



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

Minutes
1278th Regular Council Meeting
February 10, 2016

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1278th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: David Schmidt, Gayle Swagerty, Duane Johnson, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

None

Consent Agenda

A request to change the minutes from the January 27, 2016 council meeting was made by Councilman Duane Johnson. Revised minutes will be prepared and presented at the next council meeting for approval. David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35593 through 35627 and EFT's dated February 10, 2016 in the total amount of \$55,767.06 and manual checks totaling \$129.82

Bank Fees: January 2016 Bank Service fees in the amount of \$2.00

Payroll Vouchers: Payroll Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35566, 35583 through 35591 along with direct deposit runs and EFT's dated January 15 and 29, 2016 in the total amount of \$72,627.40.

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2016-002, Resolution No 2016-002, Surplus of Town Property
Duane Johnson moved and Ben Alling seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-002, Surplus of Town Property. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mayor updated the council on the progress of the wastewater treatment plant project. The property ownership and USBR license agreements are still being worked on and the environmental process is still underway. A Public Information Meeting has been scheduled for February 24, 2016 at 5:30. The Public Meeting is fulfilling a requirement of USDA Rural Development for funding. Councilman Alling asked “what will happen if the public meeting runs past the time for the scheduled council meeting to start?” Mayor Wilder responded by stating he will open the council meeting at regular time and then continues the Public Meeting during the council meeting.

B. Casino remodel/addition

Mayor Wilder apprised the council of the potential issues that may arise during the remodel and addition project of the Casino including such items as electric, fire protection, sewer, streets, etc. The fire protection model is being obtained from Gray and Osborne Engineers. A Development Agreement is being put together. Mayor voiced some concerns regarding the additional load that could be placed on the wastewater treatment plant. Another concern was the load that could be placed on the electric system, potentially causing the Town to be placed under a higher rate bracket from Bonneville Power. Assistance will be obtained from BPA analysts to forecast potential power usage. A meeting has been scheduled with a planner from tribe for this coming Friday to review the overall site plans. He will provide the Town with more details after his review.

The Tribe has indicated that some changes to streets and street lighting may occur. These plans and issues will be thoroughly reviewed. Other concerns regarding the proximity to residential areas were also addressed such as noise levels and additional lighting.

The remodel and addition are estimated to provide a new restaurant with seating for 60, more slot machines, a new entrance along 6th Street and a new deck. The Fire Chief has been in touch with the Tribe and there doesn't appear to be any additional needs fire protection needs.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

The church project may be a bigger project than just the Town. The entire surrounding community would need to be involved. There are potentially huge expenses for repairs including

the roof. Councilman Alling is spearheading the project. He has heard rumor that the church would like to see the building remain as a church and are hopeful that another church organization will acquire it. Alling will check with Jerry Kennedy as to the church's plan.

Councilmembers

Keith St. Jeor asked if the property exchanges around the wastewater treatment plant are new or already a part of the treatment plant. The property is already part of the treatment plant site. New and updated USBR licenses and descriptions are needed. St. Jeor also asked what discussion will be focused on during the Public Meeting. RD funding, maintenance and operations costs and general project updates and information will be discussed. The question of when the project design was approved was brought up by St. Jeor. He said that the design had been approved but the project had not. Councilmembers Schmidt and Swagerty both feel we need to trust in the "experts" (Engineers). Mr. St. Jeor made comment and voiced his concern that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met. Both meetings had been cancelled. Mayor Wilder reminded them that the meetings were cancelled due to St. Jeor's inability to attend. Mayor was led to believe that St. Jeor would have more flexibility to attend meetings at the time he was appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee. That has proven to not be the case. St. Jeor has requested the meetings be held in Coulee Dam versus Spokane. Mayor Wilder stated that it is extremely expensive to have engineers travel to Coulee Dam. It is considerably more cost effective for us to travel to Spokane but he will try to do what is necessary to accommodate St. Jeor.

David Schmidt reported on the activities of the Parks and Natural Resources Board. A Parks and Recreational survey has been completed and the hope is to have it available and passed out by the next utility billing and placed in local motels. Assistance was received from Tiffany Quilter of Grant County Health District. A secondary, simple, survey is being worked on to provide to the school to receive feedback from the children. The Board is down one member and Schmidt asked for anyone interested in serving on the board to contact the Mayor.

Duane Johnson contacted Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) to let them know he will be re-engaging with them in mid-March.

Keith St. Jeor has been familiarizing himself with the various town facilities. He noted some safety issues and water leaks at the Fire Department. He would like for the town crew do some minor repairs. He inquired as to the status and location of the keypad system that was purchased for the Fire Department. Mayor stated that up until recently, they were located in boxes in the Mayor's Office. The Mayor has turned them over to the Public Works Department to facilitate the installation of the units. One of the new garage doors is not working properly, which is a warranty issue that is currently being addressed. St. Jeor expressed his safety concern regarding the carbon monoxide fumes that may drift into the restaurant located directly above the department. Different types of exhaust removal systems were discussed. The Fire Chief has been given the information regarding a potential grant opportunity to assist with the installation of a system.

Public Works

Mayor informed the council that the Public Works Department is working with the tribe regarding the Casino remodel.

Police

Mayor reported that the Police Department has been very busy the past few weeks and are doing a good job. Decals for the new car are in.

Mayor Wilder took a moment to commend all Coulee Dam staff for their hard work.

Clerk

The Auditor is wrapping up. The onsite work and review have been completed. The remainder will be done through phone and email.

A quote has been obtained for a new Wastewater Treatment Plant pick-up. The final cost came in at the amount budgeted. The sales tax and licensing will be an additional amount of approximately \$2500.00. Dave Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to proceed with the purchasing process of the pick-up. Motion carried.

The bank checking account is in need of updating for new signers. Clerk stated that she, the Mayor and former Councilmember Ken Miles are currently listed on account and request that be changed to the Clerk, Mayor, Councilmember Swagerty and Utility Clerk Michelle Bredstrand. Ben Alling moved and Duane Johnson seconded to add Councilmember Gayle Swagerty and Utility Clerk Michelle Bredstrand as signers on the checking account. Motion carried.

Executive Session

None

Public Input

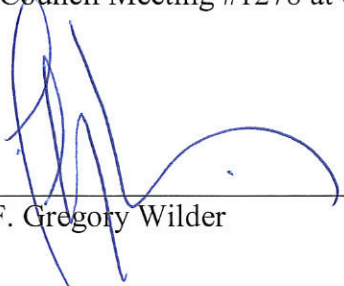
WWTP Operator Tim Lynch invited councilmembers to come to the treatment plant for tours and questions in order to be able to make more informed decisions.

Quincy Snow has some concerns regarding the ambulance and the inability to cross the dam should the bridge be out. He would like the town to hold discussions with the Bureau regarding some type of agreement.

Adjournment

Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Councilmember Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1278 at 6:55p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk


Stefani Bowden