

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
December 4th, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Chuck DeMeerleer, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Laci Hubbard Mattix, Travis Mattix, 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 Dot Sharp and a second by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904142-904158 for: \$18,175.09

Warrant #'s 9010209-9010233 for:
Void warrants 910204-910208, 910212, 910224-910226

General:	\$ 1,172.44
Streets:	\$ 979.93
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 5,018.14
Subtotal:	\$ 8,194.61
Grand Total:	\$ 26,369.70

New Business:

Public Hearing on Ordinance #499, Sewer Amendment:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Chuck DeMeerleer, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Laci Hubbard Mattix, Travis Mattix, Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

The Sewer Amendment was reviewed. Our Engineer, Terry Nab, went through and updated the Ordinance to ensure that it was DOE compliant. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 7:37.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #498, Personnel Policy Amendment:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Chuck DeMeerleer, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Laci Hubbard Mattix, Travis Mattix, Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Jenni explained that the State of Washington Legislation ruled that all employees whether part-time or temporary must be given sick leave beginning in 2018. The amendment allows one hour of sick leave for every 40 hours worked. Dot Sharp motioned to close the public hearing and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 7:43.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #499, the 2018 Budget:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Chuck DeMeerleer, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Laci Hubbard Mattix, Travis Mattix, Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Mayor Weber reviewed the proposed 2018 budget. The meeting was closed by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Kyle White. The meeting closed at 7:49.

Laci Hubbard-Mattix:

Laci introduced herself to the council. She was recently elected as a council member, taking over for the retired Jim Dahmen starting January 2018.

Hard Surfacing the Gravel Streets:

Steve told the council that he has spoken with the county and they will chip seal the 3 blocks of unpaved streets this spring/summer. Steve will contact the county to ensure that the oil gets ordered so that this can be done.

Pro Tem Mayor:

Dot Sharp nominated Chuck DeMeerleer to be the Pro Tem Mayor and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Bridge Inspection:

Mayor Weber read a letter that was sent to Whitman County to have the town's two bridges inspected.

Resignation Letter from Marv Entel:

Mayor Weber read Building Inspector, Marv Entel's resignation letter. He thanked the town and has resigned. Our new building inspector, Bob Hill starts this month.

Orthodontics' Rider:

Steve would like to add his kids onto the Orthodontic insurance. This will be paid by Steve, but the council still has to approve that it be added to the dental insurance plan. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to add the Orthodontic rider to the dental insurance and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ordinance #499:

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

Ordinance #498:

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve the amendment to the personnel policies ordinance and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ordinance #497:

Dot Sharp motioned to approve the 2018 Budget and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ongoing Business:

TIB Grant:

Chuck DeMeerleer informed the council that the town has received a \$75,000 grant to seal coat 2,400 feet on Summit Street, 500 feet on McKinley Street and 725 feet on

Union Street. Mayor Weber signed the TIB acceptance paperwork and Jenni will mail it tomorrow.

Cemetery Sign:

Mayor Weber said the Cemetery Sign has been put up and it looks great.

RV Dumping:

Mayor Weber said that we will put in the RV dump station in spring/summer.

USDA Rural Development:

The council asked Jenni to call Marti, to see how the funding is coming for the painting of the water tower.

Library Sign:

Chuck DeMeerleer will order a sign for the library that matches the new sign for the town. Jenni will call Kristie, Director of Whitman County Library to find out what they want to put on it.

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 8:30 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

