



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

**Minutes**  
**1290<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**October 26, 2016**

**6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Wilder called the 1290<sup>th</sup> 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 and Keith St. Jeor.  
Excused Absent: Ben Ailing

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Duane Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

None

**Agenda updates & modifications**

Clerk added Agenda Bill AB-2016-022 to the Action Agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

David Schmidt moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes                      Regular Council Meeting – October 12, 2016  
   Budget Workshop – October 12, 2016

Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 36166 through 36192 and EFT's dated  
October 26, 2016 in the total amount of \$50,358.20

## Action Agenda

- A. AB 2016-020, Resolution No. 2016-012, Surplus Electric Crane  
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-012, declaring an electric crane as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with J.J. Auctioneers to sell the property. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2016-021, Fire Department Membership  
Duane Johnson moved and David Schmidt seconded to accept fire department membership for Tyler Donn. Motion carried.
- C. AB 2016-017 (2) , License Agreement to Utilize USBR Land for Trails, Resolution No. 2016-010  
David Schmidt provided some history on the previous agreement and the requirement to perform tunnel inspections every five years. This is something our town engineer could do while onsite for little to no cost. David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-010 authorizing the Mayor to execute the 25-Year license with the USBR for use of land for trails. Motion carried.
- D. AB 2016-022, Arbor Day Event Proclamation  
Gayle Swagerty provided background on the need to hold an annual Arbor Day Event in order to qualify for the Tree City USA status. An Arbor Day Event will take place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce meeting/lunch. Educational tree care information will be provided at the event. David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the Arbor Day Event Proclamation and authorize the Mayor to administer said proclamation on October 27, 2016. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

None

## Staff, Council & Committee Report

### Mayor

A recap of the October 25<sup>th</sup> budget workshop was provided stating that no decisions were made. Mayor handed out a memo to councilmembers regarding a mission statement idea to think about and use for guidance during budgeting process.

Recovery of expenses and town incurred sales tax on the Casino Project were brought to the council's attention. Tribes are exempt from sales tax, but the question of whether or not the town could recoup town incurred sales tax expense for materials for the project was asked. Councilman St. Jeor feels that it is an administrative expense to the project and not a direct tax to the Tribe, therefore the town should be able to recoup it. The water flow for fire protection is an on-going discussion and issue.

An employment offer has been made to an Entry Level Police Officer.

Mayor showed an example of a Halloween treat bag with candy and glow stick that the Police and Fire Department will be handing out to elementary children at the school. A safety presentation will be provided by a Police Officer at the same time.

#### Clerk

Clerk notified that council that she will be away at training for the following two days but will be available by email if anything is needed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting in November falls the night before Thanksgiving. In the past, this meeting has been rescheduled. The council chose to hold the regular council meeting on the next business day following the holiday which will be Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

#### Councilmembers

Councilmember Swagerty reported on the help received from the Washington Trails Association on the clean-up of Candy Point Trail. Their help was much appreciated. A thank you letter will be sent from the Mayor.

Councilmember St. Jeor reminded the council that the old air handlers on the community building roof need to be removed.

#### Announcements

None

#### Executive Session

None

#### Public Input

Carol Netzel asked for clarification on the Casino issue. Mayor gave a brief re-cap.

Bruce Bartoo asked if there was a tree committee. Several people answered "yes" and that it is a 4 person committee. He quoted Ordinance #726 regarding application for tree removal. It states that a decision will be provided within 30 days of making application. He, along with Mrs. Johnson, made application some time ago with no response of a decision. Members from the board that were present noted that the process and application were not completed at the time the requests were made. Those have now been completed and Mr. Bartoo should make proper application using the adopted process.

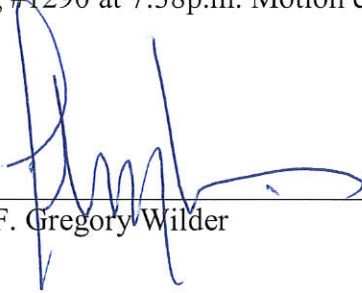
Councilmember David Schmidt asked to consider a public meeting on streets and sidewalks. He was recently enlightened on a serious drug problem within the town and would like to see a public meeting on the issue as it needs to be addressed. This led to a lengthy public discussion on the subject of policing.

Ed Bartley informed the council and citizens on what he has done to start a "Block Watch" program. When he has spoken to people, he has found out that many are not interested and cannot seem to find people willing to help.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember David Schmidt motioned with Gayle Swagerty seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1290 at 7:38p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



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F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



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Stefani Bowden