



**Minutes**  
**1424<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**December 13, 2023**

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**6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Poch called the 1424th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

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

Also present was TD&H Engineer Marissa Siemens. Joining remotely was Scott Hunter of The Star Newspaper.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dale Rey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

TD&H Engineer Marissa Siemens was present to thank the Town for their business and provided an update on current and upcoming projects. The Town has just been awarded 2 TIB grants for street projects, one for chip seal and the other for ADA Ramp upgrades. Both are 100% grant with no match required from the Town. The Safe Routes to School Project will begin shortly after the new year as well as the sewer lining project. A grant application has been submitted for lead and copper water line inventory. Siemens is also actively working on a grant application through the Department of Natural Resources for tree replacement on Ferry Ave. Council thanked Ms. Siemens and TD&H for providing the updates and for all of their work.

**Updates and Modifications to Agenda**

The Clerk added 2 TIB grant award acceptances to the action agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

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

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Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No. 41277 through 41304 and EFTs dated December 13, 2023 in the total amount of \$ 186,016.13.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. 41275 dated December 6, 2023 in the amount of \$ 300.00 and EFT's CPL12.04.23, CPL 12.04.23Redfield, and CPL12.7.23White in the total amount of \$54.00.

Voided Checks: Check No. 41196, dated October 25, 2023 in the amount of \$18.31.  
Lost Check No. 40912 (re-issued as Check No. 41276) dated May 24, 2023.

### **Action Agenda**

- a. Resolution No. 2023-09, Setting Water Rates  
After discussion regarding outside city limit water rates, (m/s St. Jeor/Rey) to accept Resolution No. 2023-09 with modifications to the outside city limits water rates. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution No. 2023-10, RBOM Delano Transfer Station 2024 Budget  
(m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to accept Resolution No. 2023-10, approving the 2024 Budget for the Delano Transfer Station. Motion carried.
- c. Ordinance No. 815, 2024 Budget  
(m/s Rey/Black) to adopt Ordinance No. 815 setting the 2024 Budget. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Agenda**

None

### **Staff, Council & Committee Report**

#### Council

Merv Schmidt asked if TD&H is a Montana based firm as he recalls seeing a bill awhile back with a Montana address. The Clerk stated that TD&H does have a main office in Montana that the billing goes through sometimes but the Town primarily works with the Spokane office.

Dale Rey reminded the council that he will be resigning from his council position at the end of the year. He said he is willing to hang on until the first meeting of the new year to give the council more time to find a replacement.

(m/s St. Jeor/Black) to cancel the December 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Motion carried.

Keith St. Jeor thanked the Public Works Crew for a great job on the leaf clean-up and thanked the Police Chief for getting some of the vehicles removed from the streets so that the Crew can get their job done.


Dale Rey asked the Public Works Superintendent if he has received any word on the repairs to the truck. Superintendent Steffens said they have been brainstorming ideas and compiling a parts list so work can begin on it after the new year.


Mayor

Mayor Poch thanked everyone and wished all a Merry Christmas.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm

Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Poch

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