



Minutes
1437th Regular Council Meeting
August 28, 2024

5:30 p.m. Executive Session – estimated time of 30 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 Pro-Tem Keith St. Jeor opened the executive session at 5:33pm.

Attendees: Councilmembers Schmidt, Adkins and St. Jeor, Clerk Stefani Bowden and Attorney Ron Van Wert. Mayor Poch joined via teleconference. Councilman Black joined at 5:37pm.

Pro-Tem St. Jeor closed the session at 5:51pm. No action was taken in the executive session.

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem St. Jeor called the 1437th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Council members present: Kevin Black, Merv Schmidt, John Adkins and Keith St. Jeor. Mayor Poch joined via teleconference. Larry Hall was absent.

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

Resident Brandon Van Deusen and Chamber of Commerce representatives Nancy Boord and Anita Eyler were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

John Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

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

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Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 41823 through 41836 and EFTs dated August 28, 2024 in the total amount of \$ 206,466.83.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. CPL-08/27/24 in the amount of \$18.00.

Voided Checks: Voided Check No. 41813 (issued to incorrect vendor) was reissued as Check No. 41822.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 41821, 41837 through 41844, EFT's and direct deposits dated August 15 and 30, 2024 in the total amount of \$119,414.64.

Action Agenda

- a. Resolution No. 2024-04, Adopting Grant County Critical Areas Ordinance (m/s Black/Schmidt) to approve Resolution No. 2024-04, adopting the Grant County Critical Areas Ordinance. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Open Public Meetings Act Training Requirement
Clerk Stefani Bowden reminded the council of their requirement to take the Open Public Meetings Act training. A few of the council members have taken it in the past but it is due to be renewed. The Clerk asked if the council would like to schedule a time as a group to take it together or if they would prefer to do it on their own. It was decided to hold the training one hour prior to the next council meeting.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Merv Schmidt has met with the owner of the bowling alley, Scott Elmore. Elmore stated he would be willing to agree to a one-year lease agreement with a 3% rate increase. The Clerk will prepare a lease agreement to present at the next council meeting.

John Adkins was approached by a couple of citizens in regard to installing security cameras in Cole Park. They also had some concerns over the Town potentially changing the sewer ordinance. Mayor Poch informed Councilman Adkins that he has been in contact with the 2 constituents.

Public Input

Brandon Van Deusen asked about the replacement of trees on Ferry Ave and if there has been any discussion as to the kind of trees that will be going in. The Clerk stated that a few different varieties were included in the grant application but since that time, an arborist that knows the areas has stated they might not work. The exact species of trees still needs to be decided and there will be some public meetings to take public comments and suggestions when that time comes. Van Deusen was happy to hear that it is in the works as several neighbors have been wondering what has happened with the tree replacement. The Clerk stated that the Town has been awarded a grant for the tree replacement, but it is taking them longer than expected to get all of the grants executed.

Nancy Boord asked for the Council's final blessing on the Arts and Culture Festival that is scheduled for the weekend of October 11th and 12th. The Chamber has partnered with the Tribe, 12 Tribes Casino, NNDF, Washington State Tourism Grant, Okanogan County and Town of Coulee Dam. Boord asked about the possibility of closing one lane of Roosevelt Way during the event for safety purposes. It would be for the lane closest to Mason City Park and would run from the intersection of Mead through Fir. The Clerk was concerned about limiting access for the USBR. Police Chief Bowden didn't think it would be too much of an issue since it is on a weekend and as long as a lane was left open for them to get around it. Boord stated she is willing to talk with the USBR about it as well.

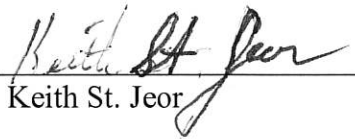
Nancy Boord stated that the Chamber is working on an app to promote activities.

Larry Hernandez invited the council and anyone else interested to join him at the theater following the council meeting for an open house and presentation.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem


Keith St. Jeor

Clerk


Stefani Bowden