



Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

Minutes
1317th Regular Council Meeting
June 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Price called the 1317th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:02p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Bob Poch, Marcia Warnecke, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Fred Netzel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

A. 2019-2024 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Price opened the public hearing at 6:03pm to take testimony on the proposed Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Superintendent Mike Steffens gave a brief overview of the plan. With no public comment the hearing was closed at 6:04pm.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Keith St. Jeor moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 37525 through 37541 and EFT's dated June 27, 2018 in the total amount of \$ 501,573.66.

Action Agenda

A. AB 2018-17, Bruce Bartoo Tree Removal Requests

Clerk provided the council with clarification on the Parks and Natural Resources Ordinance and Plan received from the Town Attorney. The Council has the authority to override any recommendations that the Parks Board and/or Tree Committee makes regarding tree removal. Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to allow the removal of two trees requested by Bruce Bartoo with the Town Maintenance Crew performing the work. The property owner will be charged for the replacement trees and the Town Maintenance will plant the trees at Town expense. Motion carried.

B. AB 2018-18, Parks and Natural Resources Board Ordinance Proposed by Bruce Bartoo

Council reviewed email clarification received from the Town Attorney stating that the current Ordinance is sufficient. After discussion, the council felt that there was no need to change the Ordinance therefore no action was taken

C. AB 2018-19, Resolution No. 2018-11, Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Keith St. Jeor moved and Marcia Warnecke seconded to adopt Resolution No 2018-11 approving the 2019-2024 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

D. Planting Strip change request by Frank Andrews/Doris Matt

No additional information or clarification has been received from the property owner as requested. Council reviewed correspondence from the Town Planner stating that the Ordinance was clear that the strips are to be grass. There is no process in place to allow modifications to be made. Suggestions were made as to how to modify Ordinance to create a process for change requests. The Clerk will draft an Ordinance with suggested changes. The council would like a letter sent to Frank Andrews with the status of his request.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

Mayor Price has received complaints regarding the removal of tree stumps. Some concerned citizens feel that the tree stumps should be removed quicker. Superintendent Mike Steffens stated that the stump grinder is borrowed from the National Parks Service so he has to wait until it is convenient for them. Discussion was held regarding the rental of a grinder and the cost that it would be to the town. Steffens suggested that the Mayor submit a work order for the removal so that grinding can begin once time permits and the equipment is available.

Police

Chief Paul Bowden notified the council that the surplus fire truck will be listed on the PropertyRoom.com auction website on June 28th. The auction will run for one week. A minimum bid of \$500 has been established. The link to the auction site will be posted on the

Town's website. Bowden also notified the council of some police vehicles needing to be surplused. He also asked the council on their thoughts and feelings regarding the 2012 Tahoe. It is not a police pursuit rated vehicle and the fuel economy is very bad. The department has no use for it at this time. Councilman St. Jeor was concerned about not having enough vehicles should the Town ever get the USBR contract again. Bowden will look into the possibility of selling the vehicle to another department which would bring in more money than auctioning it on the website. More information will be obtained before any decisions are made.

Councilmembers

Marcia Warnecke asked what the status of the Casino tree removal/replacement request was. Mayor Price stated that he asked Dan Moomaw for plans and nothing has been received yet.

Marcia Warnecke brought up some concerns with the Public Transportation stopping at the park with the children's playground. There has been an on-going problem with drug paraphernalia being found in the park where kids are playing. She has witnessed drug use taking place there herself. Discussion took place as to other potential areas the bus could move their stop to. Warnecke will contact the transportation service and the Police Chief will talk with the drivers in hopes a solution can be worked out.

Keith St. Jeor asked that the council schedule a public hearing on the potential adoption of an ATV Ordinance. The council would like to hold it at the second meeting in July to take public comments and to see if there is enough interest before the council goes through the expense of drafting an Ordinance. The Clerk will have a notice of the meeting mailed out with the next utility billing.

Bob Poch asked the Police Chief about getting striping on Columbia at the corner before the west side of the bridge. The Chief will have to check with WSDOT as it is their responsibility. Suggestions were made to ask about inset reflectors, which would last longer than paint.

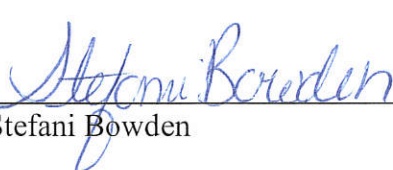
Public Input

Scott Hunter commented that the stump grinding that took place on his property several years ago left a large pile of dirt. This was done after a tree fell during a bad wind storm. He had asked for the tree to be replaced many years ago and it has never been done.

Scott Hunter is not in favor of anyone paving over the planting strips. He doesn't even want to see it as an option to request modifications to planting strips.

Councilmember Bob Poch motioned with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1317 at 7:32p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor  _____
Larry Price

Clerk  _____
Stefani Bowden