



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

Minutes
1318th Regular Council Meeting
July 25, 2018

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Price called the 1318th 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. Attorney Mick Howe was also present

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

A. ATV Use in the Coulee Dam

Mayor Price opened the public hearing at 6:03p.m. to take public testimony on the potential adoption of an Ordinance to allow ATV use within the town limits of Coulee Dam.

Councilman Keith St. Jeor provided a presentation with information based on the Washington State RCW regarding the use of ATVs in the state. Sample Ordinances and lists of other cities and towns in Washington were presented to the public.

Ron Pulsipher from Electric City spoke in favor of the use of ATVs, noting that more and more cities are allowing it. It is becoming a hobby for many and people are trailering them behind motorhomes while traveling.

Wes (from Wenatchee) rides his ATV though Wenatchee stating that it is a win/win for the city. They can be used to get around the city and to the stores. Some even use ATVs to launch boats. He did emphasize that there are rules to follow and law enforcement will issue tickets for violations.

Coulee Dam resident, Stan St. Jeor, is an advocate for passing the ATV Ordinance. Electric City and Grand Coulee already have them in place and he would like to see continuity between the towns. He has heard some concerns about the noise and dirt/dust issues. ATVs emit a very low decibel noise and they have to pass a safety inspection before they can be

licensed. The cost to operate an ATV is much less than a vehicle. He would like it to be in accordance with state law if the town decides to pass an ordinance.

Resident, Barbara Durnill, is in favor of allowing ATV use. She does not own one but sees no reason to not allow the use. She wanted it to be known that she was speaking from a point of view of someone who does not have one. Her only reservation was the allowed use on the highway, but since that is already allowed through the state, she has no issues.

Coulee Dam Reserve Police Officer, Mike Sullivan, asked if the town is considering the use for just the highway or is it all over town. It was clarified that it already is allowed on the state highway. This would be to allow it throughout the town. He doesn't see any reason why it shouldn't go through.

Resident Terry Warnecke stated that people are already using them to clear snow from driveways and sidewalks. He asked about the Elmer City Access Road and if ATV use would be allowed there. That road is outside town limits; therefore Coulee Dam would have no authority there. That would have to be approved through Okanogan County.

Councilman St. Jeor noted that handicap plates and placards can also be used on ATVs.

Attorney Mick Howe wanted to bring up a potential issue with riding ATVs on the Colville Reservation. Omak passed a similar Ordinance and were notified that ATV use is prohibited on the Reservation. It was recommended that the Police Chief meet with Tribal Police before the adoption of Ordinance. Terry Warnecke suggested the Town be clear on Tribal regulations and what they will and won't allow prior to adopting the Ordinance.

The Clerk was directed to add the ATV Ordinance to the next council agenda as an "action item".

Mayor Price closed the public hearing at 6:40p.m.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Marcia Warnecke moved with Ben Alling seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes Regular Council Meeting – June 27, 2018

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 37553 through 37577 and EFT's dated July 11,
2018 in the total amount of \$ 38,717.44 .

Claim Voucher No.'s 37579 through 37597 and EFT's dated July 25, 2018 in the total amount of \$73,073.14.

Claim Voucher No. 37578 dated July 18, 2018 in the amount of \$119,692.64 and EFT in the amount of \$36.00 dated July 17, 2018.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 37542 through 37552, EFT's and direct deposits dated June 15th and 29th, 2018 in the total amount of \$ 85,494.87.

Bank Fees: June 2018 Invoice Cloud fees.

Action Agenda

A. AB 2018-20, Resolution No. 2018-12, Surplus Police Property

Bob Poch moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to approve Resolution No. 2018-12, declaring certain town property as surplus and directed the Mayor or his designee to sell the property using cost-effective methods and procedures. Motion carried.

Marcia Warnecke asked about the sale of the surplus Fire Truck. Police Chief Bowden informed them that it was sold for \$1400 on the auction site. The buyer has made arrangements for picking it up. Council was pleased with the sale and to hear about the buyer's intention to donate it to a museum.

B. AB 2018-21, Regional Board of Mayor's, AECOM Agreement

Ben Alling moved and Marcia Warnecke seconded to approve the AECOM contract amendment proposed to the Regional Board of Mayor's for the Delano Landfill Groundwater Monitoring. Motion carried.

C. AB 2018-22, Ordinance No. 760, Amending CDMC 12.05.10, Planting Strips

Ordinance No. 760 was presented as requested at the previous council meeting to make modifications to the language regarding what is and is not allowed in planting strips. The Town Attorney drafted the proposed language. Ben Alling stated that there have been numerous incidences where modifications have been made to planting strips, such as widening driveways or adding driveways. Fred Netzel would like to have a more detailed way of handling modifications to the strips showing why one may be approved and another not. Ben Alling moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 760 as written. Motion carried with 3 votes in favor (Alling, Warnecke, St. Jeor) and one against (Netzel). Bob Poch abstained.

D. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Price suggested that Bob Poch be re-appointed as Pro-Tem for another 6 months. After Poch agreed to it, Fred Netzel moved and Ben Alling seconded to appoint Bob Poch as Mayor Pro-Tem for six months. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The 2017 Financial Audit has been completed. The exit conference is scheduled for the upcoming Friday morning. The Clerk asked how many and which councilmembers would like to attend. With only two wishing to attend, it will not constitute a public meeting. Since no other councilmembers wished to attend, Ben Alling and Bob Poch stated that they would attend.

A liquor license renewal has been submitted for Harvest Foods. The Clerk asked that if there were any objections, to please notify her as soon as possible. There were no objections voiced.

Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens has been asked by Grand Coulee if Coulee Dam would like to enter into co-ownership for a new sewer jetter. Steffens and several councilmembers discussed the pro's and con's of co-owning equipment with other entities. The consensus was that the town was not in favor of co-owning the sewer jetter with Grand Coulee.

Councilmembers

Bob Poch wanted to thank whoever got WSDOT to paint the yellow center line on the west end of the bridge. Police Chief said that he left a message for WSDOT but never received a call back confirming that they would do it.

Marcia Warnecke has not made contact with the bus service yet regarding the location of bus stop. Chief Bowden has spoken with a couple of the drivers. Marcia will keep looking into it.


Fred Netzel spoke on attending a meeting with Mayor Price and Elmer City regarding the Wastewater Treatment Project. Mayor felt the meeting was cordial and friendly but stated "we have our differences". The Mayor was not ready to go into details as of yet. Marcia Warnecke moved with Fred Netzel seconding to add the topic of Elmer City and the Wastewater Treatment Project to the next council meeting agenda for discussion. Motion carried.

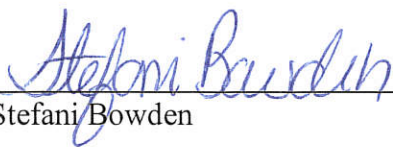
Marcia Warnecke brought up some concerns regarding an irate citizen. Attorney Mick Howe suggested she meet with the Police Chief.

Public Input

None

Councilmember Keith St. Jeor motioned with Bob Poch seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1318 at 7:34p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor 
Larry Price

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden