

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
March 5th, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Laci Hubbard Mattix, Dot Sharp, and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Brian Keller, Travis Mattix and Steve Bremer were also in attendance. Kyle White was absent.

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to accept the minutes and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Warrants: Warrants, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Dot Sharp and a second by Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904181-904191 for: \$11,936.26

Warrant #'s 9010274-9010288 for:

General:	\$ 969.01
Streets:	\$ 1,299.19
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 3,612.61
Subtotal:	\$ 5,880.81
Grand Total:	\$ 17,817.07

Old Business:

Brian Keller:

Officer Keller told the council that he spoke with one of the residents who had complaints about her dog barking continuously. She said she will take care of it.

He also discussed that he had an incident with a resident who he had to take to jail and that during the transport to Colfax, the guy kicked out the side window of the police car. Officer Keller said that he had it fixed and that the resident will be paying for the damage soon.

Officer Keller told the council that he has looked into both new and used police cars. He said he only found one used Ford Explorer with under 50,000 miles for \$18,000, and then it would cost between \$7,000 to \$9,000 to equip it with everything. A new Ford Explorer would cost about \$28,000 plus all of the equipment at the above price. He also found new Ford Explorers for \$40,000, with all equipment included.

The council wants to wait to purchase a vehicle until after they get pricing for painting the water tank and the paving of the gravel roads. It was decided to have Officer Keller, fix the car at this time. Mayor Weber suggested to get bids from McKernian Brothers and Pullman Auto, as they have both been a lot cheaper than the dealer.

Steve Bremer:

Avista Bill:

Steve told the council that when he was plowing Gun Club Road that he hit a ground box and that the town may get a bill from Avista.

Terry Nab Bill:

The bill for amending the town's sewer plan was a little over \$4,000. There is a meeting set up for the end of March to meet with Ecology to discuss the PH levels. The plan may have to be amended again after the meeting.

Chip Sealing from County:

Steve told the council that he received a phone call from Whitman County and that they will not be able to do any chip sealing projects this year.

Trees on Steptoe Street:

Mayor Weber told the council that Ken Darby would like the wood from the tree that will be cut down on Steptoe Street and so would Chuck Tilton. Both would like to have another tree put in. Kristen Robinson received a letter regarding the tree and she has not responded yet.

Library Sign:

Chuck DeMeerleer brought in the new Library sign. It looks great. They will put it up when the weather gets nicer.

New Business:

Dot Sharp:

Dot would like to have a roofing company come out and put in slides so that the snow can't slide off the front of the building and hit someone. She will get bids.

New Building Inspector:

Steve said that it is going well.

2017 Yearend Report:

Mayor Weber reviewed the 2017 yearend report. Jenni explained that all has been inputted and sent to the auditors.

Audit Report for 2015 and 2016:

Mayor Weber reported that the town had a clean report from the Auditor's for the year's 2015-2016. ☺

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Sam Keller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

