

# Minutes 1372<sup>nd</sup> Regular Council Meeting April 28, 2021 (TELECONFERENCE)

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1372<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:02p.m. via teleconference.

### Roll Call

Council members present: Mervin Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Police Chief Paul Bowden and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden. The Star Newspaper reporter, Jacob Wagner was also present.

### **Public Input**

None

## Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Mayor Poch asked to add additional time for executive session to discuss the appointment to fill a vacant council position.

#### **Consent Agenda**

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

Minutes

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Vouchers:

Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 39499 through 39513, and EFT's dated April 28,

2021 in the total amount of \$ 84,394.04

Manual Checks

Claim Voucher No. 39498 dated April 16, 2021 in the total amount of \$375.00.

EFT to DOL dated April 16, 2021 in the amount of \$36.00.

# **Action Agenda**

a. Acceptance of Councilmember Resignation

Mayor Poch informed the council that a letter of resignation was received from Councilmember Fred Netzel. Mayor Poch stated he was sorry to see him go and thanked Netzel for his service. The remaining councilmembers echoed Mayor Poch's sentiments. (m/s St. Jeor/Ray) to accept the resignation from Fred Netzel from his council position. Motion carried.

# **Discussion Agenda**

a. <u>Liquor License Application, Rio Grande</u>

The Clerk informed the council that the town has received notice that Rio Grande has applied for a state liquor license and that the town has 20 days to respond with any objections. None of the councilmembers had any objections to the license.

# Staff, Council & Committee Report

#### Police

Chief Paul Bowden reported that while he was away, Office Watkins handled everything very well on his own. He was pleased with Watkins performance and wanted to relay that to the Mayor and council.

## Council

Keith St. Jeor requested that letters be sent regarding the length of grass as some lawns are getting very tall. Chief Bowden said he has been actively working on getting vehicles removed from town and will start looking into the other nuisance/code enforcement issues.

#### **Public Input**

Jacob Wagner of The Star Newspaper asked if any decisions will be made following the executive session. Mayor Poch said it wasn't likely but the Clerk could notify him after the meeting as to what took place in the regular meeting following the executive session.

# **Executive Session**

6:11pm, Mayor Poch excused the council for approximately 30 minutes into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. Poch also stated that a few minutes is needed in the executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

6:41pm, Clerk Stefani Bowden requested that Police Chief Paul Bowden notify those attending the regular council meeting session that a 15 minute extension to the executive session is needed.

#### **Regular Council Meeting Continuation**

6:57pm, Mayor Poch called the Regular Council Meeting Session back to order. Council man Dale Rey asked the Mayor if a wastewater treatment plant meeting has been set up between the attorney, contractor, engineer and the Town yet. Mayor Poch stated that the attorney has made contact with the contractor. The contractor is in favor of getting the project completed. No meeting has been schedule yet.

#### Adjournment

Mayor Bob Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm.

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Stefani/Bowden