



Minutes
1433rd Regular Council Meeting
June 26, 2024

5:00 p.m. Executive Session – estimated time of 60 minutes.

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.*

Mayor Poch opened the executive session at 5:01pm.

Attendees: Mayor Poch, Councilmembers Black, Schmidt, Adkins, Hall and St. Jeor, Clerk Stefani Bowden, Attorney Ron Van Wert and Attorney Mick Howe.

Mayor Poch closed the session at 5:17pm. No decisions were made in the executive session.

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1433rd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Merv Schmidt and Keith St. Jeor. Kevin Black, John Adkins and Larry Hall joined remotely via video/teleconference.

Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden. TD&H Engineer Marissa Siemens and Scott Hunter of The Star newspaper were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Scott Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

a. **Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan**

Mayor Poch opened the hearing at 6:12pm to take public comment on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2025-2030. With no comments, the hearing closed at 6:12pm.

Public Input

a. **Street Projects Update – Marissa Siemens, TD&H Engineering**

TD&H Engineer Marissa Siemens provided an update on the TIB Street projects. Bids

for the regional chip/crack seal projects came in high and exceeded the TIB funding. TIB was able to do some reorganization of funding and are able to provide the additional funds needed to cover the projects for Electric City, Grand Coulee and Coulee Dam. Coulee Dam's funding will require a separate project agreement as they are classifying the additional funds under a street maintenance project. TIB is asking that the Town approve the 2024 Street Maintenance Project Agreement in the amount of \$163,278. They would also like the Town to approve awarding the project contingent upon TIB approval to the lowest bidder.

(m/s Adkins/Schmidt) to approve the TIB Street Maintenance Project Agreement. Motion carried.

(m/s Schmidt/Adkins) to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder contingent upon TIB's approval. Motion carried.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Mayor added an action item for a motion to approve the attorney to send a letter to Elmer City. Councilman St. Jeor asked that the Animal Ordinance be moved to the Action Agenda.

Consent Agenda

(m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 41701 through 41719 and EFTs dated June 26, 2024 in the total amount of \$ 51,146.30.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. 41700 dated June 20, 2024 in the amount of \$43,720.19 , CPL-06.13.24 and CPL-06.21.24 in the total amount of \$54.00.

Action Agenda

- a. Resolution No. 2024-03, 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan
(m/s Schmidt/ St. Jeor) to approve Resolution No. 2024-03, adopting the 2025-2030 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried.
- b. Letter to Elmer City
(m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to direct Attorney Van Wert to send the drafted letter to Elmer City. Motion carried.

c. Animal Ordinance

The council was provided with a copy of the animal ordinance that was drafted by the Town's attorney in 2019. The ordinance was never adopted due to disagreement from the council members at that time. Councilman St. Jeor stated that he had reviewed the ordinance and didn't see any reason to not adopt it as presented. (m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to adopt the animal ordinance as presented contingent upon review by the attorney. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

a. Theater Lease Proposal – Larry Hernandez

A lease proposal and business plan were submitted by Larry Hernandez for the theater. The plan includes reopening the theater to run movies again. The theater needs repairs, but Hernandez is willing to do the repairs in lieu of rent for a period of time. The Council asked that the proposal be sent to the attorney for review and comments.

b. Security Cameras

Police Chief Bowden has done some research on a couple of different options for security cameras. The main focus area would be the restrooms at the tourist information center where the transit buses also stop. A mobile trailer that is solar operated would cost approximately \$40,000. Councilman St. Jeor suggested talking with Electric City to see if they would be willing to share the cost so it could be utilized in their city as well.

The Town was also provided a trial camera from Verkata for 30 days that has been mounted on Town Hall. The Chief is impressed with the quality of the camera and the functions it provides. Verkata has offered to sell the Town the one camera for \$2539 but the Town would need to install it and provide the internet service that it would require to operate. (m/s St. Jeor/Adkins) to purchase the camera along with Verkata service for the Park Restrooms up to \$3000 using Tourism Funds. Motion carried.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

Mayor


Bob Poch

Clerk


Stefani Bowden