

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**September 1st, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Jim Dahmen, Kyle White, Sam Keller and Dot Sharp. 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 #903840-903849 for: \$10,991.63

Warrant #'s 909695-909710 for:

General:	\$ 391.00
Streets:	\$ 1,281.77
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$27,708.74
Subtotal:	\$29,381.51
Grand Total:	\$ 40,373.14

## **New Business:**

### **Steve Bremer:**

#### **Sewer Pumps:**

Steve told the council that Strom has had difficulty finding replacement parts for the sewer pump. They contacted him today and may have found them.

#### **Water Plan:**

Steve told the council that Munir should have the water plan completed this week.

#### **Back-up Generator for Wells:**

Steve told the council that the town purchased a back-up generator for the wells a while back and feels that this should be set-up in case the town loses power. It will cost about \$10,000 to hook it up to the wells. It was suggested that he makes sure that it works before they spend any money on the hook-up. It was also suggested that if it does work that they start working on it in phases, rather than do it all at once.

#### **Edwardsen Doublewide:**

It was decided that a letter will be sent to Mr. Edwardsen letting him know that his building permit expires at the end of September and that the council would like to know how the progress is going and when it will be complete.

#### **Speeding on Busch Road, Rimrock Road and Steptoe Street:**

There have been concerns about speeders on the above roads/streets. It was suggested that there be a 20 MPH, When Children Are Present sign posted near bridge entering town by GASB. Steve will order one. The council will ask Brian to patrol those areas more frequently. Steve will also order some more street signs.

#### **Palouse Byways Sign:**

Dot Sharp told the council that the Palouse Byway sign is here and Steve will put it near the steam engine.

#### **Speed Sign:**

Steve told the council that he got the pricing for the solar flashing speed signs and they were over \$5,000. The council felt that was too expensive. It was suggested that the town ask that the county put theirs up more often.

#### **Alma Druffel:**

Alma had a bad water leak and had a huge water overage. The council agreed to take off \$87, half of the overage, which is customary when this happens.

**First Step Internet:**

Mayor Weber told the council that he met with Sunni Freyer and First Step Internet staff to discuss the possibility of using the Elk River Cable fiber optics to bring high speed internet to all residents. The project will cost about \$100,000 and Sunni Freyer is working on a grant to help pay for it.

**Washington State Liquor Board:**

WSLB sent a letter to the town requesting that the town email them the town’s contact information.

**CIAW:**

Mayor Weber reviewed the CIAW insurance paperwork. He signed the paperwork and Jenni will send it back to them.

**Steve Gone:**

Steve will be taking a class in Spokane on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10. This class is needed to maintain his water and sewer licenses.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Fire District Letter:**

Mayor Weber read a letter from the fire district asking to purchase the property for the fire station for \$2. The town’s attorney has the information. Scott Becker will be surveying the property.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk