



Minutes
1436th Regular Council Meeting
August 14, 2024

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1436th 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 (joined via telephone at 6:20pm) and Keith St. Jeor. Larry Hall was excused absent.

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

Scott Hunter of The Star newspaper and residents Brandon Van Deusen and Larry Hernandez were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Keith St. Jeor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Coulee Dam resident Brandon Van Deusen introduced himself and stated that he will be attending more council meetings as he is interested in being more involved in city government.

Larry Hernandez thanked the council for approving his lease for the theater. He provided the council with some of his ideas and plans for reopening the theater. He is hoping to work with the school to form a student adversary council to incorporate ideas into the theater and to offer a learning experience for them as well.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

The animal ordinance is being added to assign a number to the previously approved ordinance.

Consent Agenda

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

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Regular Council Meeting – July 24, 2024

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 41782 through 41820 and EFTs dated August 14, 2024 in the total amount of \$ 64,070.25.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 41754 , 41775 through 41781 , EFT's and direct deposits dated July 15 and 31, 2024 in the total amount of \$126,272.24.

Action Agenda

- a. Restaurant Lease – Rio Grande
(m/s Black/St. Jeor) to approve the lease with Rio Grande Restaurant. Motion carried.
- b. Ordinance No. 821 – Animal Ordinance
(m/s St. Jeor/Black) to assign the number of 821 to the previously adopted animal ordinance. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Regional Board of Mayors – Delano Transfer Station Truck
Mayor Poch informed the council of repairs to the transfer station truck and the possibility of needing to replace the truck. No decisions have been made yet, but this could impact the budget. Rates may need to be increased again to cover the repair or replacements costs.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Kevin Black had some questions on the street closures for the chip seal project.

Keith St. Jeor asked about the security camera system at Mead Park as he was informed of an issue that took place on the playground earlier in the day. Chief Bowden stated that the one camera that the Council approved to purchase has been installed but mainly covers the restroom area.

Keith St. Jeor mentioned that with the soft opening of the theater, it might a good opportunity to utilize some tourism funds in Coulee Dam to help support businesses.

Public Works

Superintendent Mike Steffens reported that a few of the surplus items have been sold.

Police

Police Chief Paul Bowden reported that the National Night Out event went well and was a big success.

Clerk

Clerk Stefani Bowden informed the council that she will be out of the office from the 15th through the 26th.

Public Input

Brandon Van Deusen stated that he is recruiting interest from the community for council involvement.

Larry Hernandez asked the council to assist him in communicating with the bowling alley regarding the ownership and usage of the marquee. The marquee is owned by the town and usage will need to be worked out between the two businesses.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Mayor



Bob Poch

Clerk



Stefani Bowden