



Minutes
1452nd Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 2025

6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Poch called the 1452nd regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call

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

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

Scott Hunter of The Star newspaper was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

None

Updates and Modifications to Agenda

The Clerk requested to add Ordinance No. 823 to the Discussion Agenda. Bid Award for TIB ADA Ramp Upgrades was removed from Agenda.

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. 42380 through 42405 and EFTs dated June 11, 2025 in the total amount of \$ 69,120.73.

Manual Vouchers: Claim Voucher No. 42379 dated June 4, 2025 in amount of \$20,634.50, and CPL-06.11.25 in the amount of \$ 18.00.

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 42374 through 42378, EFT's and direct deposits dated May 15 and 30, 2025 in the total amount of \$132,231.36.

Action Agenda

- a. Bid Award – Sewer Lining Project
(m/s St. Jeor/Black) to award the sewer lining construction bid to the lowest responsive bidder contingent upon meeting all requirements. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Ordinance No. 823
The Clerk presented a draft ordinance for consideration regarding Mayor and Councilmembers salary. Salaries have not been raised for elected officials for many years and are considerably lower than most other cities and towns of similar size. Councilmembers currently receive \$50 per month. The proposed ordinance would provide for \$50 per regular meeting attended. Mayor requested that no changes be made to the Mayor's compensation. After brief discussion, (m/s St. Jeor/Schmidt) to adopt Ordinance No. 823 as presented. Motion carried.

Staff, Council & Committee Report

Council

Councilman Schmidt suggested that water rates be changed to not charge users any water overages for the months of May through September. The Superintendent felt this could be an issue with the Department of Health as they already question why the town allows for the high amount of usage in the base rate. The Clerk also felt it could be an issue with the auditor but will inquire about it.

Public Works

The owner of the Village Cinema provided an email to the council regarding a sewer back-up issue that occurred. Superintendent Steffens reminded the council that he voiced his concerns over the sewer lines at the theater prior to the lease being signed and had made it clear to the lessee. The sewer back-up was isolated to the theater and did not affect the other 2 business in the building.

Clerk

Clerk Bowden notified the Council that the State Auditor will begin the 2023-2025 audit and will be onsite the following week.


Public Input

None.


Adjournment

Mayor Poch adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Mayor


Bob Poch

Clerk


Stefani Bowden