



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

**Minutes**  
**1281<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 13, 2016**

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

Mayor Wilder called the 1281<sup>st</sup> 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: Acting Police Chief Larry Hall and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – Street Vacation of a Portion of Beaver Drive**

Mayor Wilder opened the public hearing for the petition to vacate a portion of Beaver Drive at 6:02pm. Wilder gave an overview of the request that was made by the town for the vacation stating that all abutting property is owned by the town. The vacation of the street would give the town more flexibility in constructing the new Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mayor read off a checklist that the town has met all requirements set by RCW for the street vacation project. With no written or oral testimony received, the hearing was closed at 6:07pm.

**Public Input**

Bruce Bartoo asked if a tree on his property could be cut down. He was reminded by the Mayor that he needs to follow the process with the Parks and Natural Resources Board.

Mr. Bartoo wanted the council to address the light outages on the bridge. Councilmember Swagerty told him that WSDOT has the replacement project on their list for 2017.

Bartoo inquired as to if there has been a cost savings by the town maintaining the parks versus contracting with Oasis and if the town will be hiring a seasonal parks employee again this year. Mayor Wilder stated that the season employee hired last year will return for this year.

Bartoo spoke with Jason Brooks regarding the Foster Creek/Fiddle Creek restoration project. Councilmember Swagerty informed him that she and the Parks and Natural Resources Board have also been in contact with Mr. Brooks.

Payroll Vouchers: Payroll Voucher No.'s 35682 , 35707 through 35713 , direct deposit runs and EFT's dated March 15 and March 31, 2016 in the total amount of \$68,290.43

Bank Fees: March 2016 Bank Fees in the total amount of \$77.80

### **Action Agenda**

A. AB 2016-004, Intergovernmental Agreement for Land Use and Planning with Colville Tribe

Councilman St. Jeor requested to re-open the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colville Tribe that has been tabled at previous Council Meeting. Councilman Schmidt stated that he had received clarification on the issues of concern and shared the information with the council. The agreement was drafted for multi-area use and the town is only affected by sections of the agreement that pertain to the town, not the entire agreement. David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-004 accepting the Intergovernmental Land Use and Planning Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the cities of Omak and Okanogan and the Towns of Coulee Dam, Elmer City and Nespelem. Motion carried.

B. AB 2016-005, Ordinance No. 740, Vacation of a portion of Beaver Drive

Keith St. Jeor moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 740, vacation of a portion of Beaver Drive, as written. Motion carried.

C. AB 2016-006, Resolution No. 2016-005, Water Connection Fees

Mayor Wilder explained the request to change the connection fees for both water a sewer. Current fees are based on a single base rate connection fee. The proposed resolution is ERU based to ensure expenses are recouped from high demand/user connections such as large commercial accounts. The rate change will not affect the single residential connection charge. Clerk noted a clerical change needed to the draft resolution. Ben Alling moved with Gayle Swagerty seconding to adopt Resolution No. 2016-005, Water Connection Fees, with Clerk's changes as specified. Motion carried.

D. AB 2016-007, Resolution No. 2016-006, Sewer Connection Fees

Keith St. Jeor moved with Gayle Swagerty seconding to adopt Resolution No. 2016-006, Sewer Connection Fees, with Clerk's changes as specified. Motion carried.

E. AB 2016-008, Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement

A draft Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement between the Town and the Tribe was presented. The Tribe is installing fiber optic lines to the casino. The lines are for the sole use of the casino. Fiber will not be sold to other individuals at this time. David Schmidt moved and Duane Johnson seconded to accept the Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement with the

Colville Confederated Tribes in substantially the same form as presented and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement. Motion carried.

F. AB 2016-009, Fiber Optic Franchise Ordinance No. 741

Duane Johnson moved, Ben Alling seconded, to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 741 for Fiber Optic Franchise with the Colville Confederated Tribes and requested it to be placed on the next council agenda for adoption. Motion carried.

**Discussion Agenda**

A. Juvenile Justice Process – Martin Hall

Mayor Wilder and Acting Police Chief Larry Hall reviewed the information received from Okanogan County regarding the Juvenile Detention Center and Martin Hall. Okanogan County Commissioners are advocating closing the Okanogan Center which means that the juvenile detention kids would be sent to Martin Hall in Cheney. Council was in consensus that it is important to be able to keep our youth close, in Okanogan County. Transporting them to the Martin Hall in Cheney would create a hardship on families and also the legal system. Mayor has scheduled for Okanogan County judges to attend the April 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting and has also invited the Commissioners to join in.

**Staff, Council & Committee Reports**

Clerk

The Town has once again earned the Well City Award for completing all the requirements and activities in 2015. The town will receive the 2% discount on medical insurance in 2017.

The Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union is sponsoring to have the Wenatchee Youth Circus come to Coulee Dam during Kids Fest Weekend. The event will be held at the school. Chamber of Commerce President, Peggy Nevsimal, has asked if the council has any objections or if the town has any requirements regarding the event. Council indicated that the event has been held in Coulee Dam in prior years. There were no objections from the Council and positive comments were made.

Councilmembers

Keith St. Jeor has concerns with the community building leaking roof and air conditioning units and feels the council should address the issues. Ben Alling agreed that the town should be doing something about the roof issue but there hasn't been any money in the budget to repair it. David Schmidt made the comment that if the town can't afford to keep up with the expenses of a rental building, then maybe the town shouldn't be in the rental business.

Duane Johnson reported that he has been attending the OCOG meetings in Omak. TIB funding opportunities have been discussed at those meetings.

Police

The new Ford Interceptor police vehicle is fully in service now.

Public Works

A meeting with a property owner over storm drainage issues took place on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. It has been an ongoing issue. The town has worked with the property owner and WSDOT for possible resolutions to the problem.

Sprinklers are being repaired and replaced. David Schmidt is concerned about the old irrigation system and asked that it be addressed during budget time.

Public Input

Fred Netzel asked what the status is of the Regional Fire Department is. Mayor stated that Rick Paris is taking the lead and doing some research on it.

Bruce Bartoo asked if there was a "Tree Board". Mayor stated that the Tree Board and Historical Resources Board have been combined into one board, Parks and Natural Resources Board. David Schmidt stated that the Parks and Natural Resources Board is prepared and ready to appoint a "Tree Committee".

Announcements

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Councilmember Gayle Swagerty seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1281 at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

  
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F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk

  
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