



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

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
December 20, 2017

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the Special Council Meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Gayle Swagerty, Duane Johnson, Keith St. Jeor and David Schmidt (via telephone). Ben Alling was absent

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens, Police Chief Paul Bowden and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Executive Session

6:01pm, Mayor adjourned to an executive session which was estimated to last 5 minutes – under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) *To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.*

6:06pm, Mayor Wilder re-opened the regular council meeting. Mayor Wilder announced the Town's acquisition of the Fiber Optic system from Basin Broadband.

Action Agenda

A. Ordinance No. 754, Budget Amendment

Gayle Swagerty moved and Keith St. Jeor seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 754 amending the 2017 Budget as written. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 755, Senior/Disabled Income Eligible Utility Discount

Keith St. Jeor expressed his concern that the town is at risk of gifting of funds and asked if the Town is being charged more for services than what is being charged to the customer. He would like to see the actual numbers before any decision is made.

Gayle Swagerty moved and Duane Johnson seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 755, amending eligibility criteria and rates of utility discounts for low income senior and disabled residents within the town's utility service area. Motion carried with 3 in favor (Swagerty, Johnson, Schmidt) and one opposed (St. Jeor).

C. Resolution No. 2017-13, Sewer Rates

Resolution No. 2017-13 is proposing the change in discount percentage for senior and disabled customers to match the adopted Ordinance No. 755. Mayor Wilder is asking to modify the resolution to change the USBR ERUs from 88 to 114.

Gayle Swagerty moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the modified Resolution No. 2017-13. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Sidewalk Improvement Plan

Daniel Cowger and Kurt Holland of Varela & Associates presented the completed Sidewalk Improvement Plan. Holland provided explanation and review of the plan stating that it left a lot of room for flexibility. Councilmember Swagerty worked with Varela in the drafting and research process.

B. Wastewater Treatment Project

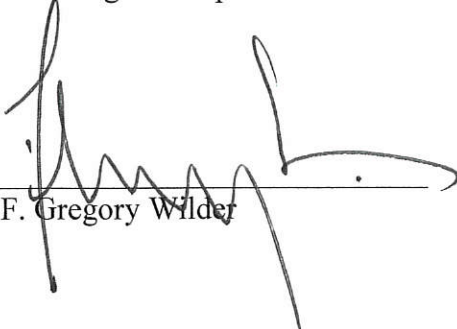
Mayor Wilder acknowledged the attendance of Rick Rose and Dave Dunnell of USDA Rural Development and thanked them for all the help throughout the project.

Mayor Wilder presented the bronze Wastewater Treatment Plant plaque, which recognized key individuals involved in the project. Dave Dunnell thanked the town for being good to work and said the communication was great. Rick Rose expressed his appreciation to Varela and stated that they are great engineers.

Councilmember Keith St. Jeor said that he enjoyed working with the three outgoing councilmembers (Schmidt, Swagerty and Johnson) and Mayor and appreciated the differences in thoughts and opinions that all had brought to the town government.

Adjournment

Councilmember Gayle Swagerty motioned with Duane Johnson seconding to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 6:47p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor 
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden