



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

Minutes
1263rd Regular Council Meeting
March 25, 2015

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1263rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 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, Public Works Utility Worker Mike Steffens, Fire Chief Flint Bjorson and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Fred Netzel had a list of questions:

- Has the bond purchase investment been done with TVI? Clerk stated that it has been done.
- Has the Parks Maintenance person been hired? Mayor Wilder informed him that an offer has been made. Name has not been released yet because final acceptance hasn't been received.
- What is the status of Fire and Ambulance grant applications that Mike Green was working on? One application was submitted. The next one is due April 5 and is being worked on. More will be available to apply for in the fall.
- What is the status of the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee? Committee has not been completely formed. Two citizen applications and two fire member applications have been received. Mayor would like a few more applications in before final appointments are made.

Chamber of Commerce President Peggy Nevsimal was in attendance to provide more information regarding the location request for the Fourth of July Beer Garden. Mayor and Superintendent Peacock reviewed the locations. The preferred location for the Chamber and also for Public Works Superintendent is the parking lot of the Public Works Shop, adjacent to Highway 155. Mayor Wilder hasn't received any objections from area neighbors and stated that he has only received positive feedback. The Beer Garden is anticipating being open for five

hours on Friday and Saturday, closing at around 9:30pm. The Chamber will apply for a temporary liquor license, fence the area with temporary fencing, check IDs, use wristbands for monitoring, and only provide one entrance/exit to ensure no alcohol leaves the area. Signage prohibiting alcohol leaving the area was suggested. Barry Peacock had questions regarding insurance coverage. Peggy Nevsimal insured the council that chamber will take care of it.

Agenda updates & modifications

Mayor announced that two individuals have been offered and accepted the Police Officer positions. One is from Ephrata and has already completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training. The other is from Cheney and will begin training in June.

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 34832 through 34864 and EFT's dated March 25, 2015 in the total amount of \$123,319.77.

Manually issued Voucher No. 34829 dated March 13, 2015 in the amount of \$105,000.00.

Voided Checks: 34717, 33459 (lost checks, reissued checks 34830 & 34831 to replace these numbers)

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2015-009, GCDA Chamber of Commerce Beer Garden Location for Fourth of July weekend

Shawn Derrick moved and Ben Alling seconded to approve the beer garden and the location of the Town shop parking lot for the Fourth of July weekend. Motion carried.

Duane Johnson voiced his concerns regarding the safety of beer garden patrons crossing the highway and suggested that something be done to secure them from entering traffic outside of the crosswalks.

- B. AB 2015-005, Ordinance #731 Budget Amendment -Tabled from 3/11/15.

Shawn Derrick moved and Duane Johnson seconded to reject the budget amendment and vacate Ordinance #731. Motion carried.

- C. AB 2015-010, Ordinance #732 – 2015 Budget Amendment, First Reading

Discussion was held regarding the use of the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase turn-out gear and radios for the Fire Department. Councilman Derrick cited a section

form Ordinance #347, establishing the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, stating that one of the purposes of the fund to acquire turn-out gear and fire equipment. Fire Chief Flint Bjorson made the comment that current amount being requested for turn-out gear is not enough to equip all fire members with new gear. Inventory and inspection of current gear has been completed, indicating that only one set meets WAC requirements.

Ken Miles asked the Clerk to clarify what “recommended” means according to insurance and L&I. Clerk understands it to be items requiring correction but have not been given a timeline to complete.

Council requested that the ordinance be revised to expend the purchase of the turn-out gear and radios from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund and also increase the budget amendment amount to cover the cost to equip all firefighters with new turn-out gear.

Ben Alling moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to accept the first reading of Ordinance #732 with requested revisions and place on next council agenda for adoption. Motion carried.

D. AB 2015-011, Resolution 2015-003, Surplus Property

Ken Miles moved and Duane Johnson seconded to approve Resolution 2015-003, to surplus the 1990 Street Sweeper. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mayor Wilder informed the council that a meeting/workshop will be held between Rural Development (RD), Kurt Holland of Varela & Associates, Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch, Superintendent Barry Peacock and himself on April 1st to start the funding request process for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Barry Peacock gave a report on the tour of area wastewater facilities that he, Kurt Holland and Tim Lynch participated in. Bridgeport and Pateros were two of the facilities toured.

B. Fire Department

No updates given.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Clerk

Liquor license renewal is coming up for the Melody, only need a response if there are objections. The Washington State Department of Transportation will be at the April 7th Grand Coulee

Council Meeting to discuss the intersection of Highways 155 and 174. All are welcome to attend.

Public Works

Barry Peacock reminded everyone of the upcoming cleanup stating which items are allowed to be put out on curbside for chipping.

Police

Councilmembers

Ken Miles reported on attending the meeting to receive input on the future of the old middle school building in Grand Coulee.

Executive Session

Mayor Wilder recessed council meeting at 6:56pm to excuse the councilmembers into executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to review the performance of a public employee. The session was estimated to be 15 minutes.

Regular Council Meeting Continued

Mayor Wilder re-opened the regular council meeting at 7:11pm stating that no decisions were made in executive session. He would like to note that the Town needs to review and update the Personnel Policy Manual.

Public Input

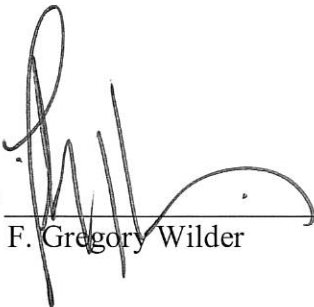
Fred Netzel would like to see a Police Officer at the Beer Garden and asked the Town to spare an officer for the event.

Adjournment

Councilmember Shawn Derrick motioned with Councilmember Ken Miles seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1263 at 7:15p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

F. Gregory Wilder



Clerk

Stefani Bowden

