

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
January 15, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:20. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen, Kyle White, Dot Sharp and Chuck DeMeerleer. Jim Dahmen was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

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 #903745-903755 for: \$11,182.58

Warrant #'s 909553-909574 for:

General:	\$ 1,770.97
Streets:	\$ 3,050.90
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 7,137.88
Subtotal:	\$ 11,959.75
Grand Total:	\$ 23,142.33

New Business:**Steve Bremer:**

Steve told the council that he recently found out from DOE that AAA Laboratory is not accredited and that another lab needs to be used for water and sewer testing. Steve contacted the City of Pullman and they are willing to teach Steve how to run the tests at their site. The town would supply their own testing supplies. It was discussed that the Town of Colton start its own lab. Steve said he will see how it works out with Pullman, he was unsure how long they would allow him to do the testing.

Ben Wolf and Marty Weber:

Ben and Marty discussed expanding the fire station or building a new one. They discussed several options that they were considering; possibly using the property by the tennis courts near the school, or Betty Becker's property or just expanding out the back of the current location. The council told them that they are in total support of whatever they decide.

Pole Building:

There was some discussion about building a pole building behind the public works building to store equipment. No decisions about this were finalized.

Incentives for Businesses:

Mayor Weber told the council that he wants to look into what type of incentives that the town could offer to bring in new businesses. Jenni will call the auditor to see what types of incentives can be given.

Email from Kim Schultheis:

Mayor Weber read an email from Kim Schultheis regarding a situation that occurred during her morning crossing. A car actually drove in the middle of the crosswalk while she was crossing children. She said that the lady rolled down her window and said that she wanted to miss the traffic. She said that this situation has never happened before but that she wanted to make sure that the council and Officer Keller were alerted to it. She didn't get the license plate.

Letter from Labor and Industries:

Mayor Weber read a letter from L and I that said the town earned a claim free discount for 2015. The council asked Jenni to call them to find out how much of a discount that the town received.

SWAC Meeting:

Dot Sharp told the council that the meetings are being held every three months now.

Colton Post Office:

Jenni told the council that she was informed by Debbie Niehenke that she was being replaced by a union guy out of Colfax in the near future. Mayor Weber said that he would write a letter to the post office in support of keeping Debbie. All council agreed this would be a good idea.

Ongoing Business:

AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship:

Mayor Weber presented the three candidates that Colton High School Counselor Jeff Briney recommended. They are Courtney Hoyle, Courtney Kimberling and Haley Meyer. The council will review the applications and decide who to nominate for this scholarship next month.

Tving the Sewer Lines:

Steve told the council that Terry Nab filled out a small works roster and so did the tving company. Steve said that TD and H still had old VHS's of the last time it was done. Jenni will email T D and H and have them send them back to the town. This project will start in the spring.

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 8:55 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

