



Minutes
1409th Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1409th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Merv Schmidt and Keith St. Jeor. Kevin Black and Larry Hall attended via teleconference. Dale Rey was absent.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden. TD&H Engineer Marissa Siemens was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Stefani Bowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input/Presentations

a. **TD&H Engineering – Marissa Siemens**

Engineer Marissa Siemens of TD&H Engineering provided an update on the TIB 6th Street Project. Rudnick Construction is the contractor on the project. Construction commenced on April 3rd and the project is moving along as planned. There was a minor change order issued and an additional section of sidewalk will need to be replaced. TIB has already approved the additional costs so there will be no cost to the Town.

Mayor Poch thanked Siemens for the positive update and expressed his appreciation for their work.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

The Mayor added Elmer City issuance of letter and acceptance of wastewater treatment plant construction to the Action Agenda. The Theater Lease was requested to be added to the Discussion Agenda but Mayor Poch asked the lease committee to look it over first and it will be addressed at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda

(m/s Schmidt/St. Jeor) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Regular Council Meeting – March 22, 2023

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40791 through 40842 and EFTs dated April 12, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 94,770.12.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No.'s 40790, dated March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$393.14 and CPL3.29.2023 dated March 29, 2023 in the amount of \$18.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 40783 through 40789, EFT's and direct deposits dated March 15 and 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 96,687.93.

Action Agenda

a. 4th of July Festival of America

The Town was notified earlier in the day that the Chamber of Commerce is withdrawing their request to hold the Festival of America on the East Side of Coulee Dam. They will hold it at the Grand Coulee Dam Visitor's Center Park as has been done in the past.

b. Fire Department – BLM Agreement

In the absence of the Fire Chief, the council asked to table the topic until the next meeting. They would like the Fire Chief present to answer some question.

c. Elmer City – Issuance of Letter

(m/s St. Jeor/Hall) to direct the Town's Attorney to issue a letter to Elmer City stating that the Town of Coulee Dam does not intend to enter into a new agreement for treatment of Elmer City's sewer at the end of the existing 1976 agreement. Motion carried.

d. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Construction Close-out

(m/s Schmidt/Hall) to accept the construction contract with MSI for construction of the new wastewater treatment plant as complete and authorize the release of any retainage owed to them, less TERO fees, to close-out the project. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The Clerk notified the Town of an invoice received from Vision Municipal Solutions for IT services that was substantially higher than in the past. It was discovered that the

Town should have received notice of the increase last fall, but the notice was sent to Grand Coulee, not Coulee Dam. There have been some issues with the services, but the Clerk is working with Vision to get them straightened out. Discussion was held on the value of utilizing the same company that provides the Town's software. The police and public works departments could choose to use a different vendor if it would be more beneficial to them. Due to the issues and not being notified of the increase, Vision has offered to absorb half of the increase amount. The council's consensus was to accept the offer and continue with using Vision IT.

Public Works

Superintendent Steffens supplied an updated quote for the lift in the shop. The new quote was in the amount of \$10,800. Merv asked if there would be a potential to acquire the lifts out of the old Chevrolet dealership. Steffens said they were already gone. Keith St. Jeor asked if he was looking at getting a tire machine too. That was a suggestion by the Police Chief at the prior meeting and is something that can wait until next year. The consensus was to move forward with putting in a lift at the shop.

Police

Police Chief Bowden informed the council of the new RMS system that MACC dispatch is transitioning to in May. The overall costs for training, start-up and devices will be approximately \$23,000 - \$25,000 which is the entire budget for dispatching services. There will also be some expense to Okanogan County dispatch as the switch from Okanogan to MACC hasn't been finalized yet. To date, the Town has not received any invoices from MACC. Council was okay with the Chief proceeding with the transition to the new RMS system with MACC.

One the new patrol vehicle's decals have been completed and the other is almost done. Chief would like to change out the older vehicle's decals to match in the future.


Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden