



**Minutes  
1339<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting  
July 24, 2019**

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

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1339<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**

Fred Netzel 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 38333 through 38349 and EFT's dated July 24, 2019  
   in the total amount of \$87,808.05.

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
   Claim Voucher No.'s 38330 through 38332 dated July 12, 2019 in the total  
   amount of \$184,027.91

## Action Agenda

- a. AB 2019-13, Resolution No. 2019-08, USDA Loan/Grant Subsequent Funding offer  
An offer from USDA Rural Development has been received for subsequent funding to complete lift stations in the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the West Coulee Dam Lift Station. The total offer of \$1,213,000 consisted of a grant in the amount of \$909,000 and a loan in the amount of \$304,000. The funding offer provided a summary of types of expenditures that could be included in the project. Councilman Fred Netzel asked “what are we buying with the \$759,999” that was allotted for lift stations. Mayor Poch explained that figures were based on previous discussions and studies. The figures are just estimates. Figures were mentioned in the amount of \$250,000 to \$300,000 in the past for lift stations. The clarifier will be modified to temporarily treat Elmer City flow but will be for long term use to Coulee Dam. Netzel asked if the costs included odor control. Mayor Poch and Councilman Keith St. Jeor understood that it did not.

Netzel continued discussions regarding the West Side Lift Station and asked “when did council okay it”. He stated that council has not voted on whether we are getting a new station or rebuilding the existing one. Keith St. Jeor feels that it is a good time to get some “free money” to upgrade the West Side Lift Station since RD is offering a large amount of grant funds. St. Jeor tried to explain to Netzel that approval of the Resolution is just to secure the funds. The project itself will be approved separately in the future. Once actual cost estimates are done, figures can be adjusted.

Fred Netzel moved to request that Varela Engineers are here a week from today to explain the \$759,999 estimate. Discussion continued on the topic. It was suggested that amendments could be made to the fund distribution in the future. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Poch restated that a motion was on the table and called for a second. With no response after two requests for a second, the motion died.

Keith St. Jeor moved with Mervin Schmidt seconding to approve Resolution No. 2019-08, securing the USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Offer. Motion carried with three (3) (Schmidt, Alling, St. Jeor) in favor and one (1) (Netzel) opposed.

- b. AB 2019-14, Restaurant Lease Addendum  
Lessee, Stephanie Guin, has requested the name “The Melody Restaurant” be added to the existing lease agreement. Keith St. Jeor move with Ben Alling seconded to approve Addendum No. 1 to the Restaurant Lease Agreement. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

None

## Staff, Council & Committee Report

### Councilmembers

Fred Netzel asked the Mayor what the status of the appointment of a new Fire Chief. The

Mayor has requested and is waiting on the receipt of an official resignation letter from the previous Chief. As of now, the Mayor is considering the appointment of Robert Jackson as Chief with Brian Warnecke serving as the Assistant Chief.

Netzel asked about the status of the mediation process that was taking place with Elmer City. The Mayor has not received any recent updates from the mediator. He will contact the mediator within the next day or two.

Ben Alling reported that the noise issue brought up during previous meeting has been taken care of.

Keith St. Jeor asked if Charter Communications is still planning on August dates to hold the “pop-up store” to provide information to community members. Clerk provided the council with updated information received from Charter. As of now, the “pop-up store” is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with a cutover date anticipated in mid-October. Several councilmembers asked about the method that Charter will use to notify customers of the dates. That has not been told to us at this point.

Clerk

The town is in receipt of a liquor license renewal for Harvest Foods.

Police

Chief Bowden has begun preparing a draft ordinance regarding dogs and provided a copy to councilmembers for their review. He stated it was just a start and very much in draft form and can easily be changed. Netzel showed some concern over having “two sets of rules” regarding tribal and non-tribal. He asked if the tribe’s rules will be the same. Chief said he has been working with the tribal animal control officer. There is no way to avoid having two sets of rules regarding anything when it comes to tribal regulations versus the town.

**Public Input**

None

**Adjournment**

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Mayor   
Bob Poch

Clerk   
Stefani Bowden