



Minutes
1412th Regular Council Meeting
May 24, 2023

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1412th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Kevin Black, Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall (teleconference) and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden. Attorney Mick Howe was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dale Rey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes Regular Council Meeting – May 10, 2023
 Public Information Meeting – May 15, 2023

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

 Claim Voucher No.'s 40900 through 40919 and EFTs dated May 24, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 102,436.99.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No.'s CPL05.18.23 in the total amount of \$18.00 .

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2023-02, Resolution No. 2023-02 Emergency Declaration for Ferry Ave Sidewalk Project
(m/s St.Jeor/Rey) to approve Resolution No. 2023-02, declaring an emergency. Motion carried.
- b. AB 2023-03, Ordinance No. 808, Amending Salaries and Wages for 2023
A brief discussion was held on the need to increase certain police position wages in order to be competitive with other local departments and for better recruitment and retention of Officers. (m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to adopt Ordinance No. 808. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update
SCJ Alliance Planner Alicia Ayars provided a status update on the SMP noting that there were a couple of things updated in regards to critical areas. The next step in the process is the notice of intent to adopt. The intent to adopt will begin a 60 day review process with the Department of Ecology. With the current schedule, the SMP should be ready for adoption in August. (m/s Rey/Schmidt) to initiate the intent to adopt of the SMP. Motion carried.
- b. TIB 6th Street Improvements Project.
The Clerk read a status update provided by TD&H Engineering. The project has reached substantial completion on May 22nd. The final walkthrough identified multiple punch list items that will need to be addressed most of which were related to the concrete work.
- c. WSDOT Safe Routes to School Grant
The Town has received notification from WSDOT that the Safe Routes to School that Coulee Dam has been selected to receive funding. The official grant award will be issued in the near future. This is a \$392,886 grant to install flashing school zone and crosswalk beacons in multiple locations along with other improvements and updates to lighting and ADA ramps.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

The Lease Committee, Schmidt and Black, are reviewing the draft lease agreement for the theater. A question they are looking to clarify is what recourse the Town would have if the Lessee doesn't complete the \$200,000 in improvements. They will be scheduling a meeting with the potential Lessees in the near future.

Mayor Poch and Councilman Black attended a meeting with BPA to discuss the Feeder 4 replacement project.

Police

The Officer that has been out on leave for a couple of weeks is returning.

Clerk

The Annual Financial Report is complete, and copies have been provided to all of the council members. The Clerk thanked the Finance Committee for their quick review and for providing the signed certification form back to her. The report is due no later than the 30th but the Clerk intends to submit it to the state by the end of the week. She encouraged the council members to review the report and ask questions.

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden