



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

Minutes
1282nd Regular Council Meeting
April 27, 2016

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1282nd 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

David Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda updates & modifications

Mayor Wilder noted a change in the order of the agenda due to presentations. AB 2016-010 will be addressed immediately following the USDA presentation.

Presentations

A. USDA Rural Development/Earth Day Certificate

Mayor Wilder introduced Rick Rose of USDA Rural Development and turned the presentation over to him. In celebration of Earth Day, the USDA presented a certificate and awarded funding to the Town of Coulee Dam for the Wastewater Treatment Project. Mr. Rose gave an overview of USDA and how they help rural communities with economic development. He read a letter received from the USDA State Director, Mario Villanueva commending the Town of Coulee Dam on making the Wastewater Treatment project an environmentally good project.

After presentation of certificate, Mayor Wilder reviewed and explained the funding package which included a \$4.7 million loan and \$1.53 million grant. Interest rate for the loan came in at 2.25% which is significantly lower than the DOE Loan.

AB 2016-010, Resolution No. 2016-007, RD Loan/Grant Acceptance

Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2016-007, accepting the USDA Rural Development loan and grant funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Motion carried.

B. Okanogan County Juvenile Detention/Martin Hall

Dennis Rabidou, Okanogan County Juvenile Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council regarding the Okanogan County Commissioners request to close the Juvenile Detention Center in Okanogan. If the center is closed, the Juvenile Detention residents would be moved to Martin Hall in Medical Lake. Mr. Rabidou explained his concerns with housing the kids so far away and the impacts it would make on the families, the juveniles and also place a financial burden on the Police/Law Enforcement Departments. The Commissioners are claiming that the current facility in Okanogan is structurally unsafe, which Rabidou stated was found completely untrue. Okanogan County Judges Culp and Rawson were present to voice their concerns and stated that they are very much against moving the juveniles out of the county for a number of reasons. Lengthy discussion was held between the council, the judges and the citizens. Dennis Rabidou along with both judges encouraged everyone to attend a Commissioner's meeting regarding this subject on May 10th at 6:00pm in the Okanogan County Commissioner's Hearing Room.

Mayor Wilder recessed the council meeting at 7:25 for approximately 10 minutes.

Council Meeting was called back to order at 7:39pm.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda

Duane Johnson moved and Ben Alling seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:

Claim Voucher No.'s 35767 through 35788 and EFT's dated April 27, 2016 in the total amount of \$148,689.42

Manual Checks Check No. 35766 in the amount of \$300.00 dated April 20, 2016.

Action Agenda

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

Mayor Wilder informed the council of a request for changes to the Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement which would extend the service area. Wilder suggested that the Ordinance be tabled until further information is received. David Schmidt moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to table Ordinance No. 741, Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement. Motion carried.

- B. AB 2016-010, Resolution No. 2016-007, RD Loan/Grant Acceptance
This item was addressed earlier in the meeting during “Presentations”.

Discussion Agenda

- A. Wastewater Agreement – Coulee Dam/Elmer City
Council chose to not hold discussion on this topic at this time.
- B. Roof/HVAC – Community Building
Mayor Wilder reported that he held a meeting with Acting Superintendent Mike Steffens and Melody owner Juan Moreno regarding the roof and air conditioning of the Community Building. Estimates are being obtained on an HVAC system, which could also temporarily resolve the leaky roof issue. More information should be available by the next council meeting.

Staff, Council & Committee Reports

Mayor

Discussions still continue with the tribe regarding the Casino remodel.

Councilmembers

Duane Johnson has been attending the OCOG meetings. Transportation grants are being looked into.

Ben Alling pointed out an article and picture of Grand Coulee Dam that was published in the AWC CityVision Magazine.

Gayle Swagerty and Parks Planner Amie DeWolf walked Candy Point Trail and around town. Ms. DeWolf is working on a plan and mapping. Gayle inquired again about the restrooms at Douglas Park. Mayor stated that significant repairs need done before opening due to vandalism. Swagerty mentioned Dog Canyon as a possibility for an area to dispose of biomass. Mayor would like to address the issue with the Regional Board of Mayors.

David Schmidt stated that he was pleased with the tree pruning project on Columbia.

Public Input

Fred Netzel stated “good job on getting the judges here” in regards to the Juvenile Detention Center presentation.

Announcements

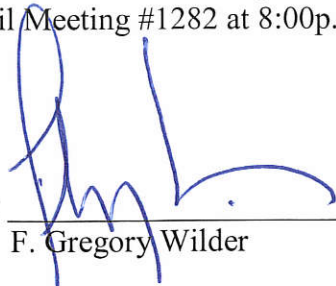
None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with Councilmember Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1282 at 8:00p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor  _____
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk  _____
Stefani Bowden