

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
July 5th, 2022

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

Minutes Sam Keller motioned to approve the 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 Dot Sharp and a second by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904835-904847 for: \$14,339.92

Warrant #'s 911013-911124 for:

General: \$ 5,505.87

Streets: \$ 2,206.28

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 4,153.31

Subtotal: \$11,865.46

Grand Total: \$ 26,205.38

New Business:**Fluid Water Leak:**

Steve told the council that Pluid has a water leak and that is on town's side. He is back from vacation tomorrow and will get it fixed. Mayor Weber suggested putting a valve system on that side of town so that when a water leak happens, that whole side of town isn't shut off for the repair. Steve will look into this.

Avista:

Steve told the council that Avista has given him a price to put in the electric pole. There are two bids, one for single phase work and one for a three phase. Steve will talk to Keller and Associates to discuss this further.

Keller and Associates:

Steve explained to the council that Stillman has spoken with DOH and they can't find the town's amendment to the water plan that Munir did. Jenni will contact Munir and find out if it was sent in. Steve said that the town should qualify for a small water plan. Those plans are supposed to be completed every 20 years.

Dump Station:

Cory Cucchiara said that he has had some complaints about cars being parked over the dump station. He suggested that "No Parking" signs be put up.

Bert Riedner:

Steve said that Bert Riedner also had a leak and that it was on the town's side and it has been fixed but he can't fill the hole unless he takes down their fence. He is looking for someone with a small tractor that could possibly fit through the gate, so the fence doesn't have to come down.

Ferro Home:

Dot told the council that Jim Dahmen was asking what was happening with the house that burned. Jenni will contact them and find out.

Roosters:

Mayor Weber said that he has heard some complaints about crowing roosters. Letters will go out to homeowners who have roosters, stating that per ordinance, no roosters are allowed in town.

Block Watch:

Ken Darby suggested that maybe the neighborhoods should start a "Block Watch" group due to a lot of thefts in town. The council thought that would be a good idea and said that the town can pay for Block Watch signs, if neighbors wanted to get together and start this.

Summer Newsletter:

The council wanted a newsletter to go out soon. Jenni will work on that.

Ongoing Business:**Legion Park:**

Mayor Weber reviewed the town's attorney's suggestion on the Legion-Town agreement. He suggested that some of the language be removed and just to say that the town will maintain it. He also suggested that the town remove the Christmas part. The council agreed that these changes should be made in the agreement. Jenni will forward the attorney's email to Gary Riedner.

Audit:

Jenni said that the town's audit is on the backburner probably until September.

Marshal Position:

Sam Keller told the council that a female officer with the county may be interested in working part-time for the town. The biggest obstacle is getting her approved to work another job by the Sheriff's office.

ASP:

Jenni told the council that the ASP accounting system is obsolete and that the council should probably look into options to update the town's system. She will ask for bids from several companies. She will also contact town's to find out what system that they use and how it works for them. The council agreed that it was time to update the system. This will be discussed more next month.

Judge LeBeau:

Jenni told the council that Judge LeBeau called and said that he will remain judge for the town without getting paid. So, if we hire a new marshal that he will still be maintained.

Resolution #795, 6 Year Street Plan:

The council reviewed the 6 year street plan. All items on there are good. Dot Sharp motioned to approve the 6 year street plan and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Steve suggested that maybe Keller and Associates would work on the town's TIB grant application. The council thought that was a great idea. Steve will contact them and find out if they would be willing to do that.

ARPA:

Sam Keller told the council that many county employees received ARPA bonuses and he motioned to give Jenni and Steve a 10% annual salary bonus. Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Jenni will look into how to do this.

Trees at Park:

Dot Sharp told the council that the trees will be trimmed next week.

Police Car:

Dot Sharp was concerned about the police car being in the hot sun this summer. It can't be put in the old recycling building because of the mice. Ken Darby said that he has a cover and will get it covered to protect it.

Avista Roundtable Meeting:

Mayor Weber said that there is a Mayor's Roundtable tomorrow. He is going to try and make it. He asked if anyone else would like to go. Dot Sharp said she would be willing to. Mayor Weber will let her know what he decides.

Stamps:

Jenni told the council that post card stamps are going up 4 cents and regular stamps are also going up. The council suggested that she buy a bulk amount to save a little money. Dot Sharp motioned to purchase stamps and Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Scott Miller. The meeting closed at 9:03 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk