



Minutes
1331st Regular Council Meeting
March 27, 2019

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1331st regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Marcia Warnecke, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor. Mervin Schmidt was excused absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Marcia Warnecke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda

Marcia Warnecke 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 38108 through 38117 and EFT's dated March 27, 2019 in the total amount of \$ 115,818.86.

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:
 Claim Voucher No. 38107 in the amount of \$ 300.00 and EFT in the amount of \$ 54.00.

Bank Fees: February 2019 Invoice Cloud Fees in the amount of \$98.80

Action Agenda

None

Discussion Agenda

a. Ambulance

Councilmember Fred Netzel looked at the ambulance and reported that it had around 90,000 miles on it and is fully equipped with non-perishable supplies. The tires looked good. If the ambulance were put back into service, the insurance would need to be updated. Councilman Ben Alling would like a committee to meet with Grand Coulee to start discussions on allowing Grand Coulee utilizing the Coulee Dam Ambulance or housing a Grand Coulee Ambulance in the Coulee Dam Fire Station. Fred Netzel suggested that the two Mayors speak to each other first. Mayor Poch will make contact with Grand Coulee Mayor.

b. Water and Sewer Connection Ordinance

Superintendent Mike Steffens provided some clarification on proposed Ordinance No. 771, water and sewer connections that was first introduced in January. Steffens stated that the lateral sewer lines have always been owned by the property owners. The Town would not be “giving” the lines to property owners, just transferring the maintenance responsibility back to the owner. Steffens provided an estimated cost of what the town typically puts into maintenance of the lines. Labor alone is roughly \$6000.00 per year to do quarterly cleanouts and could reach \$10,000 if there are issues. Fred Netzel asked for further clarification on the figures stating that \$10,000 didn’t seem too much in comparison to the anticipated ending fund balance in the sewer fund. Keith St. Jeor asked about cleanout requirements when a house changes ownership. He thought the town had adopted an ordinance requiring cleanouts to be installed when ownership changed. St. Jeor feels that the Superintendent should be able to make the determination of the property line location.

The council would like a committee to do further research into the matter and suggested that the insurance provider be included in the discussions. Several ideas and issues were mentioned including cleanouts at property lines and tree roots causing plugs.

Fred Netzel moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to turn the issue over to the Public Works Committee and requested a report back to the council in 60 days. Motion carried.

c. Melody Lease

A draft lease agreement for the Melody was provided for the council to review. The council would like a proof of ownership such as a Bill of Sale or Purchase Agreement showing the new tenants are the legal owners prior to approving the lease.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

Mayor Poch notified the council that the Fire Chief is resigning and two active firefighters are leaving the department. This leaves the Town with a deficient roster. Mayor is asking for the

council to voice their ideas on ways to revive the Fire Department.

Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens has been actively getting estimates on the community building roof, specifically the section over the Melody Restaurant. He is asking contractors to provide their recommendations for the best repair options such as entire re-roof or membranes and coatings. So far, it appears to be a much larger project than anticipated. The contractors are indicating that specifications need to be engineered. There are nine old HVAC units and Swamp Coolers currently on the roof. An electrician will need to be involved to make sure which units are still in use and which ones can be removed.

Police

Police Chief Paul Bowden reported that he will be training for the Lexipol Policies and Procedures in April.

Chief is requesting to obtain values on old department owned pistols. If values are good, he would like to look into surplus and selling them in order to purchase upgraded ones.

Councilmembers

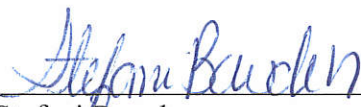
Councilmember Fred Netzel asked where we are at with the Public Involvement Plan that is required as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update process. The Planner will be providing a draft to the Clerk to present for adoption in the near future. Netzel reminded the councilmembers that the "Goals" in the plan need to be reviewed and amended and suggested that each councilmember take on the task of reviewing 5 of them.

Fred Netzel moved and Ben Alling seconded to add the ambulance to the "Discussion Agenda" at the next council meeting. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Keith St. Jeor moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adjourn at 7:12pm. Motion carried.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden