



Minutes
1396th Regular Council Meeting
August 24, 2022

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Keith St. Jeor called the 1396th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Kevin Black, Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall and Keith St. Jeor. Mayor Bob Poch attended via teleconference.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Paul Bowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Mayor Poch thanked the Public Works crew and the Town Hall staff regarding the recent water outage crisis.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Clerk Stefani Bowden requested to add an action item in regard to grass removal in a town planting strip.

Consent Agenda

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

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40305 through 40322 and EFTs dated August 10, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 73,507.23.

Claim Voucher No.'s 40323 through 40341 and EFTs dated August 24, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 137,984.34.

Voided Checks: Voided Lost Check No. 40179 (re-issued as Check No. 40304)

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 40297 through 40303, EFT's and direct deposits dated July 15 and 29, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 90,898.85.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2022-07, Ferry Ave Sidewalk Project – WSDOT LAA Supplemental Agreement and Prospectus for Additional Funding
(m/s Rey/Hall) to approve the WSDOT LAA Supplemental Agreement and Prospectus for the Ferry Avenue Sidewalk Project additional funding and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement. Motion carried.
- b. AB 2022-08, Restaurant Lease Renewal, Addendum No. 1 – Rio Grande
Councilmen Merv Schmidt and Kevin Black met with the owner of the Rio Grande to review the lease. They are proposing to keep the lease the same, only changing the term dates. Discussion was held regarding the need for grease traps to be installed. Dale Rey questioned if the owner of the restaurant would be responsible for the installation and costs of the grease traps. The committee was suggesting that the Town share the cost with the restaurant owner. Dale Rey made a motion to table the lease for further information and until the grease trap situation is resolved. The motion died for a lack of a second. Merv Schmidt felt that the Town should be at least partially responsible for the grease trap installation. Rey said that the building doesn't have to be a restaurant therefore the owner of the restaurant should be responsible since it relates to his type of business. (m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to approve Addendum No. 1 to the lease agreement. Motion carried with 4 (Black/Schmidt/Hall/St. Joer) in favor and 1 (Rey) opposed.
- c. AB 2022-09, Fire Department Membership
One application was received for a new Fire Department membership. (m/s Schmidt/Rey) to approve Fire Department Membership for Taylor Tidwell. Motion carried.
- d. Planting Strip Grass Removal Request
A request to replace the planting strip grass with rock or pavement was received from 800 Tulip. The council would like to know what the owner would prefer, gravel or pavement, prior to making a decision. They also would like to know what the plans for the tree that exists in that planting strip are. The costs associated would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Public Works

Mike Steffens updated the council on the water outage. The PLC breaker tripped and the call out system failed causing the reservoir to lose 2 million gallons of water. This caused a city-wide water outage for a few hours until pressure could build back up and the reservoir to re-fill. Citizens were asked to conserve water as much as possible for the remainder of the week to allow the reservoir to re-fill. Steffens thanked the citizens for their cooperation and understanding and stated the situation could have been much worse.

Police

Chief Bowden informed the council of the patrol car fire. The 2010 Dodge Charger is a complete loss due to a fire that started under the hood which appeared to be electrical. The City's insurance has proposed a pay-out estimate for approximately \$30,000. (m/s Rey/Black) to accept the insurance settlement offer. Motion carried.

Bowden contacted the dealer that the last patrol car was purchased from. They had a 2021 Ford Explorer with a re-built title, available. Fully equipped, the town could get the vehicle for roughly \$42,000, which would be an additional \$12,000 after the \$30,000 insurance payment. The council was not ready to make a decision and wanted more time to research the need for an additional vehicle.

Committees

Dale Rey is still waiting to hear from the Tribe regarding the Public Safety meeting.

Public Input

None

Adjournment

(m/s Rey/Schmidt) to adjourn the meeting at 6:42p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem


Keith St. Jeor

Clerk


Stefani Bowden