

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
November 6th, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer were 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 Kyle White and a second by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904132-904141 for: \$11,608.57

Warrant #'s 9010188-9010203 for:

General:	\$ 773.95
Streets:	\$ 1,139.14
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 3,714.74
Subtotal:	\$ 5,627.83
Grand Total:	\$ 17,236.40

New Business:**Steve Bremer:****New Pump for Sewer Discharge:**

Steve told the council that the town received credit for the old pump that burned up and a new one has been ordered.

Leaves:

Steve told the council that he got all of the leaves in the park picked up. He said that some residents are dumping their leaves on the street. Jenni will send out a newsletter reminding people to pick up their leaves.

2018 Preliminary Budget:

Jenni reviewed the 2018 preliminary budget. There will be a public hearing next month to approve the 2018 Budget.

Amended Sewer Ordinance:

Mayor Weber reviewed the amended Sewer Ordinance. Terry Nab made changes to comply with the town's NPDES permit. There will be a public hearing next month to approve the changes.

Amended Personnel Ordinance:

Jenni told the council that there is a new policy that the State of Washington implemented that ensures that all employees receive sick leave, no matter how few hours that they work. For every 40 hours worked, the employee is entitled to 1 hour of sick leave. There will be a public hearing next month to approve these changes.

Building Inspector:

The town council has hired Bob Hill out of Rosalia to be the building inspector. He is Oakesdale and Rosalia's building inspector also. He is licensed and has lots of experience.

Audit:

Jenni told the council that the audit has started.

Christmas Hours:

Town Hall will be closed December 25-27th this year.

Dog Barking:

Dot Sharp mentioned that there have been complaints about Eylar’s dog barking when they are not home. Jenni will get in touch with them.

Newsletter:

Jenni will work on the winter newsletter and get that out soon.

Ongoing Business:

Town Hall Landscaping:

Dot Sharp cleaned out and re-landscaped the area to the side of Town Hall. It looks great. The council discussed looking at putting up a vinyl fence to replace the partition that is there now. Dot will look at prices.

Cemetery Sign:

Garlinghouse sent a picture of the new Colton Cemetery Sign. The council was very happy with how it turned out.

USDA Rural Development Loan for Painting the Inside of the Water Tank:

Jenni contacted USDA Rural Development and the town can’t advertise for bids yet, because the funding has to still be approved.

Executive Session:

Dot Sharp motioned to approve a 3% raise for all employees and Kyle White seconded the motion, the vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Kyle White and seconded by Sam Keller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

