

Minutes
1344th Regular Council Meeting
October 9, 2019

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1344th 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.

Staff Present: Police Chief Paul Bowden and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Merv Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

The scheduled presentation by Coulee Area Parks and Recreation District was cancelled.

Archie Dennis asked if the dangerous dog is in compliance. He has seen it out without a muzzle. Mayor Poch and Police Chief Bowden stated that the dog is in compliance.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

Ben Alling moved with Mervin Schmidt seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 38481 through 38511 and EFT's dated October 9, 2019 in the total amount of \$ 131,801.70

Manual Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 38480 dated September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$300.00

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 38454 , 38454 and 38471 through 38477 , EFT's and direct deposits dated September 13 and 27, 2019 in the total amount of \$90,564.70.

Voided Checks: Check No. 38466 dated September 25, 2019 in the amount of \$ 564,252.04

voided and reissued as Check No's 38478 and 38479 in the total amount of \$564,252.04

Bank Fees: September 2019 Invoice Cloud fees.

Action Agenda

a. Tree Removal Request

A tree removal request has been received from Danny Wyrick at 1016 Central Drive due to tree dying. Merv Schmidt asked if anyone has verified that the tree is dying. From what he could see, it is just a few dead limbs. Schmidt requested an inspection be done before a decision is made. Fred Netzel asked if the tree could be trimmed. Netzel also asked that trees be a topic during budget discussions.

Discussion Agenda

a. 2020 Budget – Workshop Scheduling

Clerk asked the council when they would like to schedule budget workshops. The consensus was to start out with the hour preceding the next council meeting. Keith St Jeor asked that the meeting start at 5:10pm due to work schedule. The first budget meeting will be held at 5:10pm, Wednesday, October 23rd.

b. Tree City USA

Mayor Poch asked the council if they wished to continue with the Tree City USA status. The Town does not currently have an active Tree Committee. The council was in favor of continuing and would like to plant a tree(s) to replace tree(s) that have been removed. It was suggested to replace the tree that had come down during a storm several years ago in front of Scott Hunter's house.

c. City Insurance Provider

The City is in receipt of quotes from the 2 insurance providers available to Washington Cities, CIAW and AWC. The City currently uses CIAW. Last year the insurance rates took a substantial increase so the City chose to send a letter to CIAW notifying them that the City would be looking into receiving quotes from AWC. The quotes for 2020 came in with CIAW substantially lower than AWC but provided less coverage and services. It was suggested that if the city chooses to stay with CIAW, another letter of intent to explore other options be sent to CIAW again so that next year the option to switch is still available. This item will be re-addressed at the next council meeting.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Councilmember Alling, in reference to the proposed Cat Ordinance, asked if microchipping could be added as an optional way to identify cats. Schmidt and Netzel suggested it be added to the Dog Ordinance as well. Netzel also asked if it would be possible to obtain a picture of the cat to attach to the license application.

Committees

Keith St. Jeor reported on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Committee Meeting held with the city's attorney and engineers regarding a request received from Elmer City to provide an estimate of what it would cost them to stay with Coulee Dam for wastewater treatment. Mayor reported to the council that the request is being actively worked on.

Mayor

Mayor Poch notified the council that the official letter has been received from USDA RD, awarding the city a grant in the amount of \$909,000 and a loan of \$304,000 for wastewater lift stations to continue the current Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Public Input

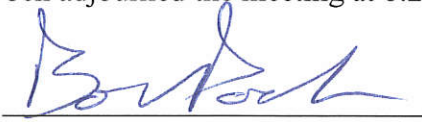
Jacob Wagner of the Star Newspaper informed the council that Scott Hunter told him that he would like a Hawthorn tree planted if the city chooses to replace the tree in front of his house.

Announcements

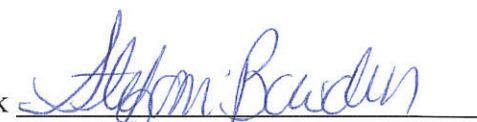
None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Mayor 

Bob Poch

Clerk 

Stefani Bowden