



Town of Coulee Dam
Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

Minutes
1304th Regular Council Meeting
October 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1304th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: David Schmidt, Gayle Swagerty, Duane Johnson (via telephone), Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

David Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Gayle Swagerty moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
 Claim Voucher No.'s 36926 through 36967, and EFT's dated
 October 11 & 18, 2017 in the total amount of \$209,492.73

 Manual Claim Voucher No.'s 36900, 36925, and Manual EFT's
 for Water Loan Payment and background check fees

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 36916 through 36923 EFT's and direct deposits dated September 15th and 29th, 2017 in the total amount of \$79,397.87

Bank Fees: August & September 2017 Invoice Cloud fees

Treasurers Report: 3rd Qtr 2017 Financial Report

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2017-020, Resolution No. 2017-08, Regional Board of Mayors 2018 Budget
David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to approve Resolution No.2017-08, 2018 Regional Board of Mayors Budget. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- A. Interlocal Agreement, Colville Tribal Planning
Mayor Wilder briefly reviewed some concerns regarding the adopted Interlocal Agreement with Colville Tribal Planning, most specifically relating to tribal properties meeting Town of Coulee Dam codes.

- B. Casino Parking Lot Lease
The 1995 Lease Agreement with the Casino has never been updated. Mayor feels that the lease amounts and conditions need to be reviewed. Currently there are some sewer line, fencing, grease trap and utility access issues relating to the Casino. The State also has issues/concerns relating to the placement of a propane tank.

Ken "Butch" Stanger with Colville Tribes was present to address the questions and concerns relating to the parking lot lease. The lease was initially put into place as a way for the Casino to "give back" to support emergency/law enforcement services, street maintenance and other public services. Mr. Stanger stated that the Casino does not really use the parking lots much. The Tribe made some improvements and repaved the parking lots a few years ago at their expense.

In regards to the grease trap issue, Stanger reassured the council that it will be taken care of. Mayor Wilder and Mr. Stanger will arrange a meeting to discuss possible resolutions to the concerns/problems.

Dan Moomaw with Colville Tribes also spoke in regards to the Casino concerns. During the remodel of the Casino, storage of building supplies was an issue so they thought that the storage container placed in the parking lot was a good solution. Permitting took some time and he apologized to the council for that. The fence alongside the Casino was placed to hide transformers. Mr. Moomaw stated that they thought they were doing the Town a favor and didn't realize it would cause a problem. Mayor Wilder said that the fence has caused some complaints due to traffic/pedestrian visibility on the corner. It is a safety concern. Moomaw feels there was a lot of miscommunication and is willing to

keep open communication going. Mayor Wilder asked to have a meeting with Mr. Moomaw as well to discuss solutions.

C. Elmer City Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

A copy of the Wastewater PER that Belsby Engineering drafted for Elmer City has been received by the town. Mayor Wilder has met with the Town Attorney regarding the PER and the contractual agreement that Coulee Dam and Elmer City have for Wastewater Treatment. It appears that Elmer City is intending on building a wastewater treatment facility of their own in the future. Councilman David Schmidt noted that the Town should be concerned regarding the remaining years left on the agreement with Elmer City. There are still several years remaining of the agreement in which Elmer City is bound to Coulee Dam's wastewater treatment facility. It will take some time, possibly years, for Elmer City to build a new treatment plant of their own.

D. 2018 Budget

Mayor Wilder reminded the council that we are in budget season. He will be creating some graphs and diagrams to aid in the process.

E. Varela Engineering Update

Daniel Cowger of Varela and Associates provided the council with an update on the wastewater treatment project. The piping has come in and is installed, formwork is being completed. Project is progressing.

The Water Model is still being worked on.

The engineers are finalizing the sidewalk improvement plan for council review in the near future.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

A copy of the 3rd Quarter Financial Report has been provided to all councilmembers and department heads.

2018 Budget Workshops need to be scheduled. The council decided to meet for a workshop on November 1, 2017 at 5:00.

Clerk notified the council that the State Auditor will be here for the next few weeks. The Clerk's time will be very much consumed with the Audit and Budget next week.

Labor Union Negotiations will be starting in the near future.

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens reported on a failing and unsafe transformer at the museum. Cost for replacement could be upwards of \$20,000.

Police
None

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty reported that there was no regular Parks and Natural Resources Board meeting earlier in the day due to lack of quorum. Planner Jen Dial was here today and reported that she is making good progress on the parks element of the comprehensive plan.

Swagerty has been attending meetings with Varela & Associates regarding the sidewalk plan.

Swagerty informed the council that the Washington Trails Association worked on Candy Point Trail over the weekend. They had a great turn-out and made good progress with the repairs.

Announcements

None

Executive Session

None

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Councilmember Keith St. Jeor motioned with Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1304 at 7:25p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden