



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

Minutes
1272nd Regular Council Meeting
October 14, 2015

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1272nd 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, Shawn Derrick and Duane Johnson.

Staff Present: Public Works Acting Superintendent Mike Steffens and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Shawn Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Several citizens were present to voice a concern over the Sycamore trees on Tilmus that are in poor condition and causing damage. Ed Haven led the majority of discussion with Bill Tewalt, Gary Nicholson and Merv Schmidt contributing. An insurance claim has been filed for a broken antenna caused by overhanging trees. Tree roots are causing house foundation cracking, some are diseased with bugs, seeping and putting off a terrible odor. The council reassured the public that the trees are an item that is being addressed through the 2016 Budget process. In the meantime, the Public Works crew will take a look at the trees and trim what they are able to.

Agenda updates & modifications

Regional Board of Mayors Delano Landfill 2016 Budget and Recycling Bin purchase approval were added to the Action Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes Regular Council Meeting – September 23, 2015
 Special Council Meeting – October 6, 2015

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35318 through 35364, and EFT's dated October 14, 2015 in the total amount of \$56,844.14.

Manually issued check No.'s 35317 in the amount of \$300.00 issued on October 2, 2015

Payroll: Payroll Voucher No.'s 35288, 35307 through 35316, direct deposits and EFT's dated September 15, 2015 and September 30, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 97,465.84.

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2015-024 (2), Budget Amendment – Second Reading and adoption
Gayle Swagerty moved and Duane Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 735, Budget Amendment for the purchase of a new patrol car. Motion carried.
- B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Funding – Rural Development Grant/Loan Application
Gayle Swagerty motioned with Ken Miles seconding to ratify the Mayor's signature for the submittal of the Rural Development Grant/Loan Application. Motion carried.
- C. Regional Board of Mayors (RBOM), Delano Landfill
Gayle Swagerty moved and Duane Johnson seconded to accept the 2016 RBOM Budget Delano Landfill Budget. Motion carried.

Shawn Derrick moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the decision of the Regional Board of Mayors to purchase and placement of recycling container in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update
The Preliminary Engineering Report was provided to the council. The report has been sent to Rural Development, Department of Ecology, EPA and Indian Health Services. Mayor Wilder reviewed the estimated ERU costs for Coulee Dam and Elmer City. Amortization schedules were provided to the council for comparison of paying a loan off in 40 years versus 30 and 20 years.
- B. Interlocal Agreement between Colville Confederated Tribe, Okanogan County and Okanogan County Cities/Towns
Brief discussion was held regarding the draft Interlocal agreement provided by the Colville Confederated Tribes. Mayor Wilder is in process of scheduling a meeting with the tribe for further review before acceptance.

C. Budget

Clerk provided the council with handouts for hanging flower baskets for 2016. Baskets could be placed in Douglas Park, Mason City Park and Town Hall. The idea of hanging baskets off of the power poles in the median of Douglas Street was suggested but watering could be an issue. Shawn Derrick suggested the town purchase a few baskets, 6-8, for 2016 and place in the parks and Town Hall to see how it works out. The orders need placed before November 1st to receive discount pricing.

It was asked if the council would like to look into investing more funds with Time Value Investments (TVI). The Clerk has a phone meeting scheduled with TVI in a couple of weeks and will provide the council with the information obtained at the next council meeting.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Police services with Electric City are still being worked out. After meeting with MACC and Okanogan County dispatching services, there will be issues to work out first. Because of these dispatching difficulties, it would be nearly impossible for complete consolidation at this time. Mayor Wilder will continue to work on this issue.

The RBOM is in need of another truck driver with a CDL-A endorsement to fill in when Randy Gumm needs time off. They asked if the Town of Coulee Dam could provide a couple of employees to fill in, which will be completely reimbursed by RBOM. Mayor informed the council that he has requested two town employees to complete their certification for CDL-A and has offered their help to the landfill in times of need.

The hiring process for the Public Works Superintendent position is still underway. Two interviews were completed but no employment offer has been made yet.

The Police Department is undergoing an audit/inventory with the assistance of the town's insurance provider. Mayor stressed that this is normal procedure when a long-term employee has left employment. It will provide assistance in transitioning to new management. Security system updates have also been recommended.

Councilmembers

Shawn Derrick would like to continue researching the consolidation of emergency services option with Gayle Swagerty agreeing. Swagerty stated that she heard of a study conducted by Kellogg Foundation regarding consolidation years ago and will check with the Chamber of Commerce for the information.

Clerk

Clerk will schedule a budget workshop for an hour before the next council meeting which will be 5:00pm on October 28th. Ben Alling stated he will likely be gone for the next meeting and Shawn Derrick requested to attend via Skype.

Executive Session

None

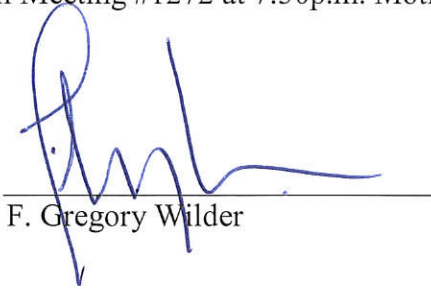
Public Input

Carol Netzel stated that there was special legislative action that took place in order to incorporate the Town of Coulee Dam back in the 1950s which addressed the three-county issue. Suggested the council research that process when considering the future consolidation.

Adjournment

Councilmember Ken Miles motioned with Councilmember Ben Alling seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1272 at 7:30p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor



F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk



Stefani Bowden