

Town of Coulee Dam

Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam

Minutes 1259th Regular Council Meeting January 14, 2015

5:00pm Public Meeting - Shoreline Master Program

Councilmembers in attendance were Shawn Derrick, Ken Miles and Ben Alling. A sign-in sheet was passed around.

Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden opened the meeting and introduced Molly Linville of SCJ Alliance who presented the Shoreline Master Program Public Visioning Meeting. Molly gave those in attendance an overview of the Department of Ecology's requirement to have a Shoreline Master Program and where SCJ Alliance is at in the stage of the project. A time for questions and answers was provided. Items such as more signage on USBR land shorelines, better access, viewing platforms, parks and walking trails were suggested. Pete Palmer and an attorney of the Colville Indian Tribe were also present to provide the public with what the Tribe's role is in the Shoreline Program. Ms. Linville will use the ideas and suggestions provided by the public while drafting the final plan. Public meeting closed at 5:43pm.

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1259th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present were Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock, Police Chief Pat Collins and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden. Also present was Town Attorney Michael Howe.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Miles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

Clerk noted that AB 2015-002 had been updated to include a draft Resolution for adoption of Exposure Control Plan.

Consent Agenda

Ken Miles moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting - December 10, 2014

Wastewater Public Meeting Minutes - November 10, 2014

Vouchers:

Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 34620 though No.'s 34645 and EFT's dated

December 10, 2014 in the total amount of \$94,455.11.

Manually issued Claim Voucher No.'s 34614 dated December 17, 2014 in

the amount of \$1176.00.

Claim Voucher No.'s 34649 through 34677 and EFT's dated December

31, 2014 in the total amount of \$54,632.66

Claim Voucher No.'s 34678 through 34684 and EFT's dated January 14,

2015 in the total amount of \$ 2,195.89

Bank Fees

December 2014 Bank fees in the amount of \$1.00

Payroll Checks:

Payroll Check No.'s 34610 through No.'s 34613, 34615 through 34619,

direct deposits and EFT's dated December 15, 2014 and December 31,

2014 in the total amount of \$73,991.75.

Voided Checks:

34646, 34647, 34648

Action Agenda

A. AB 2015-001, Acceptance of New Fire Department Members

Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to accept Betty Nichols and Tristan Daniels and ratify the Mayor's acceptance of Andrew Deelstra as new fire department members. Motion carried.

B. <u>AB 2015-002</u>, Resolution No. 2015-001, Adopting the Exposure Control Plan for the Coulee Dam Fire Department.

Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2015-001, Exposure Control Plan for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Fire Department update

Mayor Wilder read a letter from Department of Health stating that the required action items have been completed and satisfied including the AED which is now back in the ambulance and back in service. Equipment repairs have come in at under \$5000 to date. The west side truck is functional and in service.

Mayor announced that Flint Bjorson has been appointed as Interim Fire Chief. Regular Fire Meetings are taking place and the members of the department have been provided a draft Standard Operating Procedures manual to review and edit. Budget Amendments are anticipated as the department moves forward with required changes and compliance.

Consultant Michael Greene was present to introduce himself and provide an overview of services that he could provide to the Fire Department including training. Mr. Greene has been assisting the department for about one month. A consultant contract will not be entered into until the Town has clarification on the number of issues that will require action from the Department of Labor and Industries. Many citizens were in support of keeping Michael Green on as a consultant and questioned how he was getting paid. The Clerk informed everyone present that invoices have been submitted and are included in payments to be approved at this meeting. At this time, Mr. Greene is being reimbursed on an as needed basis. Councilmembers were asked their thoughts on retaining Mr. Greene as a consultant. The consensus was favorable. It was apparent from the members of the fire department in attendance that they were pleased with the consultant.

Councilmembers Duane Johnson and Shawn Derrick have be assigned to work with the Fire Department and will review all items pertaining to the department including training, budget, repairs, compliance, etc.

B. OSHA/L&I Inspection

Mayor Wilder gave an overview of the Department of Labor and Industries OSHA/WISHA inspection requested by the Mayor. A compliance agreement including a timeframe to make corrections will be sent to the Town within three weeks. This inspection mainly involved the Fire Department but Public Works Superintendent voluntarily asked to take part also. Councilmembers Shawn Derrick and Duane Johnson will review the compliance requirements when they become available. A consultant may be needed to assist with the requirements but we will not know until we know the extent of actions needed. The Town's insurance provider may be able to provide assistance also.

C. <u>Wastewater Treatment Plant update – DOE Loan Amendment</u>
Council was provided a copy of the letter from the Department of Ecology denying the requested amendment to existing loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Superintendent Barry Peacock stated that a public meeting regarding the wastewater project will be scheduled in the near future. He estimates that the Alternatives Analysis is 90% complete.

D. <u>Police Service Agreement Proposal with Electric City</u>
Police Chief Pat Collins informed the council and public that the Police Service
Agreement for Electric City was awarded to Grand Coulee.

E. Census Population Estimate

The council agreed to accept the OFM Census Population Estimate for 2015 versus conducting a census.

F. WellCity Award Application

Clerk Stefani Bowden informed the council that the AWC WellCity Award Application is ready to be signed and submitted. If awarded, the Town will receive a 2% savings on employee health insurance premiums. The consensus of the council was for the Mayor to sign the application and the Clerk to submit the application.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Public Works

Superintendent Barry Peacock reported on a power outage caused by a squirrel in the power lines.

Police

Chief Collins informed the council that the Civil Service will be conducting testing of Police Officer applicants this coming weekend, January 17th.

Public Input

Keith St. Jeor questioned the Mayor on the recovery of money spent on the demolition and removal of the house and cleanup of property located at 611 Holly. He asked about the "handshake" agreement the Mayor had with the previous owner. Mayor Wilder informed him that efforts will be made to recoup the costs from the previous owner.

A citizen requested that the Town find a better way to advertise the public meetings stating that many do not read the paper or check the website and some do not pay attention to the notices that are printed on the utility bills. Notices are also posted at Town Hall.

Adjournment

Councilmember Shawn Derrick motioned with Councilmember Ken Miles seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1259 at 7:33p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk

Stefani Bowden