



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

Minutes
1319th Regular Council Meeting
August 8, 2018

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Price called the 1319th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:02p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Bob Poch, Marcia Warnecke, and Keith St. Jeor. Fred Netzel joined at 6:05pm. Ben Alling was excused absent.

Staff Present: Police Chief Paul Bowden and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

James Pakootas and Ashley Vasser attended on behalf of Juan Moreno to request council consideration of leasing a section of town owned vacant property to Juan Moreno and Ashley Vasser for the purpose of conducting an espresso business. The property is located at the north end of River Drive. They are in the process of securing funding and have a building and equipment lined-up. Ms. Vasser presented a business plan and a copy was given to each councilmember. The Clerk has requested an attorney review of the property, which was donated to the town, to insure that there are no stipulations as to what types of activities or structures are allowed on the property. Councilwoman Warnecke has some questions and possible concerns over the curbing and approaches to the property. Vasser would like an idea by Tuesday, August 14th as to what the expenses would be for utility hook-ups. No decisions were made by the council.

Agenda updates & modifications

Fred Netzel requested to add discussion items of TIB grant applications, Charter Communications and Basin Broadband Fiber.

Consent Agenda

Marcia Warnecke moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No.'s 37610 through 37636 and EFT's dated August 8, 2018 in the total amount of \$ 320,337.19.

Claim Voucher No. 37609 dated July 27, 2018 in the amount of \$300.00 and EFT in the amount of \$21.00 dated August 6, 2018.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 37598 through 37608, EFT's and direct deposits dated July 13^h and 27th, 2018 in the total amount of \$ 87,072.54.

Bank Fees: July 2018 Invoice Cloud fees and August 2018 Deposit Slip expense.

Action Agenda

A. AB 2018-23, Ordinance No. 761, ATV Use

Police Chief informed the council that he has made contact with the Colville Tribal Police regarding their enforcement or allowance on the use of ATVs but has not received a clear response back from them yet. Keith St. Jeor moved with Marcia Warnecke seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 761, allowing ATV use within the city limits of Coulee Dam. Motion carried.

B. AB 2018-24, Ordinance No. 762, Franchise Agreement, First Reading

The Franchise Agreement for the Colville Tribes to install fiber optic lines in West Coulee Dam and a section of Roosevelt Way was presented for a first reading. Councilman Bob Poch asked about the fiber crossing the bridge and how the Town's conduit will be affected. A separate agreement will be needed if the Tribe chooses to cross the bridge. This agreement pertains to the micro-trenching for fiber lines in West Coulee Dam and a section of Roosevelt Way only. Councilman Fred Netzel asked if the lines will be underground or overhead because poles were mentioned in agreement. He also feels that performance reviews should be conducted more than once every three years as indicated in the agreement. Netzel would like the Town to charge the tribe for the fiber versus exchanging for services and deposit the proceeds into the Electric Fund to replace funds used for the Town's fiber purchase. Other council members tried to explain that the Town's fiber is an unrelated issue. The Tribe is using their own fiber and this agreement does not pertain to any of the Town-owned fiber. Further discussion continued regarding Netzel's request for clarification. Keith St. Jeor moved and Bob Poch seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 762, Franchise Agreement for fiber optic installation. Motion carried with 3 in favor (Poch, Warnecke, St. Jeor) and 1 against (Netzel).

Discussion Agenda

A. Varela & Associates Project Updates

Varela was unable to attend due to conflict and have asked to be moved to the next council meeting agenda.

B. TIB Grant Application

Fred Netzel asked about the upcoming deadline for TIB Grant Submittals and asked which streets and projects were being applied for. He had concerns over how the Town would be able to pay matching funds and if the Town is obligating funds that are not available. Bob Poch stated that he realized that there are deadlines for grant submittal but asked for better communication regarding upcoming projects so that council has a chance to review projects before being submitted.

C. Charter Communications

Fred Netzel asked where the Town is at with Charter Communications. Mayor Price informed the council that Charter is currently in town doing an assessment of the Country Cable system to see if it is a viable system before they decide to make the purchase from Country Cable.

D. Wastewater Treatment Project – Elmer City

Marcia Warnecke asked the Mayor and councilmembers Fred Netzel and Bob Poch what went on during the meetings with Elmer City and the Town's engineers regarding the Elmer City lift station and upcoming connection to the new treatment plant. Mayor and Councilmember Netzel attended two meetings with Elmer City and Councilmember Poch was only in attendance for one of the meetings. Mayor Price stated that nothing was agreed on. Fred Netzel said that Elmer City feels Coulee Dam should pay for a portion of the pumps to get Elmer City waste to the treatment plant. Warnecke asked if the Town is "leading them on" since the attorney advised the Mayor that Coulee Dam should not be paying for Elmer City pumps. Warnecke also asked about additional work performed by Varela relating to Elmer City pumps and wanted to know what happens when hook-up time comes and they (Elmer City) haven't done the work. A very heated discussion went back and forth between councilmembers, some feeling it is Coulee Dam's responsibility to make sure the connection happens, others feeling the responsibility all lies on Elmer City. Keith St. Jeor asked that the letter sent to Elmer City from the Town's attorney be re-sent, reminding Elmer City of the actions needed. Clerk will locate the letter and re-send.

Mike Sullivan asked about how the failed Elmer City pumps will affect Lone Pine residents. Lone Pine receives sewer services from Elmer City. If pumps fail, Lone Pine residents will certainly be affected and could have sewer back-ups.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Clerk

The Clerk will be out of the office from August 15th through the 20th. Council packets for the August 22nd meeting will be mostly complete by the 15th and the other office staff will insure they get delivered on Friday the 17th. Any agenda items that are not in to the Clerk by the 15th will have to go on the Agenda as an addition.

Police

The surplus police vehicles have been placed on the PropertyRoom.com auction website.

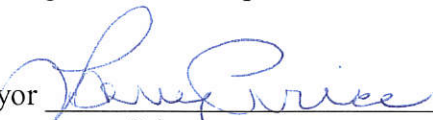
Chief Bowden announced the resignation of Officer Ulrich to the council and informed them that he has accepted a position with the Grand Coulee Police Department. Since the police department is now under 2 Officers, it does not meet Civil Service requirement, therefore the Chief will be moving quickly to find a replacement. A Lateral Officer is preferred but chances are it will end up being an Entry Level Officer. We will need to make a decision soon, as the next academy begins in November.

Public Input

None

Councilmember Marcia Warnecke motioned with Keith St. Jeor seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1319 at 7:40p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor


Larry Price

Clerk


Stefani Bowden