

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**January 8th, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan, Stillman from Keller and Steve Bremer.

**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 Sam Keller, and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903669-903678 for: \$10,470.39

Warrant #'s 909337-909365 for:

General:	\$ 2,269.63
Streets:	\$ 7,244.93
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$17,540.88
Subtotal:	\$27,055.44
Grand Total:	\$ 37,525.83

**New Business:****Council Member Jim Dahmen:**

Jim Dahmen was appointed to council position #5 and read the oath of office.

**Public Hearing:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan, Stillman from Keller and Steve Bremer.

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance #482. This ordinance will place the 30 mph sign 528 feet east of west city limits and will place the 60 mph sign 528 feet east of west city limits. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Public Hearing closed at 8:33 p.m.

**Keller and Associates:**

Stillman presented a handout to the council regarding Keller and Associates Engineering firm. He explained that they recently opened an office in Lewiston and have become more available for small communities. He told the council that most of their work is with return customers.

**Steve Bremer:**

Steve told the council that 60 feet of the new sidewalk will have to be replaced due to a large crack. This will not cost the town anything.

**New Pick-up:**

Steve told the council that he and Sam would be going to the Tri Cities to pick up the new truck on Friday.

**Electrical Panel:**

Steve told the council that when the electrician came to hook-up the new street lights that he was very concerned about the panel and said that the panel needs to be replaced. The council agreed, Steve will figure out who to get bids from.

**Ordinance #482:**

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept Ordinance #482 and Jim Dahmen seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**TIB Grant:**

The town was denied for a TIB grant to put sidewalks on Summit Street. TIB said the Summit does not qualify because it is not an arterial street. Jenni told the council that she called Gloria to find out why it didn't qualify as an arterial. Gloria told her that TIB doesn't recognize Summit as an arterial. She said the good news is that in the future the street doesn't need to be arterial to get funding.

**DOE Letter:**

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter from DOE regarding the town's wastewater facility plan. There were many things that DOE needs to have corrected. T D AND H will correct the problems.

**Fountain Flying:**

The council approved for Fountain Flying to fly over town. Mayor Weber signed the letter approving it.

**City Vision Magazine:**

Mayor Weber showed the council the article in City Vision Magazine about the Town of Colton's continual approval of its special levy.

**Ongoing Business:****Lewis and Clark Recycling:**

Jerry will call Janna and ask her to come to the next council meeting and at that time the council will make a decision on whether to change recycling companies.

**Welcome to Colton Sign:**

It was decided to go ahead and fix the Welcome to Colton sign using metal posts for \$800. Dot Sharp will call them and let them know to do this when the weather is good.

**Council Replacement:**

None of the people suggested last month are interested in becoming a council member. Jim Dahmen suggested Runell La Plante or Jerry La Plante and that they would be interested and would do a good job.

**Town of Colton Winter Banners:**

Dot Sharp told the council that the Christmas Committee purchased 6 winter banners for the town to be placed on the new street lights. The committee also has enough money to purchase them for either: spring, fall or summer. They will decide which ones to purchase. Dot told the council that the banners were not long enough and

that she bought dowels and hooks and Steve wired them in. The council said that they looked really nice.

**Blaine McMahan:**

Jenni told the council that Blaine asked if the town would like to put up Cougar banners on the new fences in town. The council felt that they would be a site obstruction.

**Bridge Inspection:**

Jenni told the council that Steptoe Bridge needs to be inspected annually due to deterioration at the base of the bridge. The Depot Bridge needs to be inspected every other year. Both will be inspected by the county in January.

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 9:02 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk