

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES

May 2nd, 2025

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, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan, Jake Gordon and Art Schultheis.

Minutes: Scott Miller 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 Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905123-9905125 for:	\$14,224.44
Vendor Checks 9911481-9911486 for:	\$90,568.67
Grand Total:	\$104,793.11

New Business:

Public Hearing for Mike Whitcomb Variance:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Cory Cucchiara, Sam Keller, Ken Darby, Dot Sharp, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan, Jake Gordon and Art Schultheis.

Mayor Weber reviewed the variance request for Mike Whitcomb. He is requesting a variance to Ordinance #420, section 6, to build an accessory building five feet from the property line and requesting to increase the eave height to 16 feet 6 inches and to increase the square footage to 2400 under section 4. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing, Scott Miller seconded the motion, the vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment for Wastewater Project:

The Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Cory Cucchiara, Sam Keller, Ken Darby, Dot Sharp, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan, Jake Gordon and Art Schultheis.

Jake Gordon went over the final plans and specifications of the wastewater improvement project. Due to the town increasing the water and sewer rates annually by 4%, there will not be any additional increases in rates to pay for this project. Jake said that the full bid will include the shot fence. There were a few questions asked that he said he would check on and get back to the council. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing, Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion, the vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public comment closed at 8:06 p.m.

Special Levy, Resolution #872:

Dot Sharp motioned to approve the special levy for \$30,000 and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Legion Park:

Dot Sharp asked if the water can be turned on at the park soon. She is also planting flowers when the weather gets warmer.

Public Hearing, Resolution #871:

Sam Keller motioned to approve the passage of Mike Whitcomb's variance. Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

1% Tax Increase:

Sam Keller motioned to NOT do the 1% tax increase again this year. Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Shaving Sidewalks:

Mayor Weber explained that there were concerns about the sidewalks on Steptoe Street. They are uneven and a safety issue. The council agreed that this is a safety issue and needs to be fixed. Jenni told the council that Steve had already contacted three contractors from the town's small works roster and only one was willing to give the town a bid. He should be getting it back soon.

Ongoing Business:**TIB Project:**

Keller has completed the specs for the new street crossing feature and has emailed it to WSDOT. Jenni said that she has not heard back from WSDOT so she will call them tomorrow to ensure that they have received everything that they need to order the lights and put them in.

Spring Clean-up:

Spring clean-up was very successful.

Cat Issue:

Mayor Weber told the council that there are some residents that are upset over a neighbor's cat coming into their yard and defecating in their garden. Jenni contacted the town's attorney, and he said that the town doesn't have a cat ordinance and as such, the matter is a civil dispute between neighbors and is not a matter in which the town should be involved. He also said that he would highly discourage the town from implementing a cat ordinance, as it is nearly impossible to regulate.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:46 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk