



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

Minutes
1296th Regular Council Meeting
March 8, 2017

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1296th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

Action item A., Surplus Property, is stricken from the agenda. Community Forestry Grant approval, Interim Financing Ordinance and Resolution No. 2017-04 added to action agenda

Consent Agenda

David Schmidt moved and Duane Johnson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 36449 through 36490 and EFT's dated March 8, 2017 in the total amount of \$54,241.79

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 36441 through 36447 direct deposits and EFT's dated February 15 and 28, 2017 in the total amount of \$83,043.59

Voided Check: Void check #36448 (damaged)

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2017-004, Resolution No. 2017-03, Surplus Property
Item stricken from agenda
- B. AB 2017-005, TIB Consultant Agreement, Project #WA 6-E 878)006) -1
David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to authorize the Mayor to execute and sign the TIB Consultant Agreement with Varela & Associates. Motion carried.
- C. Community Forestry Grant Approval
Keith St. Jeor moved to table the approval until the next council meeting. Ben Alling seconded. Discussion was held regarding the timeline and waiting until next meeting would be after the acceptance deadline. Motion did not carry. Gayle Swagerty moved with David Schmidt seconding to approve the Community Forestry Grant. Motion carried with 3 (Schmidt, Swagerty, Johnson) in favor and 2 (Alling, St. Jeor) against.
- D. Wastewater Project Interim Financing, Ordinance No. 745
Clerk informed the council of funding documents received just one hour prior to council meeting regarding the interim financing for the Wastewater Treatment Project. The town has outstanding engineering invoices that need paid, but the wastewater fund does not have the cash balance available. The financing needs to be expedited. The documents presented are still in draft form and being reviewed by the attorney and USDA. Clerk asked that the council consider approving the Mayor to execute the documents as soon as approval is received from the attorney and USDA. David Schmidt moved with Duane Johnson seconding to authorize the Mayor to execute the documents once all approvals are received. Keith St. Jeor asked that the approvals be in written form. Motion was rescinded. Keith St. Jeor moved and David Schmidt seconded to approve executing of funding documents after written confirmation is received from USDA and the town attorney. Motion carried.
- E. Resolution No. 2017-04, Corporate Authorization Washington Trust Bank
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to approve Resolution No. 2014-04 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to be signers and executors on the Washington Trust account for interim financing. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- A. Dogs
Mayor Wilder has received a citizen request to modify the dog ordinance relating to classification of dangerous dogs by breed. David Schmidt and Ben Alling provided some history as to why the Ordinance was put into place. Council members agreed that it needs to be revised but served the intent at the time of passage. Gayle Swagerty doesn't like to see a particular kind dog deemed dangerous solely of breed. Ben Alling stated

that it shouldn't be the breed rather the behavior that deems them dangerous. Gayle Swagerty also brought up that the limitation of number of pets needs to be revisited. Duane Johnson said we need to keep moving forward. We need to be along the lines of the State Statute. Mayor asked the council members to give it some thought and start reviewing the code.

B. Green Waste

Discussions have been held at the Parks and Natural Resources meetings regarding the need for a disposal site for green waste. We are a community that creates a lot of green waste. Not everyone can afford to dispose of it. There has been a problem with illegal dumping in Fiddle Creek. Council discussed potential ideas for disposal sites and mentioned neighboring Town's disposal plans.

Noxious weeds have also been discussed at the Parks and Natural Resources meetings. Puncture vine is a problem on the USBR property. Gayle Swagerty has been working with the USBR and the county on the issue. Duane Johnson said that he has also talked with the Bureau in the past.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

None

Clerk

Updates were provided on the water damages at Town Hall.

Public Works

Mayor informed that council that approximately 30 applications have been received for the Utility Worker/Parks Maintenance position.

Police

The Lateral applicant did not work out. The individual has taken a position with another agency. Mayor is in the process of bringing in another Entry Level Officer.

Councilmembers

David Schmidt commended that Town Crew on doing a great job with cleaning up after the winter.

Gayle Swagerty and David Schmidt met regarding council retreat and have recommendations for a facilitator.

Gayle Swagerty reported that the Parks and Natural Resources Board are planning an Arbor Day Event. They are looking at planting trees, 2 at Douglas Park and 1 at Spokane St. and Stevens Ave.

Gayle Swagerty attended the Complete Streets Workshop. There is potential TIB, Safe Access for all Users, funding once the Town adopts a Complete Streets Ordinance.

Keith St. Jeor would like to look into upgrading the telephone if we continue to use it during council meetings. Gayle thought we should also look into Public Access Video to live stream the meetings on the website. Duane said the telephone drops off frequently during when attending the council meetings by phone.

Announcements

None

Executive Session

None

Public Input

Fred Netzel asked if there are any plans to fix the wall at Freedom Park that has been falling down. Mayor will talk with the Public Works Superintendent.

Adjournment

Councilmember David Schmidt motioned with Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1296 at 7:23p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden