



Minutes
1333rd Regular Council Meeting
April 24, 2019

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1333rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Statement:

Mayor Poch took a moment to comment on a recent newspaper article regarding the Elmer City lift station pump issue. The article stated that Coulee Dam would be absorbing the costs of the lift station to accommodate Elmer City flow. That is not true. The temporary fix to accommodate Elmer City's flows is a benefit to the Town of Coulee Dam for the remaining life of the new treatment plant. It can be used for Elmer City treatment for a short term. Scott Hunter of the Star Newspaper asked about the \$500,000 grant that Coulee Dam was pursuing to install pumps for Elmer City Flow. Mayor Poch corrected him, stating the initial dollar amount for a permanent solution for Elmer City was closer to \$750,000, which would be a combination of grant and loan. Since that time, other routes have been determined and are being pursued.

Presentations:

a. Okanogan County Juvenile Detention

Okanogan County Juvenile Detention Court Administrator Dennis Rabidou provided the council with an update of services that are being provided. There has been a decrease in court filings, which is currently averaging 839 per year. There are currently 32 youth in the Coulee Dam area that are being monitored and receiving help. This is a decline from past years. They have implemented a Parent Representative Program and are receiving additional grant funding to help with dependency issues. The Mandatory Community Truancy Boards are showing great success with the first year success rate of 70.8% and second year at 88%. From this, only one youth went to court and zero went to detention.

Rabidou noted that some significant repairs are being done on the facility including replacement of old sewer lines.

Action Agenda

a. Melody Lease

Ben Alling reported the happenings of the committee meeting with the proposed tenant of the Melody Restaurant. The “record” section of the agreement was amended to remove the old language that referred to rent based on a percentage of the revenues of the restaurant. Alling also wanted to note the section that states the rent may increase from \$800 per month to \$1000 per month after the first six months. The end of the six months would fall in the middle of winter which could be a hardship for the tenants. Alling strongly suggested that the council consider keeping the rent at \$800 for the entire one year period. The language will remain the same in the agreement, but the council can make that decision upon the six month review. Keith St. Joer moved and Fred Netzel seconded to approve the lease agreement. Motion carried.

Councilman Alling noted a couple of repair requests made by the tenants which the town will look into including the hood fan cleaning and the sealing of the walk-in floor. The town budgeted \$20,000 in roof repairs and the Public Works Superintendent is actively working on obtaining quotes.

- b. AB 2019-06, Resolution No. 2019-02, Comprehensive Plan Update Public Participation Plan
Councilmember Fred Netzel reported on his conversation with the planner. He still feels the plan is too vague. The Clerk expressed her thoughts on the necessity for keeping the plan vague, which would give the council more flexibility as they go through the process. The Public Participation Plan is a requirement of the Department of Commerce outlining the Town’s intention of gaining public involvement. Netzel asked for more specifics to be included and wanted to know “how” the town was going to notify citizens of meetings, whether it be mailers with utility bills, advertisements in the newspaper or posted on the door of Town Hall. The Clerk suggested that the council make that decision before each planned public meeting as the council may want to explore the most effective method each time. Netzel would like notices mailed with utility bills. Councilman Keith St. Jeor mentioned that a lot of people never open their bills and would rather have notices emailed. Keith St. Jeor motioned with Ben Alling seconding to approve Resolution No. 2019-02, adopting the Public Participation Plan as presented. Motion carried with two in favor (St. Jeor, Alling) and one opposed (Netzel).

c. Solid Waste Contract – Approval of Final Draft

Council had some slight concern over the language that was changed in the contract, stating that if recycling isn’t profitable to the contractor, the Town’s will be invoiced for the loss. The Mayor will bring that up at the Regional Board of Mayor’s meeting. Ben Alling moved and Fred Netzel seconded to approve the final draft of the Solid Waste Contract. Motion carried.

d. Mutual Aid Agreement for Grand Coulee Area Emergency Services

Mayor Poch was provided a draft agreement for Mutual Aid from Randy August of the Colville Tribes Public Safety. The agreement would allow the Colville Tribes, Coulee Dam Fire, Douglas County Fire, Electric City Fire, Grand Coulee Fire and Okanogan County Fire to provide aid to each other in times of need. Keith St. Jeor moved with Fred Netzel seconding to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The Clerk notified the council that she will be out of the office the following week. Council packets for the next meeting may be delayed to the Monday prior to the meeting.

Councilmembers

Fred Netzel and Mayor Poch did a walk around of the sidewalks in West Coulee Dam. Chelan/Douglas County Transportation has grant funding available. Netzel inquired and found out that Coulee Dam eligible to apply. Netzel asked for the council's blessing to proceed with the application, which would include some engineering services that would need to be obtained. Netzel indicated that he would like to request repairs on Ferry Street. Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to allow Netzel to continue and work with Varela Engineering. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Keith St. Jeor moved with Ben Alling seconding to adjourn at 8:13pm. Motion carried.

Mayor



Bob Poch

Clerk



Stefani Bowden