

**Minutes**  
**1334<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 8, 2019**

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

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1334<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Staff Present: Police Chief Paul Bowden and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

None

**Consent Agenda**

Keith St. Jeor moved with Ben Alling seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Claim Voucher No.'s 38178 through 38213 and EFT's dated May 8, 2019 in the total amount of \$69,736.32.

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Check # 38169 issued as replacement to lost check # 37485 (voided and approved at previous council meeting)  
EFT dated May 3, 2019 in the amount of \$18.00.

Payroll Checks:              Payroll Check No.'s 38170 through 38177, EFT's and direct deposits dated April 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the total amount of \$ 93,257.81.

Bank Fees:                      April Invoice Cloud service fees in the amount of \$54.60

Transfers:                      April 2019 Rent & B&O Transfers

## Action Agenda

- a. TIB Consultant Agreement – Lincoln/Douglas Chip Seal Project  
Ben Alling moved and Fred Netzel seconded to authorize the Mayor to execute the Consultant Agreement for the Lincoln/Douglas Chip Seal TIB Project. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

- a. Sidewalks grant  
Councilman Netzel reported on meeting with Varela and Associates regarding the grant application/proposal. Varela is prepared to put together the information at a very minimal cost. Letters of support from the community will be needed. Council consensus was to continue with the application process with help from Varela.
- b. Credit Union transformer  
Mayor Poch updated the council on the status of the transformer replacement project at the Credit Union stating that they have run into a “couple of snags”. Bids are being worked on and the project is still moving forward. One of the 80+ year old transformers is showing some leakage. Councilman Schmidt asked if the transformers are causing problems. Poch responded by saying “not yet”. The antiquated switch gears are becoming impossible to find replacement parts for.

## Staff, Council & Committee Report

### Mayor

Mayor informed the council of the resignation of the Fire Chief Charles Pope. Resignation has also been received from firefighter Judah Pope. The Fire Department is down to 1 or 2 active members. Poch made contact with Grand Coulee, Elmer City and Electric City to ask for short term coverage until the department can rebuild. All were very willing to help in an emergency. Poch stated that he is looking for “any and all help” in rebuilding the membership. Ryan Fish and Gary Carriere of the Grand Coulee Fire Department were in attendance. Ryan Fish stated they are very willing to help out but the ultimate goal is for a short term agreement just until Coulee Dam can get back on their feet. Fish also stated that Grand Coulee would be interested in housing an ambulance at the Coulee Dam Fire Department. Mayors and Chiefs will meet to work out details for a potential agreement.

### Clerk

In the absence of the Superintendent, the Clerk notified the council of a dead tree on Stevens and asked the council for the okay to remove it. Council consensus was to have the Public Works remove the dead tree.

The bids to replace the water pumps located in the Dam came in considerably higher than budgeted. This is due to the USBR not willing to do some fabrication work for flanges that they had originally offered to do. The Town budgeted \$25,000 and the bid came in at \$33,000.

The Clerk stated that the State Auditor will be onsite in a couple weeks to begin the 2018 Audit.

Police

The Police Chief is working on a grant through Washington State Patrol to purchase a LiveScan fingerprinting system.

An update was provided on the new recruit that is attending the Police Academy. All is going well and we are getting closer to graduation and closer to having him at work in Coulee Dam.

Councilmembers


Keith St. Jeor provided a brief status update on the committee's progress on the sewer connection issue. More information will be provided at the next council meeting.


St. Jeor questioned the Norco bills for a rental of a cylinder. The council would like it looked into more and would like to look into purchasing the cylinder versus paying rental fees.

Councilmembers are in receipt of a letter from USBR regarding the restriction of access to Geezer Beach. Mayor Poch stated that he could send another letter stating the Town's opposition.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Mayor   
Bob Poch

Clerk   
Stefani Bowden