



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

**Minutes**  
**1274<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2015**

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Duane Johnson called the 1274<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Council members present: Ken Miles, Gayle Swagerty and Ben Alling. Shawn Derrick attended via Skype. Mayor Wilder was excused absent.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – 2016 Preliminary Budget**

Mayor Pro-Tem Duane Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:03pm to take public comments regarding the 2016 Preliminary Budget. With no testimony, the hearing was closed at 6:04pm.

**Public Input**

None

**Agenda updates & modifications**

Clerk notified the council of the addition of Agenda Bill AB 2015-0030 under Action Agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

Shawn Derrick moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes                      Regular Council Meeting – October 28, 2015  
   Budget Workshop – October 28, 2015

Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35396 through 35427, and EFT's dated November 12, 2015 in the total amount of \$89,739.84.

Voided Checks: None

Payroll: Payroll Voucher No.'s 35365, through 35372, direct deposits and EFT's dated October 15, 2015 and October 30, 2015 in the total amount of \$ 74,461.76.

### **Action Agenda**

- A. AB 2015-028, Ordinance No. 736, Budget Amendment  
Gayle Swagerty moved and Ken Miles seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 736 amending the 2015 Budget. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2015-029, Ordinance No. 737, setting 2016 Salaries and Wages  
Ken Miles moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 737, setting salaries and wages for 2016 as written. Motion carried.
- C. AB 2015-030, Engineering Agreement for Land/Topographical Survey, WWTP  
Fred Netzel questioned why another land survey needed done for the wastewater treatment plant area. He felt that the town should be able to use existing maps. It was explained that it is a required element and is the next step in moving forward with the WWTP project and will be needed for pursuing funding. Councilman Ben Alling suggested that Varela Engineers schedule a Public Meeting to update the citizens and new councilmembers on the status of the project after the first of the year. It was also requested that a timeline for the project be presented during the public meeting. The Clerk stated that she will work on scheduling the meeting.

Gayle Swagerty moved and Ben Alling seconded to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Professional Services (Amendment #2) with Varela and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,520. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Agenda**

- A. Melody Lease  
Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden notified the council that the lease for the Melody Restaurant will expire at the end of November. Councilmembers were provided a copy of the current lease agreement. Duane Johnson and Gayle Swagerty agreed to review the lease and provide comments and recommendations.
- B. Budget  
Clerk Bowden asked the council to make a decision on dates and times of upcoming Public Hearings and Council Meetings due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Council agreed to hold the Public Hearing on Ad Valorem Tax on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and postpone the Regular Council Meeting of November 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Ben Alling had a few questions regarding the preliminary budget, which were all clarified. A couple of items addressed where trees and professional services.

### **Staff, Council & Committee Reports**

#### **Clerk**

A liquor license renewal notification was received for Coulee View Fuel and Food. Clerk asked council to let her know of any objections.

A letter and bill was received from Bruce Bartoo regarding tree roots in his sewer line. The council directed the clerk to submit the claim to the insurance.

#### **Councilmembers**

Ben Alling questioned if tree inventory was budgeted and noted he felt that the town should concentrate on funding more pressing projects. Gayle Swagerty reported on a meeting she held with Douglas County Conservation District. They have offered to help us continue with project and have also offered help with our trail projects. They are in process of working on Foster Creek project which would also benefit the Town of Coulee Dam.

Gayle Swagerty stated that the application for Tree City USA for 2015 has been submitted.

Ben Alling suggested that citizens be given a voice in the type of trees for replacements and to avoid ones that spread disease.

Duane Johnson received an email from a citizen that stated they were not interested in the town completing another tree inventory.

#### **Executive Session**

None

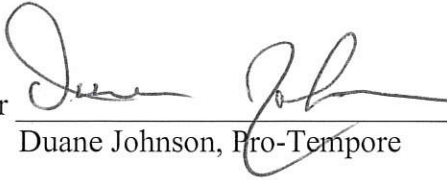
#### **Public Input**

Quincy Snow suggested that the town check with the Colville Tribe prior to beginning planning for the parks to make sure they have no objects or wish to have input.

Quincy Snow wanted to commend the Public Works Crew on doing a great job with tree trimming.

#### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Councilmember Ken Miles seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1274 at 7:04p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor   
Duane Johnson, Pro-Tempore

Clerk   
Stefani Bowden