

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
April 4th, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White, Jim Dahmen and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Rick Heitstuman, Rich Jackson, Russell Jackson, Taylor Eylar, TJ Burchell and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to accept the minutes and Chuck DeMeerleer 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 Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903923-903932 for: \$11,191.57

Warrant #'s 909831-909844 for:

General:	\$ 1,916.16
Streets:	\$ 1,238.93
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$ 1,747.68
Subtotal:	\$4,902.77
Grand Total:	\$16,094.34

New Business:**Steve Bremer:****Water Leak on Steptoe:**

Steve told the council that he fixed the water leak on Steptoe again.

Rich Jackson, Inland Telephone:

Rich told the council that Inland Internet will also be putting up a tower outside of town very soon and they will be offering the same service as First Step.

Welcome to Colton Sign:

Chuck DeMeerleer contacted several town's/cities to find out who made their signs. Pullman made their own sign and had Bill's Welding help with it. He also was told that Precision Signs could do it all but that he did not get any pricing for them. It was decided to send out a newsletter asking the town for input on what kind of sign they would like to see on the north of town. Taylor Eylar told the council that she has a friend who does signs and she will check with them. Some suggestions were a picture of a steam engine and for the size to be 8 feet by 5 feet. Rick Heitstuman suggested that the sign be on his property rather than where it is now. All council members agreed that that would be the best placement. Jenni will get a newsletter together soon and send to J and H Printing for distribution.

Avista:

Avista has changed out several street lights and they have about 20 left to go.

Ongoing Business:**Portogo:**

The council discussed the option of either fixing up the town bathrooms or getting a handicapped port-a-potty put in year round. Rick Heitstuman suggested getting the handicapped port-a-potty and installing it under the eaves of the bathroom. The council agreed that was a good idea. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to try the handicapped port-a-potty for a year and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Jenni will call Portogo to have them switch out the current one with a handicapped one.

Fire District:

Rick Heitstuman told the council that the survey has been completed. If the council approves it then they will record it with the county. It was also discussed that there should be an easement allowing for both the town and fire district to use each other's property when needed. Sam Keller motioned to accept the plans and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Jenni will contact Stephen Bishop about getting a contract drawn up for the sale of the property.

Spring Clean-Up:

The flyers went out for the spring clean-up for April 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Jenni ordered the 40 yard dumpster and it will be delivered on Thursday April 7th.

Back-Up Generator:

Steve has not heard back from Strom Electric yet.

First Step Internet:

Mayor Weber reviewed the agreement with First Step. Kyle White had some concerns about it not having anything on liability. Rich Jackson told the council that there is standard liability language that should be in the agreement. He also said that the town should ask about co-locators and residuals off of a co-locator. It was decided that the agreement should be sent to Attorney Stephen Bishop.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck Demeerleer and seconded by Sam Keller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

