

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**February 1st, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Jim Dahmen, Dot Sharp, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Marshal Brian Keller, Tyler Langerveld, 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 Jim Dahmen and a second by Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903903-903912 for: \$11,233.96

Warrant #'s 909800-909815 for:

General:	\$ 3,132.74
Streets:	\$ 1,649.45
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$ 3,764.46
Subtotal:	\$8,546.65
Grand Total:	\$19,780.61

**New Business:****Council Members Sworn in:**

Jim Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer were sworn in.

**Brian Keller:**

Brian told the council that he works Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. He will email Mayor Weber when his schedule changes. He asked if the council had any concerns, which no one had. He told them the police car is running well.

**Steve Bremer:****Leak Detection Device:**

Steve told the council that he will order the leak detection device in the next month or two.

**Discharging:**

Steve told the council that he has stopped discharging for the time being. The ponds are really low.

**Micro bugs:**

Steve told the council that he will not put the bugs in the ponds until after he is done discharging for the year.

**Letter to Whitman County:**

Mayor Weber signed a letter to Whitman County for spot sealing. Sam Keller suggested that maybe the town should have the cracked section of Summit Street chip sealed because the ends have cracked really badly. Steve will talk to the county about how much they would charge and he will also contact some other contractors.

**Fountain Flying Letter:**

Chuck DeMeerleer approved allowing Fountain Flying Services to fly over Colton. Jim Dahmen seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Legion Park Sprinkler System:**

Jim Dahmen brought up to the council that the American Legion would like to put in a sprinkler system at Legion Park. He wondered if the town could maybe help finance this, since the Legion does not have very much money. Jenni will call the auditor to see if that is ok to do. The council figured that the total cost would be about \$4,000.

**SWEDA Letter:**

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter and bill from SWEDA for \$100. The council elected to pay this next month.

**Avista:**

Jenni informed the council that Avista sent another \$200 check to cover the base cost for A T and T Park to continue to have electricity for the year. Jim Dahmen also told the council that Avista is starting to change the street lights to LED lights.

**Letter From Ecology:**

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter from DOE regarding changing the name on the water rights to the Town of Colton.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Edwardson's Manufactured Home:**

Dot Sharp told the council that Mr. Edwardson still has not completely finished setting the manufacture home up. His building permit ended a few months ago. The council asked Jenni to write a letter to him, letting him know that they will extend the permit for another 6 months.

**Solar Speed Signs:**

Mayor Weber presented estimates to purchase solar speed signs that Kyle White had obtained. They were about \$7,500 each. Dot Sharp got some pricing from the Palouse Mayor and they had purchased 3 of them for \$10,000 a few years ago. Jenni told the council that she spoke with Department of Transportation and explained that there were concerns about a lot of speeding cars in town, especially during the morning school crossing. DOT said that they will do a speed study to determine how many cars speed through town. DOT would be the one to put up speed signs, since it is on HWY 195. They were not sure when they would start the speed study.

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 8:26 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk



