



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

Minutes
1307th Regular Council Meeting
December 13, 2017

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Wilder called the 1307th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

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

Attorney Michael Howe was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gayle Swagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Agenda updates & modifications

A 45 minute Executive Session was added under RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)

Consent Agenda

Gayle Swagerty moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 37050 through 37087, and EFT's dated December 13, 2017 in the total amount of \$57,586.80

Manual Checks

Claim Voucher No. 37040 in the amount of \$300.00 and EFT in the amount of \$18.00

Bank Fees: November 2017 Bank Fees and Invoice Cloud Fees

Transfers: November 2017 Rent and B&O Transfers

Payroll: Payroll Check No.'s 37041 through 37048 EFT's and direct deposits dated November 15th and 30th, 2017 in the total amount of \$77,362.26

Action Agenda

- A. AB 2017-027, Ordinance No. 753, 2018 Budget
Gayle Swagerty moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 753 setting the 2018 Budget as written. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2017-028, Resolution 2017-12, Surplus Fire Truck
Duane Johnson moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to pass Resolution No. 2017-12, declaring a 1968 Fire Truck as surplus and direct the Mayor or his designee to sell the property using cost-effective methods and procedures. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

A. Sewer ERU's

Mayor is still working on calculations to determine more accurate ERU's for wastewater using water flows. Spreadsheets were presented to the council for review. Based on the "Orange Book" use by the Department of Health and other regulatory agencies, the calculations that the Mayor came up with were very close with the exception of one motel, the school and the USBR. Wilder stated that ERU's should be based on peak flows, not just winter usage.

Mayor Wilder is also working on user fees. Current fees are set by Resolution. Wilder feels that an Ordinance would be a better method as it is more transparent to the users. He is suggesting that the council consider using CPI as a measurement for future increases.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden asked what the council's intent was for the regular council meeting scheduled for the week between Christmas and New Year's. Keith St. Jeor moved with Ben Alling seconding to cancel the December 27th council meeting. Motion carried.

Public Works

Interviews have taken place for the two open Public Works Utility Positions. There were many qualified applicants. Superintendent Mike Steffens has made two offers and has received two verbal acceptances.

Councilmembers

Ben Alling asked when the Town became a Code City. The Clerk responded that the Ordinance was passed in September making the change.

Gayle Swagerty notified the council that the Sidewalk Improvement Plan will be available at the December 20th Special Council Meeting. Time was spent working on prioritizing hazard and problem areas that will be defined in the plan.

Citizen Bob Poch asked if he could get a copy of the ERU handouts and spreadsheets that the Mayor had presented. Mayor Wilder will have them available in the Clerk’s Office tomorrow morning.

Announcements

None

Public Input

None

Executive Session

6:45pm, Mayor adjourned to an executive session which was estimated to last 45 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.*

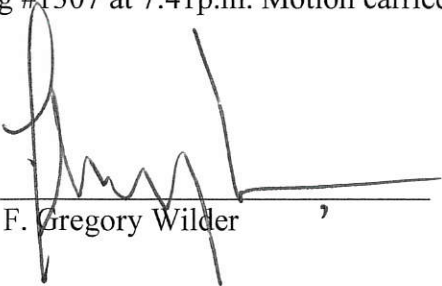
7:30pm, Mayor Wilder and Clerk Bowden announced to the public that an additional 10 minutes was needed.

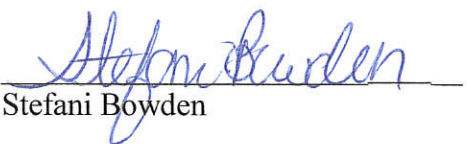
7:40pm, Mayor Wilder re-opened the regular council meeting.

Keith St. Jeor moved and David Schmidt seconded to authorize the Mayor to work with the attorney to resolve any and all issues with Basin Broadband and enter into a settlement agreement resolving all issues between the parties. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Keith St. Jeor motioned with Duane Johnson seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1307 at 7:41p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor 
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden