



Minutes
1346th Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2019

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1346th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Mervin Schmidt and Keith St. Jeor. Ben Alling was excused absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Mark Payne, on behalf of the Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union, thanked the Mayor and council for the completion of the electric transformer change out in the basement of the Credit Union. It was a big project that has needed done for many years. He thanked Mayor Poch for spearheading the project. Mayor Poch thanked Payne for working so well together with the town and contractors.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Mayor Poch announced that an executive session will be added at the end of the meeting. Fred Netzel requested that the budget Ordinance be tabled until a full council is present. Mayor Poch felt that the absent council member has had adequate time to review the ordinance and would have voiced concerns or comments prior to the meeting. Fred Netzel moved to table Ordinance No. 779, adopting the 2020 Budget. Motion died for lack of a second.

Consent Agenda

Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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 Budget Workshops – November 6, 2019, November 13, 2019, November 18,
 2019, November 20, 2019, November 25, 2019.

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
 Claim Voucher No.'s 38573 through 38585 and EFT's dated November
 27, 2019 in the total amount of \$ 99,026.65.

Claim Voucher No.'s 38586 through 38620 and EFT's dated December 11, 2019 in the total amount of \$ 88,460.04.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 38566 through 38572, EFT's and direct deposits dated November 15 and 27, 2019 in the total amount of \$84,981.91.

Bank Fees: November 2019 Invoice Cloud fees.

Action Agenda

- a. AB 2019-22, Resolution No. 2019-11, Solid Waste Rates
Mayor Poch brought to the council's attention that the proposed \$3.00 rate increase only netted the town an additional \$13,000, which is short of the \$20,000 hoped for. If the council desires to be closer to the \$20,000, the rate of increase would need to be closer to \$4.00 per account per month. Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve Resolution No. 2019-11, Setting Solid Waste Rates as written. Motion carried.
- b. AB 2019-23, Resolution No. 2019-12, Electric Rates
The proposed rates would provide for a \$6.00 base rate increase to all electric accounts. Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve Resolution No. 2019-12, Setting Electric Rates. Motion carried.
- c. AB 2019-24, Resolution No. 2019-13, Sewer Rates
The proposed rates would include a \$5.00 increase per ERU. Keith St. Jeor moved with Merv Schmidt seconding to approve Resolution No. 2019-13, Setting Sewer Rates. Motion carried.
- d. AB 2019-21, Ordinance No. 779, 2020 Budget
Merv Schmidt moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 779, approving the Budget for 2020. Motion carried with 2 (Schmidt/St. Jeor) in favor and 1 (Netzel) opposed.
- e. AB 2019-25, Ordinance No. 780, 2019 Budget Amendment
An amendment was needed to the wastewater fund due to project changes and funding increases. Merv Schmidt moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 780, amending the 2019 Budget. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Sewer Jetter
Superintendent Mike Steffens informed the council that they are having difficulty finding parts to repair the sewer jetter as the manufacturer has stopped producing parts. They are fabricating new parts that should get us by in the short term. Merv Schmidt asked if they had found anyone for bearing re-build. Steffens said "not yet".
- b. TIB Grants
The Town was notified that they were not selected for the grants that were applied for the next funding period. Fred Netzel asked if we could contact TIB to find out grant submittal dates sooner so that we are not rushing to get applications in last minute. The Clerk thought the

dates were available on the TIB website.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Mayor

Mayor asked if the councilmembers had any ideas of potential locations for the coffee stand request. The parking strip adjacent to the museum and daycare were discussed.

The Mayor has received another roofing estimate for the Melody Restaurant. It still needs to be determined if the heating and air units on the roof are not in use.

Executive Session

Mayor recessed the regular council meeting at 6:35pm to enter into an executive session under *RCW 42.30.110 (h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.* Session is estimated at approximately 15 minutes.

6:50pm, Poch re-opened the regular council meeting.

Council Member Appointment

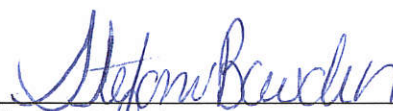
Keith St. Jeor moved with Mervin Schmidt seconding to appoint Dale Rey to fill the vacant Council Position #3. With no other nominations, the motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

Mayor 

Bob Poch

Clerk 

Stefani Bowden