

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
October 2nd, 2023

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

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 Dot Sharp and a second by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905005-9905011 for:	\$12,742.80
Vendor Checks: 911326-911333 for:	\$83,086.34
Grand Total:	\$95,829.14

New Business:**The Council's:**

David and Stephanie Council updated the council on the situation with their neighbor. The Council's insurance and the town's attorney have been given all the documentation regarding this matter.

Steve Bremer:**Arnhold Water Leak:**

Steve said that the Arnhold's had a large water leak and he had to rent a Vac truck. Inland Phone Company also helped him get this fixed. Keith Dahmen contacted Steve about his water heater having brown water. Steve said that Keith Dahmen is having a backflow valve put in his house. He will also be moving Dahmen's meter towards the street, currently it is on the outside of his home.

Water Pump:

Steve told the council that the new pump has been put in. He said that well #3 is back online. The old pump is not able to be rebuilt. He said that the motor is still decent.

TIB:

Jenni informed the council that the TIB project has been closed and all TIB funds have been collected and all vendors have been paid. The final total was \$53,687.69.

Cemetery Plot Charges:

Jenni told the council that she will prepare an amendment to the cemetery ordinance, allowing the council to change rates when they feel it is necessary, by resolution.

Ongoing Business:**Vision Billing Program:**

Jenni explained that the 35 plus year ASP billing program is still having problems connecting to the Oki printer. The computer guy from Spokane came down on Sunday to fix it, so water/sewer bills could go out. Vision is trying to get the town going with the new billing program, as soon as possible.

Chris Schultheis:

Jenni told the council that Chris paid over \$2,700 for all of the trailer court's outstanding water and sewer bills.

Critical Areas Amendment:

Jenni told the council that Department of Commerce has received the town's amendment and that a couple of agencies have made comments of items that need to be changed or added. The town's attorney is working on those.

Cemetery Grant:

Jenni told the council that she has completed everything she can complete on the cemetery grant, but that she needed someone to fill in the cost to renovate the headstones.

Halsey Home:

Cory Cucchiara told the council that he has purchased the Halsey home and that he will have it torn down in the spring. The power has been shutoff asked the council if the water/sewer bill could be waived since it is uninhabitable. Dot Sharp motioned to allow the water/sewer bill to be waived. Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Banner Bank Signature Card:

Mayor Weber suggested that Ken Darby be put on the bank card so that he can sign checks. Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve Ken being added to the bank's account and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Employee Raises:

After reviewing the town's preliminary budget, Cory approved giving a 5% raise to the Clerk and Public Works Director. Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scott Miller and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:48 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk