzel wanted to address several areas of concern including who appoints the Animal Control Authority, impoundment of all dogs (dangerous or not). Discussion continued on several other areas of the ordinance. Mayor Poch appointed Dale Rey and Fred Netzel to review the Ordinance and bring back to council at a later date.

e. COPS Hiring Grant

A brief summary of the grant application with rough dollar figures was presented to the Council. The Clerk stated that the rest of the application is not accessible yet. Dale Rey felt that the council was being backed into a corner by the way the application process is handled and given the timeframe the council will not be meeting prior to the submission deadline. Mayor Poch stated that the council could call a special meeting to review the application before submittal. Keith St. Jeor felt that it is a waste of council's time to hold a special meeting to review the application and that it should move forward. If the town is awarded the grant, the council can decide at that time to accept or decline. Merv Schmidt moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to continue with the application process. Motion carried with 3 (Schmidt/Rey/St. Jeor) and 1 (Netzel) opposed.

Fred Netzel moved to meet one week from tonight to further discuss the process. Motion died for a lack of a second.

f. Sewer Lift Stations

Mayor updated the council on the status of the lift stations project. Varela Engineers have been down to assess the situation but no answers have been provided yet. The Wastewater Treatment Plant construction has been shut down for the winter.

**Staff, Council & Committee Report**

Council

Fred Netzel said he has been asked as to when the restrooms in Douglas Park will be opened. Mayor Poch will talk to the Public Works Superintendent.

Dale Rey inquired about the status of the School Zone Signs indicating the times. Police Chief stated that it is in WSDOT's hands. All the required Ordinances have been sent to them.

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden informed the council that the town has achieved the WellCity Award for 2021 by completing all the requirements through the employee wellness program in 2019. This award earns the Town a 2% discount on employee medical insurance for the year 2021. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that the town has earned the award.

**Adjournment**

Fred Netzel moved with Dale Rey seconding to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried.

Mayor   
Bob Poch

Clerk   
Stefani Bowden