

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
April 6th, 2026

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Pro Temp Mayor Sam Keller, Scott Miller, Dot Sharp, Cory Cucchiara, Ken Darby, Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer and Mayor Weber was on speaker phone and Brad Nilson, Jody Moehrle was on speaker phone.

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.

Vendor Checks: Checks, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Cory Cucchiara and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: Checks, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Cory Cucchiara and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all except Ken Darby who abstained.

Payroll Checks: \$15,004.53

Vendor Checks: \$12,742.26

Grand Total: \$27,746.79

New Business:

Steve:

Front Tires for Backhoe:

Steve asked if he could purchase front tires for the backhoe. They will cost about \$2,000 and will be split with Uniontown. Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the purchase and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Burned House:

Dot Sharp told the council that the burned house is still not complete. It was discussed that the owners have not been charged for water/sewer since the fire. It was decided that Jenni should send the owners a letter letting them know that they will be charged for sewer next month.

Special Levy:

The council decided on the amount for the special levy. They will continue to do a \$30,000 Special levy. Jenni will have the resolution ready for the May 2026 meeting.

Ongoing Business:

AT&T Park Purchase:

Jenni explained that AT&T said that they would sell the park to the town for \$20,000 and that the town would have to split the cost with them to split the property and add an easement (\$12K-\$15K). They also said that they trimmed the tree. The council told Jenni to contact AT&T and let them know that the price of \$20,000, in addition to the expense of the parcel split, is significantly beyond what the town can reasonably afford and that the tree has only been lightly trimmed, but it remains in poor condition. The council decided that they will not purchase the park for that price and that the town will no longer be responsible for maintenance of it.

Audit:

Jenni told the council that the audit is finished and has been published on the Washington State Auditor site and that it went well. There were several recommendations that the auditors would like the town to

implement or change. These will be addressed as soon as the town's attorney is back in town.

Town Hall Roof:

The roof was fixed.

Welcome to Colton Sign:

Steve told the council that only one bid came back for repairing the Welcome to Colton sign. It was from Clearwater and the cost would be \$1,679.65. Dot Sharp motioned to accept the bid and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Town Flag:

Dot Sharp asked if the new flag could be put up. Steve will get this up.

Colton School District:

Brad Nilson asked the council what their decision was regarding the sidewalk project by the school. The council explained that the town's engineers will be applying for a TIB grant to complete this project. The town is hopeful that it will get approved for 2027.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Cory Cucchiara and seconded by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting ended at 8:08 pm.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk