



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

**Minutes**  
**1310<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**February 28, 2018**

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

Mayor Price called the 1310<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Bob Poch, Marcia Warnecke, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

a. Amanda Burton-School Zone

School Superintendent Paul Turner provided the council with a brief summary of discussions that have taken place at recent school board meetings where school safety has been a big topic. Safety hazards for children crossing River Drive were brought to their attention and Turner admitted it was an issue that has been overlooked for some time. Turner introduced a concerned parent, Amanda Burton, and turned the discussion over to her.

Amanda Burton thanked the council all that they do for the community and for allowing the opportunity to speak. She began with expressing her concern over the safety of children crossing River Drive/Hwy 155 getting to and from school. The speed limit goes from 55mph to 35mph through a residential area. Vehicles travel through the area at high speeds and it is only a matter of time before a child gets hit. She is asking that the school and the town take a proactive approach rather than being reactive in the event of a tragedy. Ms. Burton has spoken to Department of Transportation (DOT) and the School Board and they both are supporting her efforts in designating the area as a school zone. DOT is suggesting a school zone be located 300' south of the intersection at Civic Way to 150' north of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. An Ordinance would need to be adopted to designate the area as a school zone. DOT is also suggesting speed zones be placed 300' either side of Crest Drive. There are costs associated with doing this, which DOT is willing to help with some of it. Speed zone changes could cost the town/community around \$1200 and the speed zones \$9-12K. The Police Chief stated that grants used to be available for the beacons but the funding was eliminated a year or two ago. He will check into it again to see if the grants are a possibility in the future again. Council

was in consensus that the zone changes should be pursued. Ms. Burton would like to see a zone change Ordinance adopted prior to the start of next school year.

Superintendent Paul Turner spoke on the training that school staff and local emergency personnel will be attending in Maryland and thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Chief Bowden to attend with the group.

### **Agenda updates & modifications**

Resolution 2018-05, Colville Tribes Parks Plan, was requested to be added to action agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ben Alling moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Claim Voucher No.'s 37188 through 37227, and EFT's dated February 14, 2018 in the total amount of \$115,994.00

Claim Voucher No.'s 37237 through 37251, and EFT's dated February 28, 2018 in the total amount of \$181,256.26

Payroll Checks:              Payroll Check No.'s 37228 through 37236 EFT's and direct deposits dated February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the total amount of \$91,005.11

Bank Fees:                      January 2018 Bank and Invoice Cloud Fees

### **Action Agenda**

#### **A. Resolution No. 2018-05, Colville Tribes Parks Plan**

Parks Board acting Chairman, Larry Curtis, spoke on behalf of the Parks and Natural Resources Board. Board has reviewed the parks plan prepared by the Tribe and recommends the Town pass the Resolution. The potential of receiving grant funding from RCO is greater if the Town works with the Tribe. Tribe match dollars would be 10%, while if the Town receives one on their own it would be 40%. Councilman Alling asked if Tourism Funds would be used for the match. Curtis stated that RCO recommends use of local money, not tourism. Councilman Netzel asked if the Town adopted the Tribe's plan, does it become the Town's plan? "What happens when we adopt ours?" Netzel would like to receive advice from the attorney. Ben Alling moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adopt the plan through Resolution No. 2018-05 pending the attorney's approval. Motion carried.

B. Town Hall Leases

Bob Poch moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to renew all previous Town Hall space leases with no changes. Motion carried.

C. Bowling Center Lease

Bob Poch moved and Fred Netzel seconded to renew the Bowling Center Lease with no changes. Motion carried.

**Discussion Agenda**

A. Varela Engineers, Project Updates

Daniel Cowger of Varela and Associates provided the bid results of the TIB street project. The apparent low bidder was Moreno and Nelson. Bids came in higher than expected and TIB has agreed to increase the funding to accommodate it. Councilman Fred Netzel questioned the \$50,000 additional town funds included in the project for sidewalks. Netzel did not feel the money should be spent on the sidewalks in the area of the TIB project. He feels there are other areas that are in more need of repair. Cowger explained the reasoning for the sidewalks in the same area was to get the most of the dollars. He also explained that the Town could choose to modify which sidewalks would be repaired through change orders. Netzel wanted to see a motion made that awarded the contract bid with the modifications. Cowger reminded the council that the bid was made according to the bid documents. The award could not be changed. The only way to make the changes would be through change orders. The town is under the 45 day timeline to award the bid, which we are now at that point. The town could be at risk of losing the TIB funds if the award is not made. Fred Netzel moved and Bob Poch seconded to award the bid to Moreno and Nelson. Motion carried.

Cowger updated the council on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is moving along but a little slower than anticipated.

B. Leases

Keith St. Jeor moved and Bob Poch seconded to move the topic of leases back to the Action Agenda. Motion carried. (refer back to Action Agenda, items B and C)

**Staff, Council & Committee Report**

Clerk

Clerk provided a draft agreement from the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) for council review. It is not ready to adopt. It is just in the review stage. Previous councilmembers Johnson and Swagerty attended the OCOG meetings. Fred Netzel has volunteered to take on that responsibility.

Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens notified the council that one of the new hires has left and the position has been re-filled.



One bid was received on the new Public Works pick-up truck. Fred Netzel asked about the tonnage. It was advertised as a one ton. Clerk stated that bid law was followed and an addendum was issued to bid packet holders, which was only one.

#### Police

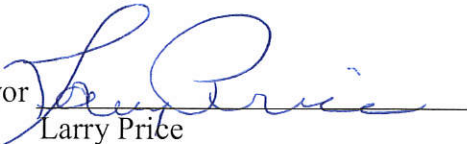
Chief Paul Bowden provided information and demonstrated a new key system idea. Cyberlock would allow each employee to only have one key that would be programmable to whichever locks they are authorized to access. The electronic key will track when employees access different areas. The town could purchase as few as one or two locks, or eventually change out every lock. There are padlocks that also work with the system. Superintendent Mike Steffens feels the added security will become a must in the near future for the water and wastewater plants. Council agreed that the system would be worth looking further into.

#### Committees

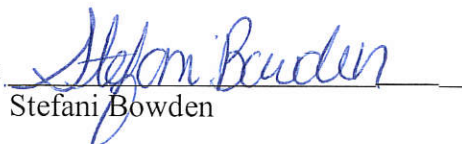
Keith St. Jeor provided the council with a history as to how and why the town acquired the Fiber Optic System. He has spent countless hours researching the Fiber system. It is pretty clear that the school uses 2 strands of Fiber and the Tribe is using 3 strands. A short term lease agreement needs to be drafted and entered into with the school and the tribe to use the strands, which were previously owned by Basin Broadband. St. Jeor estimated that the Town could put a terminal into the Town shop for around \$125,000. That would not be supplying fiber to each residence, which he estimated would be around \$700,000. The biggest expense would be labor. Suggestions were made to either use the town crew or hire a temporary employee to run fiber. Superintendent Mike Steffens did not feel that his crew could do this. There is a small town in Idaho that owns and operates a fiber optic system. St. Jeor encouraged the councilmembers to watch a 20 minute video that they had prepared on the benefits of their system. Councilman Netzel would like a workshop to provide better knowledge and understanding. St. Jeor reminded him that it would have to be in the form of a public meeting. St. Jeor asked for council permission to continue his research and seek out some bids. He didn't feel it was fair to continue to use personal leave from his job if the council didn't have any intentions on moving forward. Councilmember Marcia Warnecke asked if there is a way to compensate St. Jeor for his time. The only form of compensation the Town could offer is mileage/meal reimbursement. St. Jeor is requesting a survey be sent out to the utility customers in the next billing regarding the want and need for fiber. Clerk stated that the bills will be going out within the next couple of days so we would have to move quickly if we want it to go out within the month. Due to the lengthy discussions leading late into the evening, the council requested to adjourn.

Councilmember Fred Netzel motioned with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1310 at 8:34p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

  
Larry Price

Clerk

  
Stefani Bowden