

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
May 7th, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Chuck DeMeerleer, Laci Hubbard Mattix, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Marshal Keller, Andrew Kuhle and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept the minutes and Sam Keller 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 #904203-904213 for: \$12,016.25

Warrant #'s 910305-910326 for:
Void #910310-310313

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| General: | \$8,146.87 |
| Streets: | \$ 1,786.26 |
| Real Estate Excise: | \$ |
| Cemetery: | \$ |
| Water/Sewer: | \$ 3,507.79 |
| Subtotal: | \$13,440.92 |
| Grand Total: | \$ 25,457.17 |

Old Business:**Marshal Keller:**

Marshal Keller told the council that he has been trying to get a hold of Mr. Morrison, so that he can install a camera on his property. He will keep trying. The camera is being put up because of constant complaints of loose dogs around his property.

TIB Project:

Nothing has been done on the TIB Project yet. Steve said that we are waiting to get everything from Munir.

Avista:

Avista cut down the trees on Steptoe Street. Mayor Weber said he has gotten a couple of complaints. Steve is getting bids to grind down the stumps. There will be new trees planted soon. The council asked Jenni to contact Chuck Tilton to let them know that someone will have to move the wood onto his property.

Fence Bids:

The town received three fence bids to replace the old fence next to Town Hall. Carpenter's bid was \$495.88, Lucky Acres' bid was \$482.94 and Valley's bid was \$1,077. Dot Sharp motioned to accept the lowest bid, which was Lucky Acres. Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

New Business:**Public Hearing for Bond:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Chuck DeMeerleer, Laci Hubbard Mattix, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Marshal Keller, Andrew Kuhle and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance #500, for the issuance of a taxable water revenue bond that is needed to secure funding from USDA Rural Development for sandblasting and repainting the water tank. Sam Keller moved to close the Public Hearing and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Public Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Steve Bremer:**Streets:**

Steve told the council that he received three bids for paving Harrison and McKinley. Motley came in a \$47,000, Poe came in at \$36,100 minus the flagging, and Herco came in at \$36,625, their bid didn't include flagging. The council went with the lowest bid, which was Poe. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept Poe's bid for paving Harrison and McKinley Street and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. It was also decided that Steve will purchase signs and the town will do their own flagging. This was motioned by Dot Sharp and seconded by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Dan Young Water Bill:

Dan Young's meter was tripling the actual water usage which ended up overcharging them \$200. Steve said that it was a new meter and was obviously faulty. He replaced the head and it is now working fine. Jenni has credited the Young's \$200.

Ordinance #500:

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve Ordinance #500, and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Recycling Rates:

Dot Sharp told the council that recycling rates have really gone down and that the town has spent over \$500 since January. Even though it is costing more than in the past, the council feels that it is a great service that they are providing.

Letter from Avista:

Steve said that he spoke with Greg Schultheis about having the tree in front of his home cut down because the roots are breaking up some of the sidewalk. Steve contacted Avista last week and Mayor Weber read a letter from Avista. Avista said that they could possibly assist with doing this but that they would have to charge the town because there are no power lines on that side of the street. It was decided that if a homeowner wanted to remove a tree, it would be at the homeowner's expense.

Shutting Down the Water Tank:

Steve told the council that Keltic Engineering was able to shut down the water tank and get the pressure system going. When it was on, the water pressure on the hill was much better. Everything worked well.

Ground Imaging System:

Steve told the council that a ground imaging company is coming tomorrow to try and find some water lines around the water tank.

Gun Club:

Steve told the council that he spoke with Jim Dahmen, and he wants to know if they can get permission to go around the sewer ponds and take off 6 inches of topsoil to mine for lead. They will have to take down part of the fence, but they will put it back. This project will take about two weeks to do. The council had no problem with them doing this.

Citizen Complaint:

Steve received an email from the Department of Agriculture checking into a complaint from a Colton citizen regarding homeowners using agriculture chemicals on town right of ways. The Ag Department told Steve that he has no idea who sent in the complaint, or who the complaint is about. Dept of Ag said that there is nothing that can be done about it, but he wanted to make Steve aware of the complaint. When Steve sends out his newsletter, he will include a reminder to ensure that approved chemicals are sprayed on the right of ways.

Chuck DeMeerleer:

Sam Keller told the council that he invited Andrew Kuhle to the meeting because when Chuck moves to Johnson, he will no longer be able to be on the council. Andrew is interested in replacing him.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

