



Minutes
1446th Regular Council Meeting
February 26, 2025

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1446th regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

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

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

Scott Hunter of The Star Newspaper and Larry Hernandez of Echo Ridge Theater were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

John Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Theater lessee Larry Hernandez updated the Council on progress at the Theater and stated that he signed the funding paperwork for the business loan through NNDF earlier in the day. Channel 2 News will be coming to Coulee Dam to interview Hernandez and Okanogan County Health has inspected the concessions area. Hernandez said that lots of exciting things are happening. He will have a more detailed report at the next council meeting and has invited the council members to tour the theater following the council meeting.

Hernandez had some concerns and requests regarding the handicap parking that he will be providing more details on at the next meeting.

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

The Mayor added a short executive session at the end of the meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

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Regular Council Meeting – February 12, 2025

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:
Claim Voucher No. 42146 through 42199 and EFTs dated February 26, 2025 in the total amount of \$ 134,740.00.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. CPL-02.18.25 in the total amount of \$18.00.

Action Agenda

a. Public Works Board Funding – Sewer Outfall Survey

The Town has received a funding offer from the Public Works Board (PWB) to complete a sewer outfall survey. The funding offer was a 5 year loan in the amount of \$40,000 with 0.43% interest and a grant in the amount of \$40,000. (m/s Adkins/St. Jeor) to accept the offer and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Motion carried.

b. On-Call Engineering

The Town received a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from one engineering firm for On-Call Engineering Services. The SOQ was submitted by TD&H Engineering, which is the Town's current on-call engineer. With no other submittals, and with the submittal being received from the Town's current engineer, interviews were not needed. (m/s St. Jeor/Adkins) to select TD&H Engineering for on-call engineering services. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

None

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Police

Chief Bowden notified the council that the new hire will begin April 1, 2025 and will begin training at the academy in May.

Public Input

None

Executive Session

RCW 42.30.110 (1)

(b) *To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.*

6:14pm, Mayor Poch announced that the council will go into an executive session for an estimated 10 minutes and asked the Public to leave the council chambers.

6:24pm - Regular Council Meeting Resumed

Mayor Poch re-opened the regular session at 6:24pm.

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden