

Minutes
1383rd Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2021
(Teleconference)

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1383rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:03p.m. via teleconference.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Hearings

- a. 2022 Ad Valorem/Property Tax Revenue
Mayor Poch opened up the public hearing to take comments regarding the proposed Ad Valorem/Property Tax revenue for 2022 at 6:05pm. With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:05pm.

- b. 2022 Preliminary Budget Hearing
Mayor Poch opened the public hearing to take comments on the preliminary budget for 2022 at 6:05pm. With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:06pm

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

(m/s Schmidt/ St. Jeor) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes Regular Council Meeting – October 27, 2021
 Budget Workshops – October 27, 2021 and November 3, 2021

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
 Claim Voucher No.'s 39811 through 39833, and EFT's dated November 10, 2021 in the total amount of \$ 49,366.77.

Payroll: Payroll Check No.'s 39804 through 39810, EFT's and direct deposits dated October 15 and 29, 2021 in the total amount of \$86,534.98.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2021-11, Ordinance No. 798, Setting Salaries and Wages for 2022
(m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to adopt Ordinance No. 798, setting salaries and wages for 2022.
Motion carried.
- b. AB 2021-12, Resolution No. 2021-04, Establishing Electric Utility Rates
(m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to approve Resolution No. 2021-04, establishing electric utility rates.
Motion carried.
- c. AB 2021-13, Ordinance No. 799 Ad Valorem/Property Taxes for 2022
(m/s Schmidt/Hall) to adopt Ordinance No. 799 , property tax levy for 2022. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Update
Varela Engineer Kurt Holland was not available to join the meeting to provide an update on the construction status. Mayor Poch asked the Clerk to fill the council in on the recent emails received from Varela Engineering. Holland has indicated that there has been no response from MSI and that he is working on getting quotes from other contractors to make the needed repairs to the valve box.
- b. COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate – Revised Draft Policy
A revised draft vaccination policy was provided to the council for review. The revised version eliminates that requirement for volunteers and contractors to be vaccinated. All unvaccinated individuals would have to follow current state mandates at a minimum but stricter safety precautions could be imposed at the town’s discretion.

Councilman St. Jeor asked what the requirements and accommodations would be required for the unvaccinated. Councilman Hall is strongly for the vaccination mandate stating that a Police Officer’s job is to “protect and serve”. They are not protecting the elderly by going into houses unvaccinated. Council Schmidt feels that employees shouldn’t be “threatened” to lose employment by not being vaccinated. He stated that he believes in the vaccine but doesn’t feel it should be forced.

St. Jeor wants to know what the accommodations will be before making a decision on the policy.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The Clerk asked the council about moving the next council meeting to the Monday following Thanksgiving since the regularly scheduled meeting falls on the evening before Thanksgiving. It was agreed upon by all in attendance to move the November 24th meeting to Monday the 29th.

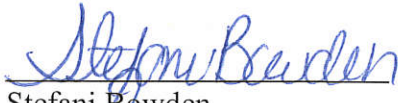
Public Input

There was no response when Mayor Poch asked again if any members of the public wished to speak.

Adjournment

(m/s Schmidt/ St. Jeor) to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden