

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
February 5th, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Laci Hubbard Mattix, Dot Sharp, Kyle White and Sam Keller. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Brian Keller, Judge Dan LeBeau 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 Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Kyle White. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904170-904180 for: \$12,395.26

Warrant #'s 9010258-9010273 for:

General:	\$ 1,430.89
Streets:	\$ 1229.47
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 5,491.30
Subtotal:	\$ 8,151.66
Grand Total:	\$ 20,546.92

Old Business:**Brian Keller:**

Brian told the council that the police car needs lots of work. The council discussed buying a new one. They asked Brian to check into prices and let them know what he found. Kyle White also said that he would look into prices through his contacts.

Hard Surface Streets:

Steve suggested that with the price of oil, that maybe they should pave the gravel roads rather than chip seal them. Steve told the council that he thought it would be cheaper to pave and the paving would last longer. It was also decided to survey the gravel street on McKinley to ensure where the property lines are. Steve will contact Munir to do this.

Dog Roaming Complaints:

Mayor Weber told the council that he has received complaints about loose dogs in town. It was decided to purchase cameras. Kyle White motioned to purchase two cameras for no more than \$300. Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Steve will buy these cameras next week.

Trees on Steptoe Street:

Steve will put together a list of people who have trees that need to be removed. A letter will be sent asking the homeowner if they are ok with removing the trees.

Library Sign:

Chuck brought in a proof of the sign. Jenni emailed it to the Whitman County Library for approval.

New Business:**Judge Dan LeBeau:**

Dan LeBeau told the council that he will be running for the position of Whitman County District Judge this fall. He wanted to let the council know that if he did win that he would find someone else to be the Judge for Colton. He mentioned that Bill Druffel, the town's former Judge, may be returning to the area in the next year and a half.

Patchen Water Leak:

Jenni told the council that AnnMarie Patchen called and asked why her water bill was so high in October because she had turned off her sprinkler system. Steve checked their meter last month and determined that they had a leak. The meters haven't been read for the last three months. The council decided since the Patchens' paid their October bill in full that they would credit the rest of the overage.

Steve Bremer:

Jenni told the council that Steve had to get a physical to maintain his CDL and it cost him \$115. The council decided that since the town requires Steve to have a CDL, that the physical would be paid for by the town.

Fountain Flying Letter:

Mayor Weber read the letter from Fountain Flying requesting permission to fly over the town. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to send the letter and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Dot Sharp:

Dot Sharp asked to borrow the town's trailer so that she could pick up some boulders from Greg Weber to put in front of Town Hall for landscaping this spring. Mayor Weber suggested that she get some bids to replace the wall next to Town Hall.

Terry Nab:

Steve told the council that there will be a meeting with Terry and DOE on March 1st at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the sewer ponds. Mayor Weber said that he can't make the meeting. Sam Keller said that he could be there.

Communications:

There was nothing to report at this time.

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 9:02 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

