



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

Minutes
1291st Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 2016

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1291st regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Gayle Swagerty, Ben Alling, and Keith St. Jeor.
Excused Absent: David Schmidt and Duane Johnson

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

A. 2017 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Wilder opened the hearing at 6:02pm to take public comment on the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Rules of conduct were reviewed stating that each individual will be limited to five minutes of speaking.

Fred Netzel provided the Councilmembers, Mayor, and Clerk with written comment regarding the street department and an outline of a street budget he would like proposed. He stated it reflected some ideas he had to save money in the street fund.

Mark Igo wanted to address some police issues. Mayor Wilder reminded him that this was a budget hearing and only comments relating to budget will be heard at this time. His concerns would be addressed during the regular meeting.

Chamber of Commerce President Peggy Nevsimal reviewed the dollars spent for tourism in 2016 and requested the council consider the same dollar amount for 2017.

Councilmember St. Jeor suggested the town consider adding a fee to the utility bills to help with streets, police, fire, etc. Many cities and towns do it.

Mayor addressed the RCW and the town codes relating to sidewalks. By RCW, property owners are responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement of abutting sidewalks.

Councilman Alling reminded citizens of the loss in revenues when the car license fees were dropped. Should the town consider becoming a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and add a fee on to car registration renewals?

Councilwoman Swagerty thinks an LID plan seems to be the fairest idea to fund sidewalks/streets.

Mayor reminded the council and citizens that there are limits as to what can be done when using grant dollars such as handicap requirements.

Council asked the Public Works Superintendent to explain the need for the proposed snow plow. Steffens stated that a new plow would make plowing much more efficient and would save on personnel costs. The old plow does work, but only one of the crew members is trained on operation which creates a burden on the one and the town accrues overtime costs.

With no further public comment, the hearing closed at 6:50pm

B. 2017 Ad Valorem/Property Tax Revenue

Mayor Wilder opened the hearing at 6:50pm. The Clerk presented the dollar figures provided by Okanogan County indicating the 1% increase. Fred Netzel asked to explain the 1% increase. Mayor stated that it is the maximum amount of increase the county could levy for the town without a vote. If the Town chooses not to accept the increase, the increase will still be in affect but the funds will remain with the county. With no further comment, the hearing closed at 6:57pm

Presentation

A. Shoreline Master Program

R.J. Lott with SCJ Alliance was present to provide an update on the Shoreline Master Program stating that it was essentially 95% complete. A draft copy was provided to the councilmembers for review. Department of Ecology (DOE) funded the state mandated project. The plan has been submitted to DOE for approval and Mr. Lott is hopeful to return in December to finalize it.

Public Input

Mark Igo feels the town needs a bigger and more creative outreach regarding the drug culture in the area. It is more than what the town can fund. Mayor Wilder has been looking into and working on a Memorandum of Understanding for additional help.

Fred Netzel informed the council that he is holding a public event regarding sidewalks. Would like to request 10 minutes of the council's time at the next meeting to provide a report on the meeting.

Ed Bartley in the process of setting a date for a community meeting regarding a block watch program and address public misconceptions on what police can and can't do.

Larry Price will be doing a ride along with Wenatchee Task Force to get an idea on what goes on.

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Gayle Swagerty moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 36201 through 36234 and EFT's dated November 9, 2016 in the total amount of \$ 122,305.98

Claim Voucher No. 36200 in the amount of \$ 50.00 dated October 31, 2016.

Voided Check: Check No. 36122 in the amount of \$321.54.

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2016-023, Ordinance No. 742, 2017 Property Tax Levy
Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 742, accepting the 2017 Property Tax Levy and Levy Certification as written. Motion carried.

- B. AB 2016-024, Ordinance No. 743, 2017 Salaries and Wages
Mayor Wilder reviewed the proposed salaries and wages for 2017. Increases are based on the annual CPI increase of 1% with the exception of the Police Department salaries. The proposed ordinance reflects police wages to be in line with Grand Coulee, which was not a substantial increase to the current Coulee Dam salaries. Ben Alling moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 743 as written and directed the Clerk to place on next agenda for adoption. Motion carried.

C. AB 2016-025 , Ordinance No. 744, 2017 Budget

Ben Alling moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 744, adopting the 2017 Budget as presented and directed the Clerk to place on the next agenda for adoption. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Department of Licensing Lease

The current lease for office space that the Department of Licensing uses is expiring December 31, 2016. A draft lease renewal was prepared by the Department of Enterprise Services for the town to review. The lease agreement has been reviewed by the Town's attorney. The DOL would like to give up one of the 3 offices that are currently being used, which would free up the space for the Town to potentially rent out to someone else. The proposed rental amount reflects CPI increases since the date of execution of the current lease. Keith St. Jeor moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the lease agreement and authorize the Mayor execute said lease. Motion carried.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Public Works

Superintendent Steffens gave an update on sidewalks. A town-wide survey will be completed with GPS provided of the areas of liability. A quote will be provided on areas that can be ground, repaired, or replaced.

The emergency tree trimming work for electrical has been completed on the Fiddle Creek area.

The surplus crane will go to auction in two weeks. A significant amount of interest has already been shown.

Clerk

Clerk received a call from an individual interested in the movie theater. He will be contacting the public works department to arrange a time to look at the facility.

Announcements

None

Executive Session

None

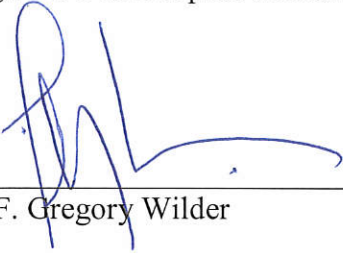
Public Input

Fred Netzel asked if the snow plow that is included in the proposed budget will be used in other departments and if so could the cost be spread out.

Adjournment


Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1291 at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden