

Minutes
1363rd Regular Council Meeting
October 14, 2020
(TELECONFERENCE)

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1363rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:01p.m. via teleconference.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Mervin Schmidt, Dale Rey, Larry Hall and Keith St. Jeor.

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

Citizens Present: Kasey Garvin, Scott Hunter with The Star Newspaper.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Councilman Fred Netzel requested discussion time regarding the Animal Control Ordinance.

Consent Agenda

Keith St. Jeor moved with Mervin Schmidt seconding to approve the consent agenda. Fred Netzel asked if anyone had corrections to the minutes with no response. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 39122 through 39155 and EFT's dated October 14, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 52,624.22.

Claim Voucher No.'s 39115 dated September 28, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 1,364.32 and EFT dated October 13, 2020 in the amount of \$ 126.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 39098 through 39099, 39116 through 39121, EFT's and direct deposits dated September 15 and 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$ 95,838.01 .

Bank Fees: September 2020 Invoice Cloud fees in the amount of \$ 87.40 .

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2020-14, Ordinance No. 788, Budget Amendment
Keith St. Jeor moved and Mervin Schmidt seconded to adopt Ordinance No.788, amending the 2020 budget. Motion carried.
- b. AB 2020-15, Resolution No. 2020-04, Surplus Ambulance
Dale Rey asked if the council will ever want to re-start the ambulance service. Grand Coulee is currently providing ambulance service to the Town of Coulee Dam. Councilmen Rey and Netzel questioned if the town had a formal written agreement for Grand Coulee to provide ambulance services with the assumption that such an agreement didn't exist. Councilman St. Jeor and the Clerk stated that there is a written agreement in place. Keith St. Jeor moved with Dale Rey seconding to approve Resolution No. 2020-04, declaring the ambulance as surplus. Motion carried.
- c. Garvin Coffee Stand – Pre-Application
Before Mayor Poch began discussion on the topic, Councilmen Rey reminded the council that he has formally recused himself from any involvement of the topic. Mayor Poch briefly reviewed the application that was received to place a coffee stand on Town-owned property and asked the council to review the two letters that were submitted from the Police Chief and the Risk Manager of the Town's insurance provider. Applicant Kasey Garvin joined into the conversation wanting to address the concerns that the Police Chief had. Garvin also told the Mayor that she was told by the Clerk that the pre-application process would not be taken to council as it was an administrative process. The Clerk explained that due to some unusual circumstances affecting the application, the Mayor felt like the council needed to be involved.

Discussion was held on the potential pedestrian and traffic safety hazards, parking issues, and sewer connections at the proposed site. The insurance provider is recommending a formal engineered traffic study be conducted at the location. Garvin stated that she has met with the Public Works Superintendent, Mike Steffens regarding the sewer connection issue. She is proposing a gray water catchment system.

The council would like more information regarding the traffic study before approving the application. The Clerk will contact the Risk Manager for recommendations of an engineer.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Animal Control Ordinance
Fred Netzel and Dale Rey have been working on the cat section of the ordinance and asked the council where they would like to go from there. Mayor Poch stated that the dog ordinance is currently in the attorney's hands for review and suggested it be put on hold until after the attorney's review. Keith St. Jeor has some comments regarding potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs and following RCW. Animal license fees were also briefly discussed.
- b. Comprehensive Plan Update
The Clerk gave a brief update on the status of the plan. The Planners are actively working on the council's requested changes and should be able to provide the updated draft plan soon.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The council laptops/tablets are in and the Clerk asked the councilmembers to make an appointment to pick them up.

Councilmembers

Mervin Schmidt asked what the status of the new restaurant is. No information has been provided to the Town.


Fred Netzel asked where the Mayor was at with the restaurant roof repairs and has it been fixed. Mayor stated he is still working on the bid situation.

Dale Rey asked if the other coffee stand proposal has come forward yet with an application. Mayor responded with “no”.

Adjournment

Mayor Bob Poch adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden