

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
December 1st, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer 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 #903870-903885 for: \$16,783.68
Void Checks 903886 through 903891
Warrant #'s 909746-909766 for:

General:	\$ 960.51
Streets:	\$ 1,300.85
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$23,795.60
Subtotal:	\$26,056.96
Grand Total:	\$ 42,840.64

New Business:**Public Hearing 2016 Budget:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Mayor Weber reviewed the 2016 Budget. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to close the public hearing and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The hearing closed at 7:38.

Passage of 2016 Budget:

Sam Keller motioned to approve the 2016 Budget and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Steve Bremer:**Sanitary Survey:**

Steve told the council that the sanitary survey went very well. The only thing that needs to be done is to have the water tank inspected.

Water LG12 Listening Device:

Steve told the council that he thought that it would be a good idea to purchase a water locator. He said that the town pays a lot of money annually for a leak detection company out of Spokane and with this purchase it would save money in the long run. He said the cost is about \$4,000 and it would pay for itself in a couple of years. It was suggested that Uniontown split the cost. Sam Keller motioned to either purchase the Water LG 12 outright or if Uniontown is willing, then split the cost with them. Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Water Report from Munir:

Mayor Weber read the water report from Munir. The town's water loss was approximately 10% loss in 2012 and 2013 and due to a leak the water loss in 2014 was less than 20%. The town has made significant improvements to its water loss problem which used to be over 30%.

Ongoing Business:

Generator for Water:

There was more discussion about purchasing a back-up generator for the well. Steve will look up pricing and information on different types of generators.

Water Rights:

Mayor Weber will have notarized Department of Ecology paperwork to continue to keep the water rights that have not been used from Hawkin’s Company.

Ordinances:

Jenni told the council that she received a call from Bishop Law firm and the town’s ordinances have been codified. They will be dropping them off soon.

TIB:

The town did not receive any TIB funding for grants this year.

AWC Scholarship:

The council asked Jenni to send the paperwork for AWC scholarship to Colton School.

Town Hall Christmas Closures:

The council approved for Town Hall to be closed Wednesday, December 23rd through Monday, December 28th.

Schultheis Email:

Mayor Weber read an email from Greg Schultheis regarding purchasing the flashing speed zone signs. He wanted to clarify that he was just concerned about the children’s safety and wants something to be done to help with this situation. The council will discuss this further at the next council meeting.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Chuck DeMeerleer. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk