



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

**Minutes**  
**1284<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 8, 2016**

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

Mayor Wilder called the 1284<sup>th</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: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce President Peggy Nevsimal requested a location change for the Festival of America Beer Garden on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Last year the Beer Garden was located in the parking lot of the Town Maintenance Shop. It is being requested to be moved to the parking lot of the Community Building. Ms. Nevsimal reviewed the pros and cons of each location. The Melody Restaurant has offered staff to assist with the Beer Garden if they would be granted permission to sell food at the event. Mayor Wilder suggested that the Clerk get a legal opinion from MRSC regarding the town sponsoring the event since a private business will be a partner. Keith St. Jeor moved with David Schmidt seconding to grant the Chamber of Commerce permission to set up the beer garden on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of the Community Building pending MRSC opinion. Motion carried.

**Presentations**

A. Okanogan Pet Shelter – Janet Burts

Janet Burts provided the council with a presentation on the proposed Okanogan County Pet Shelter. Support has been received from all towns and cities in Okanogan County so far. Coulee Dam and Nespelem are the only towns that she has not fully presented the idea to. The intent of the shelter is to provide a no-kill facility where animals that have exceeded their 3 day impoundment with the towns/cities to be transferred to until permanent placement can be made. The organization is a 501c3, non-profit, and would provide adoption, spay/neuter services to off-set costs of staff wages and operation and maintenance of the facility. Each town/city would ask for a representative to serve on the board. Property for the facility has been offered in Omak. At this time, no monetary requests are being made. They are just looking for support of the idea.

### **Agenda updates & modifications**

Ben Alling moved and David Schmidt seconded to add Resolution 2016-007 to the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

David Schmidt 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 35858 through 35885 and EFT's dated June 8, 2016 in the total amount of \$35,079.04

Manual Checks None

Transfers: May 2016 Rent and Utility Tax Transfers in the amount of \$21,962.85

Payroll Vouchers: Payroll Voucher No.'s 35850 through 35856 and Direct Deposits and EFT's dated May 13, 2016 and May 31, 2016 in the total amount of \$70,025.46

Bank Fees: May 2016 Bank fees in the total amount of \$3.85

Voided Checks: None

Treasurer's Report: 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Financial Report

### **Action Agenda**

A. AB 2016-011, Resolution 2016-008, Operation of Okanogan County Juvenile Detention Center

David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-007 in support of the Okanogan County Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried.  
Motion carried.

### **Discussion Agenda**

A. Melody Restaurant - Air Conditioning

Estimates have been received for the installation of a new ductless heat pump system in the Melody Restaurant area of the Community Building in the amount of just under \$15,000. Mayor asked Councilmembers St. Jeor and Alling to meet with the owner of the Melody to look at options and review the lease agreement. The lease agreement specifies that the Melody will provide up to \$1000.00 per year in maintenance of the existing air conditioning unit. No documentation of the maintenance has ever been provided to the Town Clerk for verification. The current budget cannot support the cost

of the new unit. The Clerk will take a look at how much could be available in the reserve funds.

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

#### Mayor

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Position for the Civil Service has not yet been filled. The current term will expire on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor will appoint a candidate to that position after the end of current term.

The length of time for the interim appointment of Police Chief has reached the expiration. The idea of consolidation with Grand Coulee has been a dead issue for lack of interest. The Town may need to re-advertise to fill the position. Mayor is reviewing existing applications from the previous list received from the Civil Service.

The Quit Claim Deed and license has not been received from the USBR concerning property at the Wastewater Treatment Plant site. Mayor has contacted the USBR and requested the status.

The Public Works Superintendent position has been re-advertised.

The Franchise Agreement for Fiber Optic installation with the Tribe was approved and executed. The Tribe is requesting a modification to extend the installation area to the west side of Coulee Dam. Mayor is recommending a separate agreement for the additional area. Discussion took place regarding the installation of fiber lines in West Coulee Dam several years back. The council would like research to be performed on the existing fiber lines before making any decisions on granting a new agreement.

#### Police

#### Public Works

#### Councilmembers

David Schmidt would like a reminder to go out to residents regarding the requirement to water the Town trees. He has noticed brown edges on leaves due to lack of watering. Schmidt also wanted to address the yellow barriers at end of bridge indicating that they are an eyesore. He would like to pursue other options. The barriers were placed due to a safety issue. Is the town liable if a car crashes into them?

Duane Johnson may be late to next council meeting and will be gone for the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. David will be gone for most of July. Mayor will be gone June 22. Due to vacation schedules and absence of councilmembers, Mayor Wilder requested to cancel June 22, 2016 council meeting, which all councilmembers consented to.

#### **Public Input**

None

**Announcements**

None

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Councilmember Duane Johnson seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1284 at 7:54p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

  
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk

  
Stefani Bowden