



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

**Minutes**  
**1262<sup>nd</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 11, 2015**

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

Mayor Wilder called the 1262<sup>nd</sup> 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, Public Works Utility Worker Mike Steffens, Fire Chief Flint Bjorson, Assistant Fire Chief Dan Neddo and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Shawn Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce President Peggy Nevsimal, along with Kerry Higgins, requested council's support and approval of providing a beer garden during the Fourth of July Festival of America. Pros and Cons were discussed for three locations of the beer garden, including Douglas Park, Stevens Ave between Grant and the intersection of East Stevens and West Stevens, East Stevens Ave between Highway 155 and Stevens Ave (behind the town maintenance shop). A fourth location of the maintenance building parking lot was also discussed. Public Works Superintendent had no objections as long as he was provided ample notice to make arrangements for access to shop. The issue of portable toilets, setup and cleanup were discussed. Ideally, the Chamber would prefer the Stevens Ave location to keep it out of the residential area. Mayor Wilder thanked Peggy for a well thought presentation. Council asked the Chamber of Commerce to give them time to review. Councilman Alling made a request to the Mayor that a decision be made at the following council meeting.

**Agenda updates & modifications**

Mayor Wilder wanted to readdress the issue of the "handshake" agreement made with a relative of the former property owner of 611 Holly Street for the recoupment of cleanup costs and the reference to gifting of public funds. The Holly house cleanup was reviewed by the Town and the Town attorney a couple of years ago. Cleanup was estimated at that time to cost approximately \$24,000. A small fire this past summer urged the council to proceed with cleanup efforts. Wilder stated that Superintendent Barry Peacock did well in obtaining a cheaper contractor to demolish the house and cleanup the property in the amount of \$14,700. Councilman

Alling stated that always in the past liens were filed and he understood that a lien would be filed on this property as well. The intention was to lien the property to insure recoupment of the expenses. However, Okanogan County sold the property without the Town's knowledge during the cleanup process. Mayor Wilder stated that he had been under the impression that a lien had been filed during the initial review that took place prior to his term as Mayor and questioned why it had not been done at that time.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 34789 through No.'s 34828 and EFT's dated March 11, 2015 in the total amount of \$35,967.48.

Payroll Checks:              Payroll Check No.'s 34781 through 34787, direct deposits and EFT's dated February 13, 2015 and February 27, 2015 in the total amount of \$74,546.56.

Bank Fees:                      February 2015 Bank Service Fees in the amount of \$20.00

Voided Checks:              Check #34795

### **Action Agenda**

- A. AB 2015-008, Delano Landfill-Request for increase in petty cash  
Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded approval to increase petty cash at the Delano Transfer Station to \$200. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2015-005, Ordinance #731 Budget Amendment second reading.  
Councilman Shawn Derrick requested to re-open the tabled budget amendment to continue discussion.

Mayor Wilder informed the council that an offer of a \$300 donation has been made to the Fire Department. Wilder suggested the town match the amount and asked the Fire Association to do the same, giving the Fire Department a total of \$900 to use on an item/project of the Fire Department's choosing. Mayor asked for council's thoughts and opinions. Shawn Derrick thought it was a good idea to show the town's dedication through matching funds. He would like to look at specific item the department chooses to spend funds on first. Wilder stated it was a "recommendation" from the donor to use

on a fire related item. Questions were brought forward regarding which fund would be used to provide the matching dollars. Assistant Fire Chief Dan Neddo asked if the money was donated to the Fire Association or the Town of Coulee Dam and questioned why the Association would want to donate match money when the donation money was already theirs. It was clarified that the money was donated to the Town of Coulee Dam, not the Fire Association. Fire Chief Flint Bjorson will ask the Fire Association at the next meeting how they would like to proceed.

Mayor Wilder stated, again, that the donor suggested/recommended the funds be used for fire related item. It was not specifically dedicated to the Fire Department and the funds could be used elsewhere if the Fire Department chose not to accept them.

Ben Alling expressed his support in the town matching the funds if the funds were to come out of the requested budget amendment. Ken Miles and Shawn Derrick were in favor of the town providing the matching \$300 funds.

Mayor Wilder passed out a letter received from Jim Sayles that was accompanied by a check in the amount of \$15,000 to recoup the costs the town incurred to clean-up the house located at 611 Holly Street. The actual cleanup costs were \$14,700, therefore leaving a \$300 balance to be donated to the Town. Council and citizens expressed their appreciation and requested a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Sayles. Mayor Wilder informed them that it is already in the process.

Shawn Derrick, getting back to the budget amendment, said that the agenda item had been tabled due to the Ad Hoc Committee not fully being formed to provide review of the requested expenditures. Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock is in the process of obtaining another bid on garage doors at the station. Shawn Derrick requested a second budget amendment be drafted to include only the items required by OSHA/WISHA. Council agreed.

Chief Bjorson stated that he feels the air compressor is a pressing item to be considered for immediate funding. The current compressor is on its "last leg". Councilman Miles asked Bjorson if the requested air compressor system is standard in most departments. Bjorson answered that it is. Councilman Alling asked if the air leak issue on one of the trucks had been repaired and stated that if not, it would burn out a new compressor. He feels a new compressor should not be purchased until the leak is fixed.

Shawn Derrick moved with Ben Alling seconding to table Ordinance #731, Budget Amendment, for further consideration and requested the Town prepare a second Budget Amendment to include only the items needed to comply with all regulatory agencies that would impose fines for out of compliance issues. Motion carried.

## Discussion Agenda

### A. Wastewater Treatment Plant

#### 1. Rural Development(RD) Funding Opportunity

A meeting is being scheduled with Rick Rose of Rural Development to make grant application.

#### 2. Elmer City

The Council was provided a copy of the timeline received from Elmer City regarding their Alternatives Analysis, indicating that it will not be complete until June 2016. The council feels that is too far away and the Town of Coulee Dam needs to move forward.

Mayor Wilder, Superintendent Barry Peacock and Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch met Engineers. They are leaning very strongly towards a new facility. The cost between upgrading current and new facility is a wash. Mayor is very thankful to Mr. Peacock, Mr. Lynch and everyone involved in the process.

The council requested to be kept updated on Elmer City status. Ken Miles asked if we would have any indication in the near future as to what Elmer City will be doing. The timeline indicated that the development of alternatives would be complete by the end of March 2015. Hopefully the town will have some sense of what direction Elmer City is heading after that point.

## Staff, Council & Committee Reports

### Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden handed out a copy of the letter received from the Department of Natural Resources awarding the Town of Coulee Dam the Tree Inventory Project. It appears that DNR will perform the inventory and provide the town the completed list. Project is scheduled to begin in late May or early June.

### Public Works

Superintendent Barry Peacock informed everyone that it is Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Town of Coulee Dam. A small celebration of pizza and cake were provided by the staff and council.

Street Sweeper bids were opened earlier in the day. Two bids were received, one in the amount of \$92,500 from Owen Equipment and the other \$105,000 from Intermountain Sweeper Co. Using a scoring system based on miles, hours, year and price, the bid in the amount of \$105,000 scored the highest and proved to be the best fit for the town's needs. Ben Alling moved and Ken Miles seconded to authorize Barry Peacock to purchase the 2008 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from Intermountain Sweeper in the amount of \$105,000. Motion carried.



Police

In the absence of the Police Chief, Mayor Wilder gave an update on the application process to hire a new Police Officer. 4 qualified applications have been given to the Mayor and Chief by the Civil Service Commission. Chief Collins will begin his references and background check process.

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty notified council that a representative will attend the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting to present the Tree City USA Award. Swagerty requested that the Proclamation for Arbor Day be passed at the same meeting.

Shawn Derrick stated the Civil Service Commission had conducted testing on applicants for the Police Officer position earlier in the day. They were very positive with the outcome and a list has been provided to the Police Chief and Mayor to make final review and decisions.

Councilman Derrick mentioned some fundraising ideas for the fire department. A suggestion of selling nameplates to be displayed with donor's names was given.

Derrick asked Barry Peacock what the status is regarding the trimming/removal of shrubs at the community building was. Peacock said that some trimming has been done. He is still waiting for the Parks and Natural Resources Board's recommendation as to how they want him to proceed.

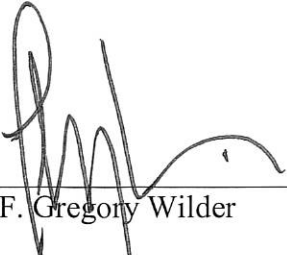
Public Input

Fred Netzel asked if the meeting with Rural Development is an "Open Public Meeting". Mayor Wilder stated that it is not. It is considered a work meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Neddo asked for Councilmembers to tour the Fire Department so that they are aware of what improvements are being requested.

Adjournment

Councilmember Shawn Derrick motioned with Councilmember Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1262 at 7:37p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor  \_\_\_\_\_  
F. Gregory Wilder

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