



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

**Minutes**  
**1306<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 27, 2017**

**6:30 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Wilder called the 1306<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Council members present: Gayle Swagerty, Ben Alling, Keith St. Jeor and David Schmidt (via telephone). Duane Johnson was absent.

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. 2018 Revenue Sources/Ad Valorem Tax Revenue

Mayor Wilder opened the public hearing at 6:31pm to take public testimony on the 2018 Revenue Sources/Ad Valorem Taxes. With no public comment, the hearing closed at 6:33pm.

b. 2018 Final Budget

Mayor Wilder opened the hearing at 6:34pm to take public testimony on the Final Budget for 2018. Councilmember Alling stated that nothing looked any different than what the council had already discussed at previous meeting. Keith St. Jeor questioned the \$60,000 expenditure for the non-potable water meter. Clerk stated that the item was not included in the budget figures. St. Jeor also inquired as to why there is a change being proposed for income eligible utility customers. He asked why the rates are being raised for some customers but lowering for others. Clerk reminded him that the rate changes are on the agenda for Action and can be discussed further at that time. With no public comment, the hearing closed at 6:46pm

**Public Input**

None

### **Agenda updates & modifications**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Gayle Swagerty moved with Ben Alling seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes                      Regular Council Meeting – November 8, 2017  
   Budget Workshop – November 8, 2017 & November 20, 2017

Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
   Claim Voucher No.'s 37021 through 37039, and EFT's dated  
   November 22 and 27, 2017 in the total amount of \$342,709.54

### **Action Agenda**

- A. AB 2017-023, Ordinance No. 751, 2018 Property Tax Revenue/Levy Certification  
Keith St. Jeor moved and Ben Alling seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 751, 2018 Property Tax Revenue. Motion carried.
  
- B. AB 2017-024, Ordinance No 752, Amending Business & Occupation Tax  
Ben Alling moved with Gayle Swagerty seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 752, amending the Town B&O tax rate charged on its own utilities. Motion carried with 3 in favor (Alling, Swagerty and Schmidt) and 1 opposed (St. Jeor).
  
- C. AB 2017-025, Resolution No. 2017-10, 2018 Electric Utility Rates  
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2017-10 setting 2018 Electric Utility Rates. Tie vote with 2 in favor (Swagerty, Schmidt) and 2 opposed (Alling, St. Jeor). Motion passed with Mayor Wilder breaking the tie.
  
- D. AB 2017-026, Resolution No. 2017-11, 2018 Garbage Rates  
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2017-11 setting 2018 Garbage Rates. Tie vote with 2 in favor (Swagerty, Schmidt) and 2 opposed (Alling, St. Jeor). Motion passed with Mayor Wilder breaking the tie.
  
- E. AB 2017-027, Ordinance No. 753, 2018 Budget  
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 753 as written. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Agenda**

- A. 2018 Budget  
Gayle Swagerty asked about the Senior Meals Program and the information obtained from MRSC regarding the Town's ability to contribute. The Town cannot donate funds.

If a contract was in place that shows the funds are used specifically for the poor or infirm, than the town could possibly contribute to the program. The Clerk will research more and look into some contract language.

B. Measurement of ERUs

Mayor is working on calculations to determine more accurate ERUs using potable versus non-potable water usage. Water usage reports have been received from Grand Coulee for the USBR.

Gayle Swagerty asked if it will become a Department of Health issue in the future regarding the non-potable water and the potential that a kid, or anyone, could drink out of a hose not knowing it isn't treated drinking water.

Mayor Wilder stated that maybe the "orange book" is a good way to determine more accurate ERUs.

**Staff, Council & Committee Report**

Public Works

Applications have been received for the open Public Works Utility I position.

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty stated that the Tree City USA application has been submitted and the DNR Maintenance and Management Grant's biannual report has been submitted. A Public Hearing will need to be scheduled early in 2018 for the DNR Grant Project. \

**Announcements**

None

**Executive Session**

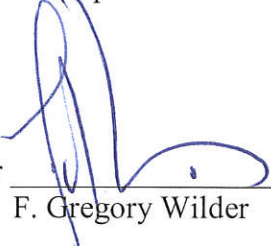
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**Public Input**

None

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1306 at 7:25p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_  
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk  \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefani Bowden