



Minutes
1448th Regular Council Meeting
March 26, 2025

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1448th 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, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens 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

Kevin Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

Mayor Poch stated that an executive session may be added at the end of the 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. 42237 through 42254 and EFTs dated March 26, 2025 in the total amount of \$ 133,034.14.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. 42233 dated March 14, 2025, in amount of \$24,162.00, 42234 dated March 31, 2025, in the amount of \$50,520.88, 42235 dated March 17, 2025, in the amount of \$300.00, CPL-03.17.25 in the amount of \$18.00.

Action Agenda

None

Discussion Agenda

a. Echo Ridge Theater Update

Echo Ridge owner, Larry Hernandez updated the council on the renovation progress at the theater. The lobby “rules” have been posted. Hernandez asked the council to consider moving the handicap parking as it could cause an issue being up against the building wall. Councilman St. Jeor asked if he was referring to the actual handicap parking space or is it the sign that is posted on the building stating that the handicap parking is located in the back parking lot. There are no handicapped parking spaces in the front lot as there is no handicapped access into the building on the front side. After discussion, it was suggested to either move the sign or get a new one that is more readable. Hernandez said there has been an issue with cars parking and blocking the back doors, making it difficult for deliveries. He asked if a space could be painted as no parking to help open up access.

Hernandez told the council that the renovations on the inside of the theater are almost complete. The auditorium doors have been refinished. The flooring and painting of the auditorium walls still need to be completed.

Hernandez has been working with the tribal historical and archaeology to potentially add the theater to the historical registry.

The soft opening of the theater is still planned for Colorama weekend with the official opening set for Fourth of July. Hernandez shared potential menu ideas with the council. A three-compartment sink has been installed, and the concessions area has been inspected by the health department.

Hernandez invited the council to tour the theater following the next council meeting. He will also be submitting a list to the council of items he is requesting to be surplus and disposed of.

Executive Session

Mayor Poch announced the need for an executive session and excused the public at 6:35pm for an estimated time of 10 minutes. The executive session was being held under **RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c)** *To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;*

It was announced and posted on the door that the executive session was being extended for an additional 10 minutes. No public was present.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:55pm

7:55pm – Regular Session Resumed

Mayor Poch re-opened the regular council meeting at 7:55pm

Staff, Council & Committee Report

None

Public Input

None

Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

Mayor 
Bob Poch

Clerk 
Stefani Bowden