

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
July 1st, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Members in attendance were Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Scott Miller, Sam Keller and Mayor Jerry Weber. Cory Cucchiara was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Larry Kirpes, Zane Larsen, Ed Robertson, Brian Keller and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

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 Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904373-904384 for: \$12,337.05

Warrant #'s 910567-910585 for:

General:	\$ 1,097.91
Streets:	\$ 5,239.28
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$75,716.83
Subtotal:	\$82,054.02
Grand Total:	\$94,391.82

New Business:

Public Hearing for Zane Larsen:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members in attendance were Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Scott Miller, Sam Keller and Mayor Jerry Weber. Cory Cucchiara was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Larry Kirpes, Zane Larsen, Ed Robertson, Brian Keller and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Zane Larsen requested a variance to build his carport on a corner lot with only a 5 foot set back on each street. There were two letters from concerned citizens about the variance request. Both were mainly concerned that there would be a sight obstruction and that children would not be seen, if the carport was built. Mr. Larsen explained that parking on the street is more of a sight obstruction than the carport will be. Ed Robertson has no concerns with this variance. Several other neighbors also voiced that they had no concerns. It was discussed that a stop sign replace the yield sign, to ensure that cars stop at the corner. Steve will put these signs up soon. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public hearing closed at 7:53 p.m.

Larsen Variance:

Sam Keller motioned to accept the variance for Zane Larsen. Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Larry Kirpes:

Larry told the council that he was very concerned about his neighbor's property. The lawn has not been mowed in months, there are really high weeds and there is also a compost pile in the backyard that has been there for a long time. According to ordinance #230, residents must remove noxious weeds and composting and keeping piles of grass is not allowed. The council asked Jenni to send the resident a letter asking them to take care of these issues.

Marshal Keller:

Marshal Keller told the council that all was going well. Mayor Weber asked if he was ok with an unmarked police car. Officer Keller said that he would prefer that it be unmarked. The council had no problem with this. Dot Sharp asked if he wanted to be able to keep the car in the old recycling building rather than at his house. Officer Keller said that he probably preferred it to be at his house because if he gets a call, he can just get in his car and go right to the location.

Costco Card:

It was decided that the town would not get a Costco credit card. The current card that the town has also has points and it turns into dollars. Jenni was able to take \$350 off of the credit card bill. She also found out that the town lost over 70000 points which equaled \$700. She contacted the credit card company to find out if the town could get those back. She received a letter that the credit card company reinstated all 70000 points, which she then used to pay towards the credit card bill.

Chipsealing Flyer:

Steve told the council that a notice that the town would be chipsealing was sent to all residents to let them know that Summit and Union and McKinley Street would be closed down for chipsealing.

Water Leak:

Steve told the council that the whole water system had to be shut down for a major water leak. Steve contacted Albright to fix this emergency problem. He said that the pipe just blew apart. It has been fixed and the water system was turned back on.

Water Meters:

Steve told the council that there are several water meters that have to be replaced this summer and they are expensive. It was discussed to put these on the credit card so that the town earns points towards cash. Steve also said that water hook-up prices probably need to go up as materials have gotten more expensive.

Street Crack sealing Change Order:

The TIB crack sealing needed a change order because the footage was incorrect in the bid. The change order is for \$15,000. The town will probably have to pay some of this out of pocket.

Asphalt in Front of Church:

The asphalt in front of church has been put down and looks great. The St. Gall Parish Council voted to give the town \$3,000 to help with the cost.

Change Order for Water Tank:

Dot Sharp motioned to approve the change order to paint the exterior of the water tank for \$24,300 plus tax, it has bad rust spots and has never painted before. Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Audit Results:

Jenni presented the audit results. The audit had no findings. There were two things mentioned, first one was that the auditor would like to see documentation on how the payroll has been allocated between general, water/sewer and streets. It was decided that annually Steve, Jenni and Caryl will do a time study for a month, to ensure that payroll is properly allocated to the correct fund. The second was that the council should not go into executive session for determining raises. This should be open to the public.

Whitman County Recycling:

Dot Sharp told the council that she spoke with Whitman County about their recycling program. They are going to be getting a grant to add more bins for more towns to be able to use their recycling program. They take everything except for glass and everything recyclable is put into one bin. Jenni told the council that she spoke with David Nails and that a bin has been reserved for the town. The council will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Steve Bremer:

Scenic Byways:

Dot Sharp told the council that the video that the scenic byways is doing for all of the towns in the county will be linked with the town's website. They will be doing aerial shots July 9th-14th.

Water Tank:

Steve told the council that the painting of the inside of the tank has been completed and now it needs to cure for at least two weeks.

TIB Application:

The council would like to apply for TIB funding. Steve will contact Munir to help with this.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Scott Miller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

