

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
June 4th, 2018

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

Minutes: Chuck DeMeerleer 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 Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904214-904224 for: \$11,985.19

Warrant #'s 910330-910349 for:

General:	\$945.66
Streets:	\$ 1,172.08
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$13,487.19
Subtotal:	\$15,604.93
Grand Total:	\$ 27,590.12

New Business:

Painting Lines on Crosswalks and Stop Bars:

Steve told the council that he only received two bids back from painting companies. He had called three to get bids. The lowest bid came in at \$1,200, to paint 8 crosswalks and stop bars. Steve explained that when he has painted these in the past that he goes through 200 gallons of paint a year. The council agreed that it is more cost effective to hire the painting out. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept the \$1,200 bid to do 8 crosswalks and stop bars. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Price to Grind Down Stumps:

Steve received bids from stump grinders, the lowest bid was from Affordable Stump Grinding. The bid was for \$100 a stump and that includes all clean-up costs. Steve has scheduled this to be done by them.

Special Levy:

The council discussed how much to put on the ballot for the special levy. It was decided to keep it the same as it has been for the last 10 years, at \$30,000 for general operations, improvements to streets and the water/sewer system. Chuck DeMeerleer moved to levy additional taxes of \$30,000 and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Palouse Tables Project:

Mayor Weber told the council that Palouse Tables is having a meeting to possibly start a food bank in Colton, in the back of Bob Bates office. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow from 5:30-7:30.

Old Business:

Edwardsen Property:

Dot Sharp was concerned about the noxious weeds on Edwardsen's property, she was also concerned that the building permit is way past a year and it has not been completed. Jenni told Dot that a letter was put on his door about the weeds and the water bill.

Fence Company:

Dot Sharp said that Steve took out the old fence and that she will contact the fence company to put in the new one.

RV Dump Station:

Sam Keller suggested that the RV Dump Station be put in in September and he can help with the project.

Fire Hydrant By Water Tank:

Steve told the council that a fire hydrant needs to be put up by the water tower. He explained that he asked for bids to do this and the lowest bid was from Crea Construction, they can do it for \$6,000, it would cost the town \$4,800 for Steve to do it and he would need help to complete this project. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept Crea's bid and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

TIB Meeting:

Mayor Weber and Steve are planning on attending the TIB Meeting in Oakesdale next week.

Steve Bremer:**Streets:****TIB Project:**

Steve told the council that the surveyor from MD +A was supposed to survey the street, but it has not been done yet.

Water Leak at Fire District/Town Shop:

Steve told the council that there is a leak between Fire District and Town Shop. Leak detection came and they thought that they found the leak, but when Steve dug it out, the leak wasn't there. He decided to just put in a whole new line. The bill will be split between the Fire District and Town.

Water Tank:

The council had a discussion on whether the town should just pay cash to paint the inside of the water tank, instead of taking out a loan from USDA Rural Development. Sam Keller motioned that if the bid for painting the water tank is less than \$125,000, cash would be paid to complete it. Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Bids For Painting the Inside of the Water Tank:

The bid due date is June 7th at 2 pm. We will wait and see how many bids the town will receive and what the cost will be to paint the inside of the tank.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Kyle White and seconded by Chuck DeMeerleer. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

