



Minutes
1422nd Regular Council Meeting
November 8, 2023

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1422nd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Merv Schmidt, Dale Rey, and Keith St. Jeor. Kevin Black and Larry Hall were excused absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

- a. 2024 Revenue Sources/Ad Valorum Taxes
Mayor Poch opened the public hearing at 6:01pm to take public comment on the 2024 revenue sources/ad valorum taxes. With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:02pm.
- b. 2024 Preliminary Budget
Mayor Poch opened the public hearing at 6:02pm to take public comment on the 2024 Preliminary Budget. With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:03pm.

Public Input

NNDF Executive Director, Jordan Ruiz, inquired about the possibility of purchasing the community building, but was mainly interested in the old theater area. NNDF is currently located in the old Bank of America building. Their lease will expire soon, and they are looking for a more permanent office space, ideally to purchase. The council was not in favor of selling the community building but would consider a long-term lease. The council asked Ms. Ruiz to put together a proposal and remodel plans of the building for the lease committee, which consists of Councilmen Black and Schmidt, to review and negotiate.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

(m/s Schmidt/Rey) to approve the consent agenda contingent upon review of the vouchers by the finance committee. Motion carried.

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 Budget Workshop – November 1, 2023

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No. 41215 through 41243 and EFTs dated November 8, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 130,833.87.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 41207 through 41214, EFT's and direct deposits dated October 13 and 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$104,460.60.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2023-10, Ordinance No. 812, 2024 Ad Valorum Taxes
(m/s Rey/St. Jeor) to adopt Ordinance No. 812, setting Ad Valorum Taxes for 2024. Motion carried.

- b. Teamsters Labor Union Agreement
The 2024-2026 labor union agreement has been negotiated and accepted by the union members. The proposed agreement includes a 5.5%, 4.5%, and 4.5% wage increase for the three years. (m/s St. Jeor/Rey) to approve the 2024-2026 Teamsters Labor Union Agreement. Motion carried.

- c. AB 2023-11, Ordinance No. 813, Setting Salaries and Wages for 2024
(m/s Schmidt/Rey) to adopt Ordinance No. 813, setting salaries and wages for 2024. Motion carried.

- d. Ordinance No. 814, 2023 Budget Amendment
(m/s St. Jeor/Rey) to adopt Ordinance No. 814, amending the 2023 budget with modifications to add an additional \$5,000 expenditure to the wastewater fund for the purchase of a UPS battery back-up system. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda


- a. 11/22/2023 Council Meeting Date Change
Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the council choose to move the November 22, 2023 council meeting to Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm with a budget workshop beginning that same evening at 5:00pm if needed.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden