



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

Minutes
1265th Regular Council Meeting
April 22, 2015

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1265th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present were Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock, Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gayle Swagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

a. **Evergreen Rural Water**

Tracy Hunter with Evergreen Rural Water was present to announce and present Tim Lynch with the Wastewater Operator of the Year Award. She provided the council with an overview of their organization and services they provide. They provide training and assistance to water and wastewater facilities. Tim was nominated by Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock. Council and citizens applauded and congratulated Mr. Lynch on receiving the well-deserved award.

b. **Department of Natural Resources, Tree City USA**

Councilmember Gayle Swagerty introduced Ben Thompson of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Mr. Thompson presented the Town of Coulee Dam with the Tree City USA Award. Mr. Thompson stated that the Town of Coulee Dam is unique with the canopy of trees.

Thompson provided an overview of the roles of the Department of Natural Resources including grant opportunities such as the Tree Inventory grant that the Town of Coulee Dam has just been awarded. The tree inventory is scheduled to begin in May. The inventory is anticipated to be completed in the fall. After that point, the Town has one year to make comments. The overall process takes approximately two years. DNR will procure all contracting. No actual dollars will go through the Town. The Town will be provided a completed inventory at the end of project.

Thompson suggested that someone from the Town of Coulee Dam attend one of the free “Asset Management for Community Trees” seminars. One is being held in Chelan and another in Ellensburg.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Ken Miles 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 34912 through 34937 and EFT’s dated April 22, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 87,044.44.

Voided Checks: Check No. 34835 , in the amount of \$520.00 issued on 3/25/15 incorrect dollar amount.

Action Agenda

A. AB 2015-013, Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Services Agreement Amendment #1, Varela & Associates.

This amendment is needed to complete the environment review requirements for the wastewater facility plan. It is an increase of \$75,100 to the original agreement of \$104,572 making the revised amount total of \$179,672.

Gayle Swagerty moved and Duane Johnson seconded to approve the Engineering Services Agreement Amendment #1 with Varela & Associates and authorized the Mayor to sign and execute the amended agreement. Motion carried.

B. AB 2015-014, Regional Board of Mayors-URS Memorandum Amendment

The Regional Board of Mayors’ feels that DOE requirements for the groundwater testing at the Delano Transfer Station are excessive. URS has been hired to review the requirements and are pursuing making an appeal to DOE.

Ken Miles moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the Amendment to the Memorandum between URS and the Regional Board of Mayors for groundwater monitoring at the Delano Landfill. Motion carried.

C. AB 2015-015, Regional Board of Mayors, purchase of new trailer for the Delano Transfer Station

After Brief discussion, Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to approve the Regional Board of Mayors' purchase of a new trailer for the Delano Transfer Station. Motion carried.

- D. AB 2015-016, Reinstatement of Fire Department Member
Ben Alling moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to approve Fire Department membership reinstatement for Archie Dennis. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant

1. Meeting with Elmer City

Mayor Wilder and Engineer Kurt Holland attended the April 9th Elmer City Council meeting to provide them with an update on the progress of the wastewater treatment alternatives analysis. Mayor reported that the meeting went well.

B. Fire Department Update

The garage doors have been ordered and electrical work is being completed for the Fire Department. Radios and pagers are also being ordered. Fred Netzel questioned the status of the air compressor. Mayor stated that the Fire Chief is working on it. It has not been ordered yet.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Mayor reported on the meeting he attending with Okanogan County Emergency Management earlier in the day. He is trying to arrange for the new Emergency Manager, Maurice Goodall, to attend a Coulee Dam council meeting within the next couple of months.

Public Works

Barry Peacock informed the council of a portable generator that he could get for around \$5000 from KVA electric for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. \$8000 was budgeted for this item. Shawn Derrick moved and Duane Johnson seconded to approve the purchase of the generator as long as it is under the budgeted amount of \$8000. Motion carried.

Mr. Peacock is looking a new bucket trucks. He will use state bid for the purchase and would like to use the current bucket truck as a trade in.

Police

Mayor Wilder reported that one of the new officers is now on staff. Levi Johnson began work on April 18th.

Councilmembers

Ben Alling mentioned that the parking around the school is getting hazardous. With cars parking on both sides of the street, the street is becoming very narrow and is causing a dangerous situation. Also, there has been a lot of garbage in the same area being generated from students eating lunches near the cars.

Superintendent Peacock agreed that the street parking is an issue. It is very difficult for snow plowing and street sweeping. Crewmember Mike Steffens has talked with the school. The parking lot is now open. Maybe that will help resolve the issue.

Ken Miles and Shawn Derrick have reviewed the Elmer City cost share partial payment. It appears to be clear in the contract that Elmer City is responsible for payment of engineering services. They recommended to the council that Coulee Dam moves forward in collecting from Elmer City. The Mayor and Clerk will draft a letter.

Executive Session

None

Public Input

Bruce Bartoo from the Parks and Natural Resources Board requested that the tree removal item from previous council meeting be readdressed. He provided pictures of damage caused by trees for the council to review. He feels that the two years it could take to complete the tree inventory is too long to wait to attend to the trees in question. There will be an addition to the May 13, 2015 council agenda to discuss options for the trees.

Fred Netzel asked about the status of the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor stated that there have not been enough applications received to choose from and make a decision. Therefore, committee has not been formed.

Mr. Netzel also questioned the URS Memorandum Amendment wanting to know if the dollar amount was for testing or to make argument for the decrease in testing. Mayor stated that it was his understanding that it was not for the actual testing but for the review of the amount of testing needed and to prepare an appeal to DOE.

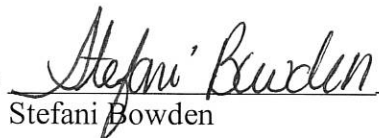
Adjournment

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Councilmember Gayle Swagerty seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #12654 at 7:10p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden