

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
February 6th, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Jim Dahmen, Kyle White, Chuck DeMeerleer and Sam Keller. Dot Sharp was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer and TJ Burchell were also in attendance.

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

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904038-904047 for: \$11,667.20

Warrant #'s 9010004-9010029 for:
VOID Check # 910006

General:	\$8,935.39
Streets:	\$ 1,856.49
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$15,761.92
Subtotal:	\$26,553.80
Grand Total:	\$ 38,221.00

New Business:**Steve Bremer:**

Steve told the council that he had to buy a new discharge pump for ponds and a new chlorinator. He also said that he had to fix several leaks in the waterline near 1001 Broadway Street. The homeowner was without water for 17 days due to frozen town pipes and that her water/sewer bill was prorated for those days she did not have water. The council was in agreement that that was the right thing to do.

Steve on Vacation:

Steve told the council that he will be on vacation February 24 through March 9. The sewer discharge will be shut down during this time.

Sewer Discharge:

Steve said that he shut the sewer discharge down in January.

Rectory:

Mayor Weber said that he thinks that the Rectory has a leak. He asked Steve if he could look at it.

TJ Burchell:

TJ asked the council why Vulcan Street was not being plowed and also when it was plowed, why the plow didn't work well. Steve said that he plows all of the roads but that his priority is the roads that are on the hill. TJ said that he thought that the plow could be adjusted to plow better. Steve will look into this.

Whitman County Spot Sealing Letter:

Mayor Weber signed the letter to ask the County to help with spot sealing this summer.

Fountain Flying Letter:

Mayor Weber signed the Fountain Flying letter giving them approval to fly over Colton.

Ongoing Business:**Town Hall Sign:**

Chuck DeMeerleer got the final dimensions and will order the signs this week.

Water Tower Interior Painting:

Steve told the council that he spoke with Strom Electric and they said that the best option for when the water tower goes off line is to put in a variable speed drive and 3 pressure tanks. The painting must occur in the summer when the schools are out. Jenni told the council that she contacted RCAC and they are willing to lend the town the money to paint the water tower with an interest rate of 5%. USDA Rural Development's interest rate is 2.75%. The council thought that USDA was the way to go. Jenni will work on the applications for USDA.

Avista Bill:

Mayor Weber reviewed the bill for Avista for putting in the new LED street lights. The bill is for \$24,300. Mayor Weber signed the TIB grant to cover the cost of the new lights. Jenni will send the contract to TIB for reimbursement.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Kyle White and seconded by Jim Dahmen. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

