



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

**Minutes**  
**1297<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 12, 2017**

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

Mayor Wilder called the 1297<sup>th</sup> 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 was excused absent.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

None

**Agenda updates & modifications**

Arbor Day Proclamation and Wastewater Treatment Plant bid award were added to the Action Agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Claim Voucher No.'s 36491 through 36512 and EFT's dated March 22, 2017 in the total amount of \$269,393.69

Manual EFT in the amount of \$18.00 dated 3/30/17

Claim Voucher No.'s 36520 through 36559 and EFT's dated April 12, 2017 in the total amount of \$58,352.87

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 36513 through 36519 direct deposits and EFT's dated March 15 and 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$75,935.97

Bank Fees: March 2017 Bank and Invoice Cloud service fees

Voided Check: Voided check #'s 36372, 36426, 36500

### **Action Agenda**

- A. AB 2017-006, Ordinance No. 745, Interim Financing  
Gayle Swagerty moved with David Schmidt seconding to adopt Ordinance No.745, Interim Financing for the Wastewater Treatment Project with Washington Trust Bank. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2017-007, Ordinance No. 746, Revenue Bond  
David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 746, Revenue Bond for the Wastewater Treatment Project. Motion carried.
- C. Fiber Optic Agreement  
Mayor gave a brief update on the proposed Fiber Optic Agreement with Colville Confederated Tribes. The final changes have not been received. No decisions were made.
- D. West Side Lift Station  
The cost of parts to repair the west side lift station is estimated at \$4950. Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to approve the expenditure for the repairs. Motion carried.
- E. Arbor Day Proclamation  
David Schmidt was asked by the Mayor to read and present the Arbor Day Proclamation to the council. An Arbor Day event was held earlier in the day that consisted of planting two Mountain Ash trees in Douglas Park. The Arbor Day Foundation will reimburse the Town up to \$500 for the cost of the trees. Cost of trees was approximately \$360. Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

### A. Wastewater Treatment Project Update

Bids for construction were opened and reviewed on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Bid amounts came in at about 8% above estimates which including bids for dewatering and sludge storage. Additional funding is being requested from USDA Rural Development.

Mayor reviewed the history of the sewer rates and the efforts to keep rates down. The additional costs could reflect a slightly higher sewer utility rate but will still remain under original estimated amount from the previous DOE Loan.

Daniel Cowger from Varela and Associates reviewed the bids and noted the apparent low bidder of McClure and Sons, Inc. Rick Rose of USDA Rural Development was present to review the loan/grant funding and to answer any questions. At this time, it does not look like there will be any additional grant funds available for this project so any additional funds needed will be under the loan.

David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to award construction bid to McClure and Sons, Inc contingent upon receipt of additional funds received through USDA loan or grant. Motion carried.

## Staff, Council & Committee Report

### Mayor

None

### Clerk

The Town has received the WellCity Award through Association of Washington Cities again this year for meeting the wellness program requirements in 2016. The Town will receive a 2% discount on medical premiums for the year 2018.

The School has requested to use the old movie theater to hold the Missoula Children's Theater play the last weekend in April. Council agreed that they could use it in exchange for cleaning it up.

### Public Works

The Parks & Utility Maintenance Position has been filled. John Combs started on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Crew has been asked to stop pruning the flowing trees. Steffens stated that the Public Works has valid reasons as to why the pruning was taking place. Keith St. Jeor moved to support the Public Works Superintendent, allowing him to follow his established procedures.

Ben Alling seconded. Motion carried with 3 in favor (St. Jeor, Alling, Swagerty) and 1 against (Schmidt).

Gayle Swagerty gave suggestions on how to prune. Keith St. Jeor showed support by commending Public Works on doing a terrific job overall.

Steffens briefly addressed some comments made on social media. Schmidt responded by saying “we shouldn’t take comments on social media personally”.

### Police

Mayor gave a brief update on the remodel due to flooding in the Police Department. He would like to hold an open house once everything is completed.

### Councilmembers

Keith St. Jeor reported on the Public Works Committee meeting with Varela & Associates regarding the Wastewater Treatment Project and showed appreciation for Varela’s patience through the process. Gayle Swagerty was thankful to be included in the WWTP discussions.

Swagerty asked were the dog ordinance issue was left at from the last meeting. Mayor said it was left for the council to review the current codes and provide any suggestions for changes. St Jeor feels that public meetings should be held before any changes are made.

Swagerty gave an update on the Parks and Natural Resources Board regarding the Candy Point Trail clean-up and the help received from Washington Trails Association. Swagerty had a discussion with Lon Ottosen of the USBR regarding the noxious weeds at the base of the sand pile. The weeds have been mysteriously taken care of but nobody knows who did it.

Schmidt and Swagerty walked Fiddle Creek with the Fire Chief Brian Warnecke. Warnecke is concerned about the fire danger. The Parks Board will try to work with Foster Creek Conservation District to start cleaning it up. There is potential grant money available for rehabilitation that does not require matching funds.

### Announcements

None

### Executive Session

None

### Public Input

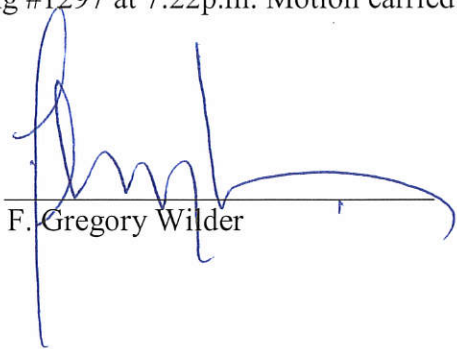
Fred Netzel asked if USBR will be using our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor said they are a fee paying customer.

Councilman Alling thanked Superintendent Steffens for getting the restrooms opened up at Mead Park.

**Adjournment**

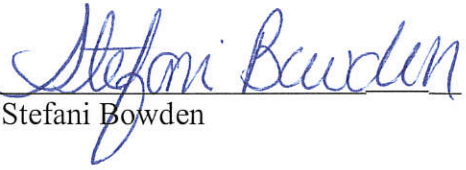
Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1297 at 7:22p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

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F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk

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Stefani Bowden