

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
July 1st, 2024

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

Checks: Checks, 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.

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| Payroll Checks: 9905075-9905079 for: | \$14,627.15 |
| Vendor Checks: 9911411-9911420 for: | \$44,294.61 |
| Grand Total: | \$58,921.76 |

New Business:**Kim Schultheis:**

Kim told the council that there has been a serious cat problem in town. Many cats have been using her mother-in-law's garden, as a litter box. They put cameras and traps out and have caught several, many of them were their neighbor's cats. One neighbor owns 9 cats. Their neighbor was apologetic and purchased several bags of Cat Scram. It has been effective, but it has to be spread every few weeks. Kim brought to the council, several cat ordinances for the council to review. Jenni said that she will call MRSC and Spokane Valley and ask the town's attorney, if he has written any cat ordinances. The council will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Busch's Property:

The council asked Jenni to contact the Busch's about their tall weeds. There are noxious weeds, and they also feel that it is a fire hazard.

Steve:**Pump Issue on One of the Water Pumps:**

Steve said the drive went out on the well pump. He estimates it will cost approximately \$20K. This is an emergency and Phil has ordered the drive and will fix it as soon as it comes in.

Keller and Associates:

Mayor Weber reviewed the meeting minutes with the council. Keller and Associates has completed 30% of the design phase of the new sewer system.

Bees:

Steve said that there was a swarm of bees at a residence home. A bee company came and got them.

Mower:

The council reviewed several bids on a new riding lawnmower. The least expensive bid was the Gravelly. They gave the town a government discount and included a mulcher attachment for \$7,300 including tax. Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the Gravelly mower and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

John Deere Mower:

Ken Darby motioned to place the town's old John Deere mower on surplus, Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ongoing Business:

Longevity Raise, Ordinance #865:

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance #865, a longevity raise for employees. This will give employees a 2% raise for every 5 years of employment. Sam Keller motioned to approve Resolution #865 and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Legion Park:

Dot Sharp told the council that she has asked Steve to fertilize it. He will do this soon.

Snow Plow:

The truck is fixed. It will be fine, as long as it stays off of the highway.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:43 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk