

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. Members in attendance were Pro Tem Mayor Jim Dahmen, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White, and Dot Sharp. Jerry Weber and Sam Keller were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer, Ron Weik, Paul Kimmel, and Debbie Niehenke were also in attendance.

**Minutes:** Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept the minutes and Kyle White 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 Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Kyle White. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903782-903791 for: \$10,832.74

Warrant #'s 909578-909593 for:

General:	\$ 7,408.23
Streets:	\$ 11,649.21
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$ 4,755.30
Subtotal:	\$23,812.74
Grand Total:	\$ 34,645.48

**New Business:****Debbie Niehenke:**

Debbie told the town that she would like to dig out all of the weeds in the strip in front of the post office. She has a student that is interested in doing some community service and after the weeds are removed she would like to put river rock there. The council was fine with it.

**Paul Kimmel:**

Paul Kimmel from Avista spoke to the council about changing over all of the town's street lights with LED lights. The LED lights save 30-50% in consumption. Avista is going to work on a TIB grant to hopefully get financial assistance for the town to do this. Steve Bremer said that he heard that the LED lights aren't as bright and that more light poles may be needed to produce the same amount of light as there was before. Paul told him that Palouse was a pilot project and that they have not noticed any difference in the lighting. In fact he said that police agencies like the LED lights better because they are much clearer and people can differentiate colors better.

**Public Hearing for Ron Weik's Variance Request:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. Members in attendance were Pro Tem Mayor Jim Dahmen, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White, and Dot Sharp. Jerry Weber and Sam Keller were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer, Ron Weik, Paul Kimmel, and Debbie Niehenke were also in attendance.

ProTem Mayor Jim Dahmen reviewed the variance request. Mr. Weik would like to build a garage that is 500 feet larger with an eave height that is 6 feet taller than Ordinance #420 allows. All neighbors have been apprised of this variance request and no one had any problems with it. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to close the public hearing and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public hearing closed at 7:45.

**Public Hearing for Amending Ordinance 491:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. Members in attendance were Pro Tem Mayor Jim Dahmen, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White, and Dot Sharp. Jerry Weber and Sam Keller were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer, Ron Weik, Paul Kimmel, and Debbie Niehenke were also in attendance.

ProTem Mayor Jim Dahmen reviewed the Ordinance. This ordinance would allow six fowl per property. All fowl must be cooped and No ROOSTERS are permitted. Chuck DeMeerleer closed the public hearing and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

**Resolution #720:**

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve Mr. Weik's request for a variance to Ordinance #420, to build a garage that is 500 feet larger and 6 feet taller and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Resolution #735:**

Pro Tem Mayor Jim Dahmen reviewed the amendment to Resolution #735, increasing the rate of special water rate for bulk sales. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve Resolution #735 and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Ordinance #491:**

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept the amendment to Ordinance #260, allowing up to six cooped fowl per property and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Spring Clean-up:**

The spring clean-up was very successful and the dumpster was pretty full.

**Fire Flow Pressure Testing Kit:**

Steve told the council that the fire flow testing kit was purchased and that Uniontown will pay for half of it.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Sewer Videoing:**

Steve told the council that the videoing has been complete and that they found several substantial leaks. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve to spend up to \$25,000 to fix those leaks. Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Umbrella Sprinkler System:**

Steve told the council that he spoke with Umbrella Sprinkler and that they would be willing to do all of the back flow testing of sprinkler systems in town. He would bill a set price per resident and then the town would bill each homeowner. This way all of the sprinkler systems in town would be tested and the town would be in compliance

with Department of Health. The council thought this was a great idea. Steve will get back with them once he hears how much the company will charge each resident.

**Gravel:**

Steve told the council that he was going to order more gravel, because there are places in town that need it.

**Anonymous Donation:**

Jenni told the council that someone made an anonymous donation of \$100 to the town. Jenni will put it in miscellaneous revenue.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk