



Minutes
1398th Regular Council Meeting
September 28, 2022

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1398th 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 and Keith St. Jeor. Larry Hall was excused absent.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

Rachelle Baughman from the Chamber of Commerce notified the Town of a \$70,000 grant that they received from Downtown Strategies for developing a five-year strategic plan for downtown revitalization. She is looking for Coulee Dam residents that would be interested in sitting on a board to assist with the development of the plan. Councilman Rey asked what part of Coulee Dam is considered “downtown”. The application was submitted using the section along Roosevelt and Mead Way from the bridge up to the rock church, but the representatives could change that after they complete a visit and walk through of the town. The council felt that the plan could only be beneficial and gave the Chamber the okay to move forward.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-08 was added to the Action Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

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Regular Council Meeting – September 14, 2022

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40392 through 40411 and EFTs dated September 28, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 139,434.24.

Action Agenda

a. Engineering Agreement Amendment No.7 – Varela Engineering

Daniel Cowger of Varela Engineering was present to review the draft amendment to the engineering agreement. He stated that they are still within the original engineering agreement budget. (m/s Schmidt/St. Jeor) to approve Varela Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 7. Motion carried.

In regard to the extra funding request for construction of the west side lift station, USDA would like to have the bids in first to know a more accurate dollar amount needed. Cowger would like to have bids in by mid-November. There could be issues with contractor scheduling and getting equipment in a timely manner so the sooner we get bids in and award a contract, the sooner the project could start, which will hopefully be early spring.

Cowger informed the council that the State Revolving Drinking Water funding is opening up and Varela Engineering would be happy to assist the Town with any applications for water projects that may be needed.

b. Resolution No. 2022-08, Okanogan County All Hazard Mitigation Plan

(m/s Rey/St. Jeor) to approve Resolution No. 2022-08, declaring support and adoption of the Okanogan County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

a. Spring Canyon Cemetery

Mayor Poch reported to the council that a proposal for the Regional Board of Mayor's to take over the operation and maintenance of the Spring Canyon Cemetery was made at the last RBOM meeting. There are some concerns as to where the funds would come from to operate the cemetery as the current financials show that the annual expenditures are exceeding the revenues. After a brief discussion, the council consensus was to not support this idea. RBOM has requested further information from the Lions Club, who is the current operators of the cemetery. Mayor Poch will keep the council updated.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden informed the council that the audit exit has been completed and it was a clean audit. Councilmembers were provided full copies of the report.

Budget time is approaching. Department heads are working on requests to submit to the Clerk.

The Elmer City new treatment plant invoicing issue is being worked on with the attorney. A meeting will be scheduled with the committee, attorney, Mayor and Clerk in the near future to go over all expenditures and details of the current agreement.

A Special Occasion Liquor License application has been submitted to the state by the Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Vintners and Brewers event in the Coulee Dam Ballroom.

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:38p.m. Motion carried.

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