



**Minutes**  
**1450<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 23, 2025**

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**5:15 p.m. – Executive Session**

**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.*
  
- (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 5:21pm. and estimated the end time to be 6:00pm.

Attendees: Mayor Poch, Councilmembers Black, Schmidt, and St. Jeor, Clerk Stefani Bowden, Deputy Clerk Shanee Breeze and Attorney Ron VanWert (via videoconference).

Mayor Poch adjourned the executive session at 5:50pm.

**6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Poch called the 1450<sup>th</sup> 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, Deputy Clerk Shanee Breeze, Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Police Chief Paul Bowden.

Krystal Fillis and Jillian Fillis of the Chamber of Commerce were also present. Scott Hunter of The Star newspaper joined via videoconference at the start of the “Discussion Agenda”.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

John Adkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

None

### **Updates and Modifications to Agenda**

Wastewater treatment legal action was added to the "Action Agenda".

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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Vouchers:                      Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Claim Voucher No. 42293 through 42318 and EFTs dated April 23, 2025 in the total amount of \$ 163,414.90.

Manual Vouchers:          Claim Voucher No. 42262 dated April 1, 2025 in amount of \$300.00, 42290 dated April 11, 2025 in the amount of \$50,472.40, 42291 dated April 15, 2025 in the amount of \$8,262.00, 42292 dated April 17, 2025 in the amount of \$10.00, and EFT WEXBANK-CONOCO dated April 10, 2025 in the amount of \$188.13.

Payroll Checks:              Payroll Check No.'s 42236 and 42255 through 42261, EFT's and direct deposits dated March 14 and 28, 2025 in the total amount of \$135,524.25.

### **Action Agenda**

- a. Ordinance No. 829, Highway 155 Speed Limit Amendment  
WSDOT requested that the Town amend the Ordinances regarding the speed limit on Highway 155 through the Town of Coulee Dam city limits. They are making changes on their end and would like the ordinances to specify mile marker locations at the city limits, versus just stating "city limits" on the ordinance. No changes to the speed is being requested. (m/s Schmidt/Black) to adopt Ordinance No. 829. Motion carried.
- b. Wastewater Treatment Legal Action  
(m/s St. Jeor/Black) to authorize the Mayor to direct the attorney to file a tort claim notice as necessary and subsequent lawsuit if necessary to procure Elmer City's debt due the Town of Coulee Dam for wastewater treatment, breach of contract and delinquent bills. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Agenda**

None

### **Staff, Council & Committee Report**

#### **Police**

Chief Bowden informed the council that the sales tax assessed on the new patrol car was more than planned for at budget time. The car is still in need of a new radar, which will cause the line

item to be over budget. The council had no objection to allowing the purchase of the radar. A budget amendment will be presented at a future meeting if necessary.

**Public Input**

None

**Adjournment**

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:08pm.

Mayor   
Bob Poch

Clerk   
Stefani Bowden