

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
August 1st, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:28p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Jim Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer. Sam Keller was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Dot Sharp motioned to accept the minutes and Chuck DeMeerleer 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 Jim Dahmen and a second by Kyle White. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits:

Warrant #903970-903979 for: \$11,118.42

Warrant #'s 909902-909919 for:

General:	\$ 530.52
Streets:	\$1,188.54
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$6,394.42
Subtotal:	\$8,113.48
Grand Total:	\$19,231.90

New Business:**Connie and Eric Hoyle:**

Eric Hoyle told the council that they are going to be building a retaining wall so that they don't have to back out of their driveway anymore. They are not sure if they will have to put part of it on the town right-of-way, but if they had to, could they? They discussed Blake Wolf getting approval to do something similar a while back. The council told them that they could do it, but if the street was ever widened or sidewalks were put in that it would be taken out and they would have to fix it at their own expense. The Hoyles' agreed. Steve will go over tomorrow and help them find their property line. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to allow Hoyles' to put a maximum of four feet of retaining wall onto the town right-of-way, with the understanding that if the town adds a sidewalk or widens street, it would be taken out and they would have to fix it at their own expense. Jim Dahmen seconded the motion and the vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Steve Bremer:**Trench Box:**

Steve told the council that he thinks it might be a wise purchase to buy a small trench box for when he has to dig up water lines. He explained that he rented one from a Spokane outfit a while back and it was \$3,500. The council asked him to put together some prices and see if Uniontown would split the cost of one.

Steam Engine:

Jenni told the council that so many people come by to take pictures and ask questions about the steam engine in front of Town Hall. Everyone asks questions and she has no information to give. She called Chris Busch and he didn't have any information either, but he suggested calling Case International. Jenni contacted Case and they gave her the number for a museum that specializes in that type of equipment. She was told by the Museum that for about \$30 they will find out all of the information they can about the steam engine and send it to her.

Snow Removal:

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter for emergency snow removal with Whitman County for November through March. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve using Whitman County for emergency snow removal and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

BiState Siding:

Dot Sharp told the council that she would like to get some bids for vinyl trim around the windows at Town Hall. She will contact some businesses and find out some pricing.

Cemetery Complaints:

Mayor Weber said that he has gotten some complaints about the cemetery lately because it is not watered. It was suggested to get some bids for putting in a sprinkler system. Steve will contact some businesses.

Unpaved Streets in Town:

It was discussed to look into having the three unpaved streets in town chip sealed.

Golf Tournament in Moscow:

Mayor Weber read a correspondence for a golf tournament in Moscow that benefits Alternatives to Violence.

Ongoing Business:

Generator:

Steve told the council that he talked with Wayne from Avista and he suggested to maybe get a diesel generator, rather than natural gas. It was also discussed to look into buying a new Generic, rather than a used one. Steve will check into this.

Welcome To Colton Sign:

Mayor Weber told the council that a lot of people voted, over 50, and the overwhelming choice was sign #4, the old sign Colton sign. The bid came in from Lucky Acres for \$776 to fix it and to put in steel posts to secure it. Mayor Weber said that the people have spoken and the sign will be fixed and put back up. Kyle White suggested maybe getting lights to shine on it. Steve will check into that, Dot suggested maybe solar.

Foreclosed Homes:

Mayor Weber asked Jenni to contact Whitman County about the two homes that are being foreclosed to see if there is something that can be done about the maintenance of the yards.

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 9:10 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

