



Minutes
1399th Regular Council Meeting
October 12, 2022

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1399th 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, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Poch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Garbage rates were added under Discussion Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 40419 through 40447 and EFTs dated October 12, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 51,258.80.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 40390 through 40391, 40412 through 40418, EFT's and direct deposits dated September 15, 19 and 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$ 90,913.04.

Action Agenda

a. Fundraising in City Parks

A citizen asked if she could set up a table to sell raffle tickets for a fundraiser in one of the city parks. Mayor Poch informed the council that the city does not currently have any codes related to this type of activity and asked the council what their thoughts were on having a written policy. The council consensus was to not implement a policy and allow citizens the use of the parks.

b. Mead Park Bus Stop

Superintendent Mike Steffens asked if it would be possible to have the bus stop at a different location as it is becoming a problem with passengers destroying the restrooms and park facilities. The restrooms have been closed down in the evenings and weekends. The public works crew spends a lot of time cleaning up trash and human waste in the park. There has been drug paraphernalia found in the parks as well which is concerning with the playground being used and a daycare located directly across the street. According to the Town Attorney, the town cannot prohibit the bus from stopping there but could ask the bus driver to use an alternate location. Discussion was held on possible alternate locations, one being the Casino or along Sixth Street behind the Casino. Dale Rey suggested looking into security cameras. The Police Chief will start researching it and possible grants.

Discussion Agenda

a. City owned parking lots

Mayor Poch reported that a complaint was received from an individual that had fallen in the parking lot in front of the rock church a year ago. The individual is requesting the town fix the parking lot. Superintendent Steffens and Mayor Poch have looked at the area. It has some old patchwork that has caused an uneven surface but is no worse than many other areas. It was suggested to look into vacating the parking lot and turning the maintenance over to the church as maintenance of town parking areas is becoming costly and time consuming. There are a few city-owned parking lots in town that are primarily used for private businesses, such as this one.

b. Budget/Garbage Rates

The Clerk presented a 2023 estimated budget for the garbage fund. Due to the increase in tipping fees and contractor fees, the rates will need to be increased in order to balance the budget. The Clerk presented a draft resolution for garbage rates, indicating that a 14.25% increase is needed to cover the shortfall. Discussion was held on the idea of the town and/or Regional Board of Mayor's owning and operating their own garbage truck. The Town's are currently under contract so it would be a few years before that could be a possibility.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden informed the council that she may not be available for the November 9, 2022 council meeting. The Council chose to move the meeting to Monday, November 14, 2022.

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:47p.m.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden