



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

Minutes
1264th Regular Council Meeting
April 8, 2015

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1264th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present were Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock, Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch, Police Chief Pat Collins, Fire Chief Flint Bjorson and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Miles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

Shawn Derrick moved and Ken Miles seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 34871 through 34910 and EFT's dated April 8, 2015 in the total amount of \$49,544.44.

Bank Fees March 2015 bank fees in the amount of \$25.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 34788, 34865 through 34689, direct deposits and EFT's dated March 13, 2015 and March 31, 2015 in the total amount of \$67,101.05.

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2015-010, Ordinance #732 – 2015 Budget Amendment, First Reading
Ordinance #732 was presented for a second reading. Duane Johnson moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the second reading and adopt Ordinance #732 as presented. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2015-012, Resolution 2015-004, Surplus Fire Truck.
Mayor Wilder gave a brief overview of the need to surplus a 1986 Ford F350 Brush Truck that is no longer in use by the Fire Department. Fire Chief Flint Bjorson requested that a minimum bid be set at \$5000. Chief Bjorson also requested that money made from the sale be deposited into the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. Mayor Wilder informed him of the process. It will be deposited into the General Fund, but the Council has the authority to move the money to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund if they choose. That decision will be made after the sale of the truck. The truck will be placed onto the PropertyRoom.com website for bidding.
Shawn Derrick moved and Duane Johnson seconded to surplus the 1986 Ford F350 Brush Truck and place it onto the PropertyRoom.com website with a minimum bid of \$5000. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- A. Wastewater Treatment Plant
1. Meeting with Rural Development
Mayor Wilder updated the council on the meeting held with Rick Rose of Rural Development regarding the application process for grant/loan funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The meeting went well and the Mayor feels comfortable with the process. Attending the meeting were Mayor Wilder, Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock, Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch, Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden and engineers Kurt Holland and Dana Cowger of Varela and Associates. The engineers and Clerk will work together to complete the application and are hoping to have it submitted by August.
 2. Elmer City Cost Share Payment
Clerk/Treasurer asked the council how they would like to proceed with the partial payment received from Elmer City for the 4th Qtr 2014 cost share for wastewater treatment. Elmer City was invoiced \$25,279.80, but they only submitted payment in the amount of \$12,479.57. When the Clerk questioned why only partial payment was remitted, Elmer City Clerk stated that their council would not give consent to pay for costs related to the Wastewater

Alternatives Study. Elmer City Clerk recalculated the cost share to what they believe is accurate for operations and treatment only.

Discussion was held regarding the contract held with Elmer City and allowable costs to be shared. Coulee Dam Council feels that the Alternatives Study is included in those allowable costs to be shared. The consensus with the council was to follow the contract. If Elmer City is responsible for their cost share portion of the Study, then the Town should pursue action to collect the fees. The Public Works Committee, consisting of Councilman Miles and Councilman Derrick, will review the contract and cost share fees.

Mayor Wilder notified the council that he and Engineer Kurt Holland will be attending the April 9, 2015 Elmer City Council Meeting to provide and update on treatment plant project.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Clerk

Stefani Bowden presented the council with the notice awarding the Town of Coulee Dam the AWC 2015 WellCity Award. This award was achieved through developing, implementing and participating in an Employee Wellness Program. By achieving the WellCity status, the Town will save 2% on employee health insurance premiums in 2016. Mayor thanked the clerk and employees for their hard work and participation which made it possible to attain the award.

Public Works

Barry Peacock announced that a former public works employee, Brian Warnecke, has been rehired for the Public Works Utility II position. He officially started on April 1st.

The Parks and Natural Resources Board has provided recommendations for three tree removals, 2 on Stevens and 1 on Pine. The Flowering Cherry trees on Stevens are causing the sidewalks to heave and making it dangerous for pedestrians. The Maple on Pine isn't being cared for and will become a problem. Councilmember Gayle Swagerty would like to wait until the tree inventory is performed in May before the council makes a final decision to remove the trees. After some discussion, Duane Johnson moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to wait until after tree inventory is complete before a final decision is made. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the Parks and Natural Resources Board.

Advertisement for the Seasonal Parks and Maintenance Position will go out next week.

Police

Chief Pat Collins gave an update on the hiring status of two police officers. Two candidates have been offered a position and acceptance from both has been received. Both candidates have successfully completed all background, polygraph and psychological evaluations. Chief Collins introduced the two individuals, which were present. Levi Johnson has been employed with

Grant County Corrections and has previously completed Basic Law Enforcement Training. He will begin employment on April 18th. Cassidy Clark is currently completing his Bachelor's Degree at Eastern Washington University. He will begin employment the first part of June and will attend the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy mid-June in Spokane. Council and staff welcomed the two new employees.

Councilmembers

Duane Johnson has received some comments regarding the difficulty of crossing Columbia Street. A few ideas were discussed, one being better signage. Barry Peacock suggested that the Department of Transportation be contacted since it is a state highway. Ben Alling also had comments regarding sidewalks, especially around the church and museum. There seems to be a shortage of crosswalks in that general area. Superintendent Peacock and Chief Collins will look into the areas of concern. Chief Collins stated that with the increase in staff, better patrolling of the areas will be performed. He asked that councilmembers or citizens let him know locations of concern so emphasis can be put on specific areas.

Ken Miles asked to be excused from the June 24th Council Meeting. He also reported on attending the Grand Coulee Council Meeting regarding the four corners safety issue. Department of Transportation was present to take comments. They are in the early stages of this project. More meetings are to come.

Executive Session

None

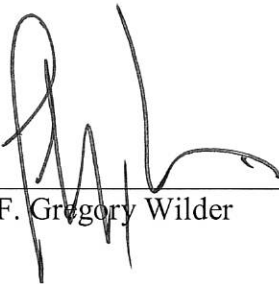
Public Input

Carol Netzel asked if the partial payment received from Elmer City was a decision made by their council. Clerk stated that according to the Elmer City Clerk it was.

Adjournment

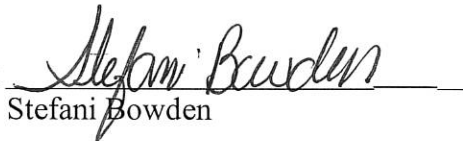
Councilmember Ken Miles motioned with Councilmember Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1264 at 7:00p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden