

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
February 2nd, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen, Kyle White, Dot Sharp and Jim Dahmen. Chuck DeMeerleer was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to accept the minutes and Dot Sharp 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 Jim Dahmen. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903756-903765 for: \$10,559.73

Warrant #'s 909578-909593 for:
(Void warrants # 909575,909576, and 909577)

General:	\$ 1,728.50
Streets:	\$ 1,527.85
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 3,298.66
Subtotal:	\$ 6,555.01
Grand Total:	\$ 17,114.74

New Business:**Steve Bremer:**

Steve told the council that he has a sanitary survey with DOH. They will go through wells and review paperwork.

Uniontown:

Steve told the council that he will be working with Uniontown to maintain their water and sewer systems. He explained that Jason, from Clarkston, will oversee Uniontown's wastewater system until Steve becomes certified. Steve will continue to work full time in Colton. If Uniontown requires Steve to be there for an extended time then Uniontown would send their maintenance person to perform some of the tasks Steve would normally do, like mowing, etc.

Discharge:

Steve told the council that he is only discharging 18,000 gallons a day.

Leak Detection:

Leak Detection found the leak on Steptoe Street. It will be repaired this Thursday. Jenni will send out notices to all that this will affect.

Test Wells:

Jim Dahmen asked when the test wells were going to be removed from his property. The council felt that they should not be removed, just in case more testing needed to be done and that they could just be cut so that they were flush with the ground.

McKinley Street:

Sam Keller suggested that when the contractors start paving McKinley Street that maybe they could pave further down toward Union Street because there are some really big cracks. Steve will talk to the contractor to see what it would cost.

Backflow Prevention:

Steve told the council that according to the town's ordinance, anyone that has a sprinkler system must have their back flow preventers checked annually. Most people have not been doing this. Steve suggested that they hire one company to do this test annually for all residents with sprinkler systems and then the town would charge the residents. If it was done this way the town would ensure that all are done annually. Sam has a friend that does this and he will talk to him how much he would charge.

Ongoing Business:**Incentives for Businesses:**

Mayor Weber told the council that Jenni called the auditor and she was told that the town could do incentives as long as there was a public hearing and the ordinance was amended to reflect the incentives. The council thought that a reduced building permit fee and/or a reduction in hook-up fees might be a possibility. Jenni called a couple of towns to see what charges that they had for new businesses; some of the fees were for a business license and zoning fees. Colton doesn't have those fees.

Sewer Video:

Steve told the council that he will be scheduling the tv'ing in the near future. If there is not enough inflow, then flow meters will be installed to read the flow coming into the manhole.

AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship:

The council reviewed the three applications of the students that Mr. Briney suggested and they decided to nominate Courtney Hoyle. Jenni will send Mr. Briney the paperwork for Courtney to fill out.

Speeding in Town:

A concerned resident told Steve that there is a black truck that speeds through town on College Street several times a day. Steve will tell Officer Keller about the complaint.

Avista:

Jenni told the council that the credit given by Avista for the electric bill for the A T and T park last year is about used up. She will contact Avista again to see if they would be willing to credit the town \$200 to keep electricity at the park year round. It is only used during the Christmas months for the Christmas lights.

Loan 403:

Jenni told the council that USDA Rural Development Loan has been paid off. They actually took out more than what was owed and had to apply it to Loan 405.

Age Analysis:

Jenni explained that there are some 18 + year old water/sewer accounts that have balances on them that will never get paid. Most are small amounts, like late charges. She will call the auditor to see what can be done about these.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Jim Dahmen. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

