

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
November 1st, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Cory Cucchiara, Kyle White and Scott Miller, Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer and Ken Darby. Dot Sharp was absent.

Minutes Sam Keller motioned to approve the October minutes and Scott Miller 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 Cory Cucchiara and a second by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904736-904747 for: \$13,165.52

Warrant #'s 911020-911032 for:

General: \$ 9,571.83

Streets: \$ 1,120.21

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 4,040.55

Subtotal: \$ 14,732.59

Grand Total: \$ 27,898.11

New Business:**Public Hearing:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Cory Cucchiara, Kyle White and Scott Miller, Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer and Ken Darby. Dot Sharp was absent.

Ordinance #521, 2022 Budget:

Mayor Weber read the budget ordinance. The budget was reviewed. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing. Cory Cucchiara second the motion. The hearing closed at 7:40 pm.

Ordinance #521, 2022 Budget:

Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the 2022 budget. Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Steve Bremer:**Repaired Streets:**

Steve told the council that the two streets that had water leaks have been repaired.

Sewer Flow Meter:

Steve told the council that the sewer flow meter has been calibrated. He is waiting on another meter for the other pump. Phil resent the water pumps for winter running.

Mechanical Permit for Pellet Stove:

Steve asked the council if there was a building permit for a pellet stove. It was discussed and decided that a mechanical permit would be issued.

Sewer Plan Amendment:

Steve mentioned that the sewer plan amendment proposes sewer rates need to be at \$90 to cover a loan for an updated sewer system.

He suggested that if that is the case, that the rates should be raised more than the usual 4% annually, so it isn't a huge increase all at once. The council will discuss this with the engineers at the next council meeting.

Portogo:

Jenni told the council that she received a complaint about the town's handicapped porta-potty. Steve went to look at it and it was disgusting. It had not been cleaned for a long time. Jenni attempted to contact Portogo representative several times. She contacted King's Thrones. They said that they would be willing to clean the old one from Portogo and bring the town a new handicapped one. They will clean it every week. They cleaned the old one and turned it against the wall so that it cannot be used.

Brent from Uniontown:

Steve said that he feels that Brent should be paid for when he covers Steve. The council asked Jenni to find out what his hourly rate is in Uniontown.

Marshal Keller:

Marshal Keller told the council that the situation at the trailer court is not good. The junk vehicles have not been removed and neither has the garbage. The council asked Jenni to contact the attorney about the squatter at the trailer court and ask if anything can be done about the junk vehicles and garbage that they refuse to remove.

Optics for the 223:

Marshal Keller said that he needs new optics for the 223. It will cost \$400 to \$500 to replace. The council said that it is in his budget and to go ahead and purchase it.

Marshal Keller Leaving:

Marshal Keller told the council that he wanted to let them know that he will probably be turning in his notice in May or June of 2022. He has no one in mind to take his spot. The council said that they will probably advertise in the near future.

Resolution #790, Repayment Plan for Unpaid Water and Sewer:

Mayor Weber reviewed a repayment contract for several residents in Colton who have outstanding balances. Scott Miller approved Resolution #790 and Sam Keller seconded it. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Mayor Weber signed it. Jenni will send them out with information about local agencies that could possibly assist with their payments.

Bridge Inspection Letter:

Whitman County let the council know that the town's bridges will be inspected by January 2022.

New Website Has Launched:

The new website is up and running.

Bill Pewitt Property:

A letter was sent to the council about Pewitt's property on Highway 195. He would like to put storage units there. He wanted to know the setbacks and any other issues. Steve said that since it is a corner lot, that the setbacks need to be 20 feet on both sides of the lot.

Sunny Freyer:

Mayor Weber said that he received an email from Sunny regarding heavy semi's driving on Gregor Street. There are signs up. Mayor Weber asked Jenni to let Marshal Keller know this and patrol it if he sees this.

Riser Letters:

All communication from Mr. Riser has been sent to the attorney. He will respond to him, if needed.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Kyle White. The meeting closed at 9:12 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk