



Minutes
1370th Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2021
(TELECONFERENCE)

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Bob Poch called the 1370th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:03p.m. via teleconference.

Roll Call

Council members present: Fred Netzel, Mervin Schmidt, Dale Rey, and Keith St. Jeor. Larry Hall was excused absent.

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

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

Councilman St. Jeor had some questions and asked for clarification regarding a couple of invoices which the Clerk was able to provide explanations on. (m/s Schmidt/St Jeor) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 39404 through 39433, and EFT's dated March 10, 2021 in the total amount of \$ 54,726.13

Manual Checks
EFT to DOL dated March 5, 2021 in the amount of \$18.00

Bank Fees: February 2021 Invoice Cloud Fees in the amount of \$88.20

Payroll: Payroll Check No.'s 39398 through 39403 EFT's and direct deposits dated February 12th and 26th, 2021 in the total amount of \$94,921.47

Action Agenda

None

Discussion Agenda

a. Animal Control Ordinance

Mayor Poch asked Councilman Rey to provide a report on the meeting held between Netzel, Rey, Mayor and Attorney regarding the animal ordinance. Rey stated that the ordinance is more complicated than he first realized. The appeals process for Dangerous dogs is pretty straight forward as the RCW provides the requirements as mandated by Washington State. As for other nuisance-type issues, it is recommended to use a court judge or lawyer for the hearings process. Rey stated that his nephew serves on the Colville Tribal Council and there is a possibility that the town could contract the Tribe to use tribal attorneys for appeals process. It was also discussed to contract with the Tribe for animal control. Councilman St. Jeor asked how that would apply to Grant and Douglas Counties.

There is no appeal process for nuisance dogs. All citations have to go to the county in which the offense occurred. Councilman Netzel asked if one Municipal Court could serve all three counties. Municipal Court is for the entire town so they would be able to serve all counties within Coulee Dam.

St. Jeor asked how a person could appeal a nuisance issue if no ticket is written. Once a ticket is written, it gets turned over to the county. He asked what would trigger an appeals process. After discussion regarding appeals on nuisance issues, Councilman Rey asked Police Chief Bowden his thoughts. Chief Bowden stated that there are no appeals for citations. Once the citation is written, it is out of the Town's hands. Netzel said the appeal would happen prior to a ticket being issued. St Jeor questioned it again as to what would trigger an appeal if no citation is written.

Mayor Poch asked for council opinion on contracting with the Tribe for appeals and animal control. Netzel feels the Town needs a municipal court of some sort. The overall consensus was to have Councilman Rey contact the tribe and continue discussions on the idea.

b. Spring Clean-up

Councilman Schmidt attended the Regional Board of Mayor's meeting in the Mayor's absence on Monday, March 8, 2021 and provided a report regarding the spring clean-up at the Delano Transfer Station. There will be no free yard waste disposal this year. In the past, the costs have been covered under a grant which is not available this year. RBOM can't absorb the costs as it would be gifting of public funds. It was decided to charge each 2 yard pick-up load \$5.25. Anything over that would be \$10.50.

Mayor Poch informed the council that the Town of Coulee Dam will do the normal yard waste spring clean-up and chipping to town residents at no charge. Mayor Poch thanked Councilman Schmidt for attending the RBOM meeting.

c. Surplus Generator

Mayor Poch asked if the council had any objections to surplus a generator that was purchased for the sewer treatment plant a few years ago. It has never been used by the town and it is not usable at the treatment plant or lift station. Council's consensus was to move

forward with declaring it surplus.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Fred Netzel informed the council that the logos and lights have to be removed from the ambulance before it could be sold. Police Chief Bowden stated that it is illegal for anyone but the town to drive the ambulance with the logos on it. Bowden also stated that the radios have been removed.

Chief Bowden reported that the ambulance is listed on the auction site. Keith St. Jeor asked if a minimum bid amount was required. Bowden stated that a minimum was listed. There has been several bids submitted but the reserve has not yet been met.

Public Input

Mayor Poch asked if there was any further input from the public. No comments were heard.

Adjournment

Mayor Bob Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden