



Minutes
1393rd Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1393rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:01p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Scott Hunter of the Star Newspaper joined via teleconference.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Mayor Poch requested discussion time regarding surplus of town owned property.

Consent Agenda

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

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40164 through 40184 and EFTs dated May 25, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 77,696.17.

Claim Voucher No.'s 40193 through 40215 and EFTs dated June 8, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 59,147.17.

Voided Checks: Voided Lost Check No. 39991 (reissued as Check No. 40183)

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 40185 through 40192, EFT's and direct deposits dated May 13 and 27, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 93,960.54.

Action Agenda

- a. Bowling Alley Lease
Councilman Merv Schmidt, who serves on the lease committee, met with the bowling alley owner to discuss the renewal of the lease. Due to the hardships encountered over the past couple of years caused by the pandemic, Schmidt is recommending no changes to the lease and to keep the rate amount the same as previous lease. (m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to approve the lease as presented. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution No. 2022-05, RBOM Interlocal Agreement (ILA)
The Town of Coulee Dam previously approved the RBOM ILA through Resolution No. 2022-04. Due to a few minor wording changes in the previously approved ILA, a new ILA must be formally approved. (m/s Schmidt/Black) to approve Resolution No. 2022-05 authorizing a new interlocal agreement with the Regional Board of Mayors and repealing Resolution No. 2022-04. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Shooting Range Presentation – Police Officer/Firearms Instructor Watkins
Police Officer Watkins provided a presentation to the council regarding the need for a town-owned shooting range. There are many benefits to developing a town-owned range such as free training offered by CJTC. The police officers are required to receive regular firearms training and qualifications. It is becoming more and more difficult to use the USBR range and is likely not going to be allowed in the future. Watkins cited RCWs and case laws relating to firearms training. One of the requirements is to have officers trained in low-light situations which is typically hours that the USBR range is not accessible.

Officer Watkins asked the council to consider developing a range above Town Hall in an area that some refer to as “Dog Canyon”. This is currently a restricted area that is not open to the public. Any shooting will be in a direction away from the town. A quote of \$3024 was received to move some dirt and to create a berm between the range and the town.

Discussion took place as to what additional items, equipment and work would be needed to develop the range. The council was in support of the range but wanted to make sure it was done well and that the officers received everything that they needed. Watkins stated that for now, just a simple range would be adequate and the department already has the necessary targets. Councilmen Rey inquired about gravel or pavement for the range. The officers prefer dirt when laying on the ground, but gravel would be nice in some areas. Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens stated that the town has some surplus gravel that would work for that purpose. Weed control was also discussed and Steffens didn’t feel it would be a huge burden on the crew to maintain that.

(m/s St. Jeor/Black) to accept the bid from Jackson Construction to excavate and build a berm to develop the shooting range in the amount of \$3024. Motion carried.

- b. Surplus Property
A property owner has requested to purchase a small section of town-owned land that is adjacent to his property. The property is in West Coulee Dam and abuts the bluff. The property will need to be officially surplused in order to sell it. The Clerk is working on the

property description and details.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden notified the council that she will be away on vacation for the next council meeting. As of now, nothing is set for the agenda, so she is requesting that the meeting be moved to the following week. The council agreed to move the meeting date to the 29th.

The Town's main copier/printer/fax lease is expired. The Clerk presented a quote to the council for a new machine, giving lease and purchase options. The council felt it was best to lease a new copier, which includes a maintenance agreement, as had been done previously and told the Clerk it is an administrative issue and to proceed as necessary. Council did not feel that formal action was needed for the issue.

Public Works

Superintendent Steffens thanked Kevin Black and the crew at Nespelem Valley Electric for their quick response and help with the downed power line.

Council

Merv Schmidt asked if there has been any response from the restaurant lessee in regard to installing grease traps. The Clerk has not received any communications from them.

Public Input

Scott Hunter thanked the town for planting the tree across the street from his house. He also wanted to voice that he has a problem with the proposed shooting range. He is concerned about the noise at his house and stated that every property will be affected by it. He asked the council to please consider the residents of Coulee Dam.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden