



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

Minutes
1292nd Regular Council Meeting
November 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1292nd 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, Ben Alling, and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens, Acting Police Chief Larry Hall, Police Sergeant Paul Bowden, Reserve Police Officer Mike Sullivan, Entry-Level Police Officer Jordan Ulrich and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gayle Swagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

A. 2017 Final Budget

Mayor Wilder opened the hearing at 6:03pm to take public comment on the 2017 Final Budget. A couple of changes were noted to the budget including the requested funds for a new snowplow. Research determined that the new truck/snowplow will be used in other utility departments in the non-winter seasons, therefore the cost can be distributed amongst all funds utilizing it. The cost savings of \$34,000 from the initial snowplow estimate will be shifted to sidewalk repair. This would bring the sidewalk repair line item up to \$54,000.

Councilman Keith St. Jeor acknowledge the town staff and wanted to “give credit where due” regarding the receipt of a TIB grant for street projects.

Councilman Ben Alling addressed the previous discussion of having the town crew repair sidewalks, which was initially requested in the amount of \$20,000.

Citizen Jack Barnard questioned the need for the new snowplow. He had visited the public works shop and took inventory of current equipment. Mayor stated that discussion had taken place in the previous budget hearing but asked Superintendent Mike Steffens to explain again.

Citizen Fred Netzel wants “serious thought” to build a reserve fund for sidewalks. Councilman Schmidt volunteered to bring the subject up once a month.

Councilwoman Gayle Swagerty would like to have a “vision” plan drafted.

With no further public comment, the hearing closed at 6:41pm

Public Input

- a. Fred Netzel – Community Sidewalk Meeting report
Fred Netzel gave a brief report on the community sidewalk meeting that was held in Electric City on November 21st.

Agenda updates & modifications

TIB grant acceptance and Fire Department Membership were added to “Action Agenda”.

Consent Agenda

David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.’s 36235 through 36255 and EFT’s dated November 28, 2016 in the total amount of \$66,793.83

Voided Checks: Check No. 36137 in the amount of \$50.00 issued on 10/12/2016

Lost Check No. 35769 dated 04/16/16 was reissued with check No. 36256 on 11/28/16

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2016-024, Ordinance No. 743, 2017 Salaries and Wages
Keith St. Jeor motioned and Ben Alling seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 743 setting 2017 Salaries and Wages as written. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2016-025 , Ordinance No. 744, 2017 Budget
Gayle Swagerty moved and Duane Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 744, setting the 2017 Budget as written. Motion carried.

C. Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant

Clerk stated that the award letter and funding documents had been received earlier in the day for the TIB grant for the street project near the school. Ben Alling moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to accept the agreement and authorized the Mayor to sign and execute the documents. Motion carried.

D. Fire Department New Membership

An application for new membership to the fire department was received just prior to the council meeting. David Schmidt moved and Ben Alling seconded to approve membership for Charles Pope. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Police Updates

Mayor Wilder notified the council that he has been negotiating with the Douglas and Okanogan County Sheriff for additional policing services.

New hire, Jordan Ulrich, was introduced to the council and public. He will be attending the academy in Spokane in February.

Acting Chief Larry Hall recapped the idea of contracting with the counties. He has also been meeting with Grand Coulee Police Chief once a week just to share information with each other. Hall has talked with the Task Force. They do not share any information. They work on their own to avoid leaking any critical information.

Hall is working on a flyer to go out with utility bills to keep the public more informed. Citizen Ed Bartley is in process of forming a block watch program. Hall referred to Bartley as a "big asset" to the town and the department.

Mayor reported on the needed updates to the computers/technology.

Identity theft by credit cards is an increasing issue. Block Watch program will be assigned a designated phone line.

Mayor took a moment to introduce the entire current police staff the council and public.

B. Policies, Implementations, and Opinions

Mayor reminded council to review the Open Public Meetings Act.

C. TIB Street Project

As addressed earlier in the public hearing and council meeting, the Mayor recapped on which street project was and which one wasn't funded by TIB.

D. Fiber Franchise Agreement

The Colville Tribe has requested a fiber optic franchise and has presented a draft agreement to run fiber through West Coulee Dam. The agreement has been sent to the

attorney for review. The proposed agreement will include a vault and pair of dark fiber to the town.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty informed the council of a grant application she is working on with DNR. The DNR tree inventory grant that the town received requires that a course of action plan be completed by the end of year. The town has 680 trees. The Parks and Natural Resources Board suggested that a Community Assistance Grant be applied for to help draft a management and maintenance plan.

Keith St. Jeor wanted to state to the public that the TIB grants come from Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Funds, so some of the money spent by individuals coming back to the community.

Mayor Wilder stated that he will actively be working on forming a planning commission.

Fred Netzel questioned David Schmidt as to why votes and motions were not taken in the Parks and Natural Resources Board meetings, authorizing application for the DNR grant. Dave stated that it had been discussed at the board meetings and a consensus was made. The board is not required to take action.

Announcements

None

Executive Session

None

Public Input

Quincy Snow spoke up to say that he agrees with Councilman Schmidt that the Parks Board is an "advisory" board. Therefore, they do not take action. They make recommendations to the town council, who in turn takes action.

Quincy Snow asked about the "vision" that Swagerty was referring to. "Isn't that what the Six Year Street Plan is"? Mayor stated that it is in a sense but a vision would cover a much broader idea.

Adjournment

Councilmember David Schmidt motioned with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1292 at 7:42p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden