

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
October 2nd, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Schwartz, Kellen and Grace DeMeerleer, Abby DeMeerleer and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Sam Keller 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 Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904122-904131 for: \$11,486.71

Warrant #'s 9010155-9010171 for:

Void check #910154m 910172 thru 910187

General:	\$6,635.93
Streets:	\$ 1,409.20
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$25,620.53
Subtotal:	\$33,665.66
Grand Total:	\$ 45,152.24

New Business:**Kellen and Grace DeMeerleer:**

Kellen and Grace both thanked the council for allowing them to have goats in town. They brought their ribbon and said they were thankful to be able to show their goats at the fair.

Steve Schwarz:

Steve from CN Utility Consulting spoke with the council about Avista's program of removing old, unhealthy trees and putting in new ones. They will cut down the old tree and let the customer choose what kind of tree that they want to replace it with. The customer does have to grind down the stump and plant the new tree. The council asked Steve to look at trees that he feels should be replaced that are on town property. This program is good for any tree that is by a power pole.

Steve Bremer:**Pat Mahoney:**

Steve told the council that Pat doesn't work for the concrete company anymore, so he thinks it might be best to just cut out the bad patch of concrete in front of Town Hall and put in new concrete.

2018 Preliminary Budget:

Jenni handed out the 2018 preliminary budget. This will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

Pump and Dump:

Steve told the council that the pump and dump has been shut down for the year. He also ordered a bunch of chlorine.

New Pump for Discharging:

Steve explained that he had to get a new pump for discharging. He will put that in soon.

County to Grade Road by Sewer Ponds:

Steve told the council that he contacted Whitman County to have them grade the road by the sewer ponds.

Gravel:

Steve suggested that the town order gravel so that he can put 6-8 inches on the road by Puddy's so that the town does not have any frozen pipes this year. The council agreed that this should be done.

Building Inspector:

Steve told the council that the town needs to find a new building inspector. Jenni will call towns and see who they use.

Potluck Fundraiser:

Mayor Weber told the council that there was a potluck fundraiser for the District 14 Fire Department this Sunday at noon.

Ongoing Business:

Whitman County Letter:

Mayor Weber read a letter from Whitman County approving that they would help with emergency snow removal.

Cemetery:

Mayor Weber told the council that the new cemetery sign is completed and looks great. They will be putting it up soon.

USDA Rural Development Loan for Painting the Inside of the Water Tank:

Jenni will contact Marti at USDA RD to see when the town can advertise for bids.

RV Dump Station:

Chuck DeMeerleer said that he went to the school board meeting and that everyone was in favor of using that area as an RV dump station. Steve told the council that they can't tear down the existing bathrooms because all of the electrical components for the lights at the tennis courts are there.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Sam Keller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

