



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

Minutes
1275th Regular Council Meeting
November 30, 2015

6:30 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1275th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Ken Miles, Gayle Swagerty and Ben Alling. Shawn Derrick attended via Skype and Duane Johnson attended via telephone.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Public Hearing – 2016 Final Budget

Mayor Wilder opened the public hearing at 6:31pm to take public comments regarding the 2016 Budget. With no testimony, Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to close the hearing at 6:34pm. Motion carried

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

Ben Alling asked about the swearing in of new councilmembers. Clerk stated she had just received the final election certification just hours prior to meeting. Mr. Alling stated that one of the newly elected was present and should be seated immediately. Clerk was not prepared to do so and the newly elected who was present was filling council position #5, which does not expire until December 31st. Position #1 was an unexpired term but the newly elected for that position was not present and prepared to take the seat.

Consent Agenda

Duane Johnson moved and Ken Miles seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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 Special Council Meeting – November 20, 2015

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35428 through 35447, 35452 through 35453 and EFT's dated November 25, 2015 in the total amount of \$133,873.46.

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2015-029, Ordinance No. 737, setting 2016 Salaries and Wages
Ben Alling moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 737, setting salaries and wages for 2016 as written. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2015-032, Engineering Agreement for Design & Construction, WWTP
Engineers Varela and Associates were present to review the proposed agreement for Wastewater Treatment Plant Design and Construction which would total no more than \$549,290 for this agreement. The total engineering costs for the project are estimated at \$950,000. Rural Development funding will not disperse funds until bid has been completed for construction. The Town may need to acquire interim funding or issue an interfund loan in the meantime. Councilman Alling requested to postpone any decision regarding the agreement until the attorney can review and the new councilmembers are seated. Mayor Wilder expressed his concern in waiting too long and causing a delay in the project and funding issues.

Mr. Alling questioned what Indian Health Services thoughts and requirements may be and what agreement they may have with Elmer City. He also requested that the Town attorney attend a meeting to explain the agreement.

Gail Morin, Mayor of Elmer City, feels that Elmer City has not been informed for the past 15 months.

Sherry Snow made the comment, "The process has already been delayed two years, what's another delay".

Mayor Wilder reminded the audience that this is a council discussion time and to please hold comments in order to allow the council their process.

Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to allow the public comment on the matter. Motion carried with 3 in favor (Alling, Miles, Derrick) and 2 against (Swagerty, Johnson).

Carol Netzel had questions regarding including Elmer City in decision of the project. Dana Cowger and Kurt Holland of Varela and Associates responded as to the details of how the project was designed and how analyses were completed for Elmer City. Ms. Netzel highly recommended that the attorney review.

Bonnie Femling asked "why hasn't Elmer City been involved in the contract"? Dana Cowger explained the typical process and that the agreement is between Coulee Dam and Varela and Associates.

Keith St. Jeor feels that the Town needs to move forward with the project and Elmer City needs to pay their portion. He suggested that the Town get something in writing from Elmer City as to their intentions whether or not they plan to stay connected to the system. Stan St. Jeor agreed and feels the all stakeholders should submit their intentions in writing.

Rick Rose and Dave Donnell of USDA Rural Development reviewed and explained what the grant/loan combination may look like and how user rates are used in their determination of funding.

Carol Netzel feels it is unfair to not wait until new councilmembers are seated to make any decisions on the agreement.

After very lengthy discussions, Gayle Swagerty moved and Ken Miles seconded to execute the agreement contingent upon approval of Rural Development and Town Attorney. Motion carried with 4 in favor (Swagerty, Miles, Johnson, Derrick) and one against (Alling).

C. AB 2015-033, 2016 Budget Ordinance No.739

Clerk presented the final draft of the 2016 Budget Ordinance No. 739, stating that all hearing requirements have been met. Gayle Swagerty moved with Duane Johnson seconding to adopt the 2016 Budget Ordinance No. 739 as written. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Melody Lease

Duane Johnson and Gayle Swagerty are reviewing the lease and will provide comments and recommendations to the council. For the interim, the renter is being granted a day to day extension.

B. Bowling Alley Lease

The Town Attorney has drafted and interim lease agreement for the bowling alley for a day to day lease until a final lease agreement is agreed upon. Ben Alling suggested a \$20 per day rental amount. Swagerty and Johnson will review a new agreement. The council consensus was to leave the rental amount for the interim agreement up to the Mayor's discretion.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Interviews for the Police Chief position were conducted earlier in the day and it has been narrowed down to one favorable candidate. It is hopeful to have the position filled for a January 1, 2016 start date.

Councilmembers

Ken Miles feels it is really important that we encourage the rental of the bowling alley. Businesses are needed in our community.

Discussion was held on the upcoming council meetings and holiday conflicts. Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to can the December 23, 2015 council meeting. Motion carried.

Executive Session

None

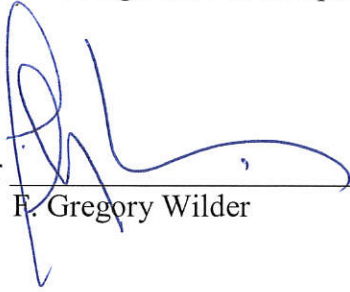
Public Input

None.

Adjournment

Councilmember Ken Miles motioned with Councilmember Gayle Swagerty seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1275 at 8:15p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



P. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden