



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

Minutes
1270th Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2015

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1270th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present was Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Shawn Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

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 35233 through 35245, and EFT's dated August 26, 2015 in the total amount of \$138,378.23.

Claim Voucher No.'s 35254 through 35287 dated September 9, 2015 in the total amount of \$49,796.40.

Manually issued check No.'s 35232 in the amount of \$100.00 issued on August 24, 2015

Payroll: Payroll Voucher No.'s 35231, 35246 through 35253, direct deposits and EFT's dated August 14, 2015 and August 31, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 105,263.23.

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

Action Agenda

None

Discussion Agenda

A. Riverview Lanes Bowling Alley Lease

- Clerk Stefani Bowden update the council on the status of the bowling alley lease with Sherry Moore stating that the lease is now terminated and the Town is allowed full access back into the building. The attorney suggests that the Town continue efforts to collect the past due lease and utility amounts.
- Pat Zlateff, former owner of the bowling alley who sold the business to Sherry Moore, spoke to the council regarding his stake in the issue. Ms. Moore was purchasing the business from Mr. Zlateff and also left him with past due payments. He asked for council to consider allowing him time, rent free, to clean-up and remove equipment for up to six months in time. Mr. Zlateff has been opening the building to allow private individuals to remove their personal belongings and to clean. The Town is currently paying all utilities on the space.
- Mr. Zlateff introduced two prospective buyers/lessee of the bowling alley, Craig Jones and Scott Elmore. Craig Jones spoke on behalf of the two gentlemen. He gave an overview of their interest in bowling and their desire to move to and become a part of a small community. Their hope is to create a viable business but feel that something more needs to be added such as the possibility of beer sales, food and better signage. Mr. Jones also expressed an interest in the theater area but further research is needed. A copy of the prior lease agreement was given to the men to review with the understanding that it could and would most likely change. Jones requested that if the purchase works out, he would like to start up as soon as possible in order to start league bowling and asked that the council be relaxed on the rental amount in order to get up and going quickly.

Mayor Wilder asked Councilman Miles, who serve on the General Government Committee, to review the lease, meet with the gentlemen and make a recommendation to the Town Council.

B. Street

- Parking issues near the school

Mayor Wilder reported that the parking issue around the school seems to be resolving. With the help and cooperation from the school, the students and staff have been parking off street in the school lots with the exception of just a few cars. Mayor asked the council to give the school a little more time and hopefully it will be a non-issue and there will be no need for new striping or ordinance changes.

- TIB Grant Application

Mayor updated the council on the status of the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant Application. An application for streets and sidewalks around the school has been submitted which included funding for additional signage. The estimated dollar amount was half of a million.

C. Code Enforcement

Gary Haven has been hired as the Code Enforcement Officer for the remainder of 2015. Mayor Wilder is researching the cost effectiveness of entering into a joint agreement for Code Enforcement with Grand Coulee and Electric City in the future, especially in regards to enforcement of dogs. A draft Job Classification was presented to the council which includes enforcement of animals.

D. Melody Restaurant Lease

- Air Conditioning

After the review of Melody Lease, it is determined that air conditioning maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the lessee. Council asked if any proof of annual maintenance, such as replacement of filters, has been provided to the town by the lessee.

- Lease Termination/Renewal

The Clerk brought to the council's attention that the Melody Lease is due to terminate the end of November. Councilmembers were given a copy of the current lease and were asked to review for upcoming renewal.

E. Budget

Council was reminded that it is budget time. The "Call to Budget" notice has been sent out to department heads by the Clerk. Budget estimates are due to the Clerk no later than September 28.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Mayor Wilder responded to the USBR letter regarding the new Fire Station for the Bureau. Mayor suggested that a joint agreement for all agencies be considered and would like to see something more than just a fire station. Maybe the building and/or area could be used for something else as well.

Town Hall has been housing firefighters for the past few weeks. Mayor thanked councilmember Duane Johnson for getting that initiated, and thanked town staff and community members for their help in accommodating and supplying needs to the firefighters. At times, up to 75 firefighters were sleeping all throughout Town Hall during the daytime. Presently there are just a few sleeping overnight.

Applications for the Public Works Superintendent position are currently being reviewed. Mayor is looking to fill the position around end of year.

Police Department has been a bit understaffed with the Chief out on vacation and Sergeant out due to illness.

Councilmembers

Gayle Swagerty talked about the intent to move the website upkeep responsibilities from councilmember Derrick to Town Hall. Councilman Derrick was thanked for his work in getting the webpage up and going.

Executive Session

None

Public Input

Quincy Snow asked if there is a solution to the dog problem in the interim. A reminder for citizens to license their dogs was suggested.

Adjournment

Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Councilmember Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1270 at 7:05p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden