

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

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

**Minutes:** Sam Keller motioned to approve the minutes and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**Warrants:** Warrants, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Dot Sharp and a second by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #9904955-904960 for: \$11,656.51

Warrant #'s 911247-911258 for:

Void Checks 9904289-9904299

General: \$ 10,778.46

Streets: \$ 1,130.18

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 6,447.69

Subtotal: \$18,356.33

Grand Total: \$30,012.84

**New Business:****Steve Bremer:**

Steve told the council that he is still waiting on Phil to get radios installed.

**TIB:**

Steve told the council that Whitman County will do the TIB project with the town's interlocal agreement. The town will go out for bid for crack fill and striping.

**Depot Street:**

Cory Cucchiara told the council that Depot Street going down to Wilbur Ellis has really bad pot holes. Mayor Weber said since the town has an interlocal agreement with Whitman County, it was decided that Steve would call them and get it repaired.

**Staley Fence Around Pool:**

Dot Sharp told the council that she noticed that the Staley's fence around their pool is down. She is concerned that this is a safety issue, because a lot of kids live around them. Jenni will send them a letter asking them to fix the fence ASAP. Cory Cucchiara said that he will also speak with him.

**Burned Ferro House:**

Jenni told the council that the Ferro's have settled with their insurance company and will be rebuilding this summer.

**Police Car:**

Sam Keller told the council that the City of Colfax is looking for a police car. The council listed the car as surplus. After some discussion, and contacting Jess Ford, it was determined to be worth \$36K to \$38K. The council decided that the town would offer to sell it to Colfax for \$38,500. Cory motioned to approve selling the car for that price, and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

### **Miscellaneous Police Equipment:**

Sam Keller told the council that there are some other surplus items, a PBT test, Taser that is outdated, and a older surface pro. The council added them to the surplus list. The council suggested donating them to Whitman County Sheriff's office, since they split the cost of the town's solar flashing signs. Sam Keller motioned to donate the surplus items to Whitman County Sheriff's office and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

### **Two Guns for Surplus:**

The council added a rifle and hand gun to the surplus list. Both are 18 years old and according to the Kings Arm Gun Shop, are worth between \$350 and \$450. Sam Keller said that he would like to purchase the hand gun and his brother, Brian Keller would like to purchase the rifle. The council said that they would sell them for \$375 each. Ken Darby motion to approve the sale of both to Brian and Sam. Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

### **Resolution #813:**

Jenni explained that this resolution is approving the town's sewer amendment that has been approved by DOE. Dot Sharp motioned to accept Resolution #813 and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

### **EFT Policy:**

Mayor Weber reviewed the EFT, Electronic Funds Transfer policy. Sam Keller motioned to accept the policy and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

### **Spring Clean-up:**

Jenni told the council that she has scheduled the 40-yard dumpster for April 15<sup>th</sup>. She has sent out flyers and Steve will be there.

**Special Levy:**

The council discussed the town’s special levy. It was decided that \$30 K would go on the ballot, as it has for many years. Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve putting \$30K special levy on the ballot and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Advertise for RFQ’s:**

Jenni told the council that the town needs to advertise for RFQ’s for an engineer. She needs to advertise it two times. The council will then review the RFQ’s at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and schedule interviews. It was decided that each interview would be 30 minutes each.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The meeting closed at 8:43 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk