



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

Minutes
1266th Regular Council Meeting
May 13, 2015

5:30 Public Meeting – Wastewater Treatment Plant Alternative Analysis

Mayor Wilder opened the public meeting and introduced Kurt Holland of Varela & Associates Engineering. Mr. Holland provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Wastewater Treatment Alternative Analysis. Alternatives have been narrowed down to two options which are modifying the existing plant or construct a new facility. Carol Netzel inquired as to how much research had been done. Has any digging been done or has it just been review of plans? Holland stated that no digging has been done. It is unknown as to what lies beneath the existing plant. There is potential of old rusted pipes that could disintegrate if disturbed and are very difficult to repair. Concerns regarding the capacity of the proposed new plant were expressed. The plant will be designed to accommodate Elmer City and their potential growth and the additional load from the new school.

At 5:59pm, Mayor Wilder informed all present that the regular council meeting needed to commence. There will be time during the council meeting to continue discussions on the wastewater treatment plant.

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1266th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present were Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock, Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch, Utility Maintenance Person Mike Steffens and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Wastewater meeting continued with public question/answer time. The analysis showed that costs will not change considerably whether Elmer City decides to remain connected or not. The question was asked if it would be beneficial for the Town of Coulee Dam to move forward without Elmer City or should the town wait for a decision from Elmer City before proceeding. Due to timing issues, the town needs to make a decision as soon as possible as to how to move

forward in order to apply for grant and loan funding. The USDA Rural Develop grant/loan program looks very favorable at this time.

If a new plant is constructed, there is the potential of a 40 plus year life span. It is uncertain as to how long the existing plant would make it if modifications were made. It is being estimated at 20 years. Several references were made regarding 40 year versus 20 year project. Costs are estimated to be virtually the same between the two.

Elmer City Mayor Gail Morin expressed her concerns regarding operation and maintenance costs. Elmer City should have an idea within the next few months as to whether or not they intend to construct a plant of their own.

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 34947 through 34994 and EFT's dated May 13, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 92,944.19.

Manually issued check No.'s 34944 in the amount of \$7,500.00 and 34946 in the amount of \$300.00.

Voided Checks: Check No. 34939

Payroll: Payroll Voucher No.'s 34911, 34938 through 34945 , direct deposits and EFT's dated April 15, 2015 and April 30, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 81,341.04.

Bank Fees: April 2015 in the amount of \$ 1.00 .

Action Agenda

A. AB 2015-017, Resolution 2015-005 Approving the Wastewater Treatment Plant Alternative.

Resolution 2015-005, accepting the alternative to construct a new plant, was presented. Councilmember Ben Alling stated he would like to know what the public wants and asked if a show of hands from the audience could be done. Mayor Wilder felt that it was

not fair to the public as a whole to base the decision on “votes” from the handful of citizens present. The council members were elected by the public to make these types of decisions and are trusted to make them in the best interest of the people.

Public Works Superintendent Barry Peacock and Wastewater Operator Tim Lynch both voiced some concerns but stated that they were leaning towards a new facility.

Gayle Swagerty moved and Ken Miles seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2015-005 relating to the selected alternative as recommended by the Administration. Motion passed with three votes in favor. Ben Alling abstained.

Discussion Agenda

A. Fire Department Update

Mayor Wilder informed the council of the additional energy conservation money received from BPA and that a portion of it could potentially be used to help fund the replacement garage doors.

The surplus fire truck did not sell for the minimum bid of \$5000.00. The highest bid received was \$3200.00. Council was asked as to what direction they would like to go. Should the town re-bid with a lower amount, keep it and repair or accept the high bid of \$3200.00. Questions were asked as to the legalities of selling it for less than the recommended amount of \$5000.00. Mayor Wilder stated that the Police Chief has checked out the requirements. Ken Miles moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to award the truck to the high bidder in the amount of \$3200.00 and waive the minimum bid requirement of \$5000.00. Motion passed with three votes in favor. Shawn Derrick abstained.

B. Crosswalks

Superintendent Peacock informed the council that he sent a letter, along with a letter of support from the school district, to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding the need for additional crosswalk signage and signage repair along Columbia Ave. A response was received from WSDOT very quickly. Placements of new signs have been staked out already.

The issue of parking along the street near the school was discussed. Mayor Wilder feels that since the school year is near an end that the town should work on remedying the issue before the start of next school year in the fall. An Ordinance will need to be drafted. Ben Alling requested that the councilmembers take some time in thinking of what the Ordinance should include and continue to work on drafting it in the coming council meetings. The Clerk will leave the item on the future Council Agenda's under the “Discussion Agenda”. Keith St. Jeor mentioned the idea of using parking permits to regulate and insure parking for the homeowners in the area of concern.

C. Trees/Tree Removal and Sidewalks

Mayor is scheduling a meeting with Gloria Bennett of Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to look at potential funding for sidewalk repair.

Ben Alling stated he would like to take the Parks and Natural Resources Board recommendation to remove the trees on Stevens Ave. Gayle Swagerty stated that the Board did not follow all the guidelines and may have been misled by information provided to them for consideration. Therefore, the recommendation for the tree removal should be void. Ms. Swagerty also feels that trees are not the cause of the sidewalk damage in the particular area of Stevens Ave that Bruce Bartoo provided the council information on. Options need to be researched on how to mitigate the sidewalk problem.

The Council was in consensus that heaving sidewalks are a concern and are an insurance issue also.

Ben Alling asked for clarification of the Tree Inventory project stating that the town conducted a tree inventory twelve years prior. Ms. Swagerty indicated that there was not a complete follow through from the prior inventory. The Department of Natural Resources has awarded the Town a grant to perform a new inventory and a certified arborist has already been contracted to perform the work.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Clerk

An application for membership to the Fire Meeting was received just prior to the council meeting. The applicant has not yet completed all requirements for background check and pre-employment drug screening and the application has not yet been approved by the Fire Association. The applicant, Mr. Rosenberg, is currently a member of the Grand Coulee Fire Department. Ben Alling moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to accept Fire Department membership for Aaron Daniel Rosenberg contingent on all requirements being met. Motion carried.

Public Works

Information on a purchase of a new bucket truck was presented. Mr. Peacock was unable to locate a good used a truck that met the Town's needs. He asked the council to considerer allowing an additional \$50,000 to purchase the new truck. The original budget included \$150,000 bring it to a total of \$200,000 with an amendment. Ben Alling moved and Shawn Derrick seconded to direct the Clerk to prepare a budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase the new bucket truck. Motion carried.

Police

Mayor Wilder reported that Electric City has once again requested to hold discussions regarding police service contracting.

Citizen Fred Netzel stated that he met new Police Officer Johnson and wanted to thank the selection committee for doing a great job in hiring him.

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty has been doing research on recycling. She has met with a gentleman from the USBR and also working with Sunrise Disposal for information on purchasing recycling bids. Funding is being looked into. There will be a cost for the hauling of the carts.

Ms. Swagerty is working on the Memorial for Fallen Workers on the Dam. She has been in contact with Susan Dechandt and will be meeting with her on Friday to look at potential sites for a monument.

Executive Session

Mayor Wilder recessed the regular council meeting to enter into an executive session at 7:50pm under *RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.* Mayor stated that the initial time of 15 minutes will be considerably shorted to just a few minutes. He asked the public to remain as regular session will reconvene shortly.

Mayor Wilder reconvened regular council meeting at 7:58pm

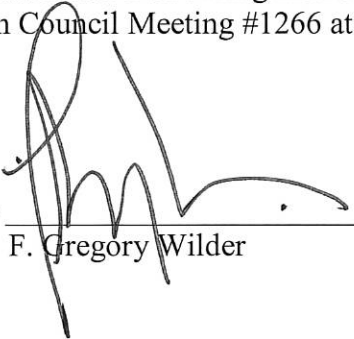
Public Input

Carol Netzel stated that years ago when there was a tree and sidewalk problem, the sidewalks were lifted and the roots of trees were shaved down. Councilmember Gayle Swagerty agreed that could be an option for some types of trees. A variety of options will be researched.

Adjournment

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Councilmember Gayle Swagerty seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1266 at 8:05p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden