

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES

December 1st, 2025

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

Minutes: Scott Miller motioned to approve the minutes and Sam Keller 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: \$24,171.32

Vendor Checks: \$60,479.15

Grand Total: \$84,650.47

Ongoing Business:**Steve:****RRFB's:**

Steve told the council that the RRFB's will hopefully be completed by next week.

Sewer Project:

Sam Keller motioned to accept Knife River Corporation – Mountain West's bid in the amount of \$5,780,000.00 contingent on receiving additional funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology and their authorization to proceed with an award of the bid. He further recommend that the council waive the requirement to include the Subcontractor Contact List, EPA Form 6100-3, and EPA Form 6100-4 with their bid packet per the Instructions to the Bidders article 18.01. These missing forms will still need to be provided prior to signing an agreement with the Contractor. He further motioned to authorize the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Award and eventual Agreement following approval of the bidding process and agreement by the Washington State Department of Ecology. Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. There is a DOE meeting scheduled tomorrow to discuss the potential additional funding needed to complete this project.

AT&T:

Jenni explained to the council that the town has still not received any payments for water or the park maintenance. Jenni will email them again to ensure that they have everything that they need to pay the town.

Streetlight Light Bulbs:

Mayor Weber asked about the light bulbs. Steve said that he found out that they must be replaced by a contractor. He will look into this further.

New Business:

AWC:

Ken told the council that he received a letter from AWC that is requiring newly elected council to go to a training. Jenni will call them to find out more about this.

Thank You from Residents:

Cory Cucchiara has heard from several residents who were thankful for the street sweeping that the town recently did.

Christmas Lights:

Ken told the council that they got all the Christmas lights in town up in about 2 1/2 hours.

A motion to continue the meeting tomorrow at 7 pm was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting ended at 7:41 pm.

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December 2nd, 2025 Continuation

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Ken Darby, Sam Keller, Cory Cucchiara, Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer. Scott Miller was absent.

The council was briefed on the DOE meeting today. The Department of Ecology does not have any more funding available at this time. They suggested that the town pursue funding from Public Works or RCAC. After some discussion, Sam Keller motioned that the Town Council rescind the motion that was adopted at the December 1, 2025 regular council meeting to accept Knife River Corporation – Mountain West's bid contingent upon additional funding and authorization from the Washington State Department of Ecology. He further motioned that the Town Council should reject all bids received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, as the Department of Ecology has informed the Town that sufficient funding is not available to proceed with an award at this time. Further, Sam Keller moved that Town staff and consultant engineer Keller Associates be directed to work with the Department of Ecology, Public Works Board, RCAC, and other funding partners to identify potential funding solutions and bring recommendations back to Council. Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

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 7:28 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk