



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

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
October 22, 2018

5:15 p.m. Special Council Meeting

Mayor Price called the Special Council Meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 5:17 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Bob Poch, Marcia Warnecke, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Rich Coffey and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Scott Hunter from the Star Newspaper was also in attendance.

Wastewater Treatment Lift Stations

A memo containing two options for the Town of Coulee Dam to install pumps and lift stations to receive and treat Elmer City waste was provided by Varela Engineers. Councilman Fred Netzel asked the council if they are only going to consider the two options or is there is a third option. Keith St. Jeor firmly stated that the memo contained two options. Bob Poch stated yes, only two options are being presented and should not preclude the council from considering options, but these are the two that the council asked the engineer to provide.

After discussion and a general consensus from the majority of the councilmembers it was clear that Option No. 1 was the preferred choice.

Bob Poch moved and Marcia Warnecke seconded to proceed with Option No. 1 and direct the engineer to begin seeking funding from USDA Rural Development. Motion carried.

Fred Netzel asked if the decision of Option 1 is only pertaining to the east side or is the council including the west side lift station. Keith St. Jeor feels it is worthwhile to explore the option of including west side for potential funding. Funding may or may not be granted and at that point the council can choose whether or not to accept it. Keith St. Jeor moved with Bob Poch seconding to proceed with seeking funding for the west side lift station with Rural Development. Motion carried.

Council continued to have discussion on odor control. The engineering report that was completed for the west side lift station was asked about and referred to as well.

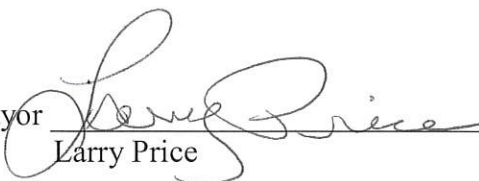
2019 Budget

The anticipated revenues and expenditures were presented for the Electric Fund. The revenues do not support the expenditures. A large amount of carryover funds have been used over the past few years and are now completely depleted. An Electric Rate increase was discussed. The Clerk provided a spreadsheet with suggested rates, noting that Coulee Dam is considerably lower than any other electric utility in the area. The Clerk was asked to recalculate the figures with a few more options to see if it would balance out the budget.

Another Budget workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 5:15pm.

Adjournment

Bob Poch moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adjourn the Special Council meeting at 6:10pm. Motion carried.

Mayor 
Larry Price

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden