

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**July 31st, 2023 for August 23**

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

**Minutes:** Scott Miller motioned to approve 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.

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

Payroll Checks: 9904973-9904979 for:	\$12,201.59
Vendor Checks: 911288-911299 for:	\$14,453.78
Grand Total:	\$26,655.37

**New Business:****Steve Bremer:****TIB Project:**

Whitman County completed the chip seal. Steve explained that Valley could not do street sweeping and he called over 10 sweeping companies and found only one that would be willing to come to Colton to do the project. They were out of Verdale and they were supposed to bring two trucks on a trailer. Both were driven and one broke down almost immediately after starting project. The company sent another truck but didn't come until after 3. After they left there was still gravel everywhere. They charged the town almost \$8,000 and they did a terrible job. Steve was able to contact Valley Sweeping and they came and cleaned-up the remaining gravel.

**Water Leak:**

Steve said that there was a water leak at Schneiders' on the town's side of the meter. He called several companies and was able to get a hold of Curry, who was able to come right away and fix it.

**Well #3 Pump:**

Steve told the council that that the town council should consider upgrading the pump in well #3, as it is older and is a back up, if the main well pump goes down.

**Cemetery:**

Mayor Weber told the council that there is a grant that fixes up old headstones in cemeteries. He will send the information and when the grant will be available.

**Send Letter to Residents with Sight Obstructions:**

It was discussed that there are several residents who need to have letters sent to them, to clip back trees so that there is not a sight obstruction.

**Cemetery Plot Charge:**

Sam Keller suggested that the cemetery plot charge should increase from \$150 to \$500. This will be discussed at the next council meeting.

**New Manholes:**

Steve told the council that he thought it would be a good idea to put in new manholes on Gun Club Road with the sewer project. It would be a total of 5. The council said that they agreed that that would be a good idea.

**Whitman County Snow Removal Letter:**

Mayor Weber read the letter that will be sent to the county if the town needs assistance with snow removal. Sam Keller motioned to send the letter and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**TIB Application:**

Jenni let the council know that the TIB application for 2024 is due 8/11/2023. The council suggested that Keller and Associates help with this.

**Ongoing Business:****Ferro's Home:**

Jenni said that she spoke with the Ferrro's and that they are hoping to start rebuilding soon.

**Chris Schultheis:**

Jenni told the council that she spoke with Chris about the trailer court. He is willing to help with the late water bills. He will let the council know when he wants the water shut off at the court. It will either be August 15<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Park Grant:**

The Port of Whitman sent grant information for town parks. Jenni will email them to see if this would include park structures. The council would like to see a covered structure rather than having park benches.

**Next Meeting:**

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Ken Darby. The meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk