

Unapproved Minutes
COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
May 5th, 2026

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

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to approve the minutes and Scott Miller 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 Sam Keller and a second by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

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

Payroll Checks:	\$15,733.71
Vendor Checks:	\$11,275.37
Grand Total:	\$27,009.08

New Business:**Alan and Justin Becker, Fire District:**

Alan and Justin told the council that the Fire District is in a budget deficit, and that Lewiston EMT is still the most reasonably priced option for EMS back up. Because of this, the Fire District needs to run a single year permanent lift levy that will cost the taxpayers approximately \$1.09 per \$1000 assessed home value. They just wanted to let the council know about this. Jenni will add this information to the newsletter.

Ecology Inspection:

Jenni told the council that the inspection went fine. Steve has not received the final report. There is additional paperwork that needs to be completed.

Burned House:

Dot Sharp asked if there is a completion date for the Ferro home. Jenni will contact them to find out.

Aaron Kramer:

Mayor Weber told the council that Aaron would like to build a home next to his shop. The council reviewed the plot plan, Steve said it all looks fine. Scott Miller motioned to approve Kramer's plot plan and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

1% Tax Increase:

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

Whitman County Interlocal Agreement for Grading:

Cory Cucchiara told the council that the gravel road to Wilbur Ellis needs to be graded. He spoke with Andrew Kuhle from Whitman County Public Works, to get it on their schedule.

Porta Potty:

Jenni told the council that there were complaints about the porta-potty being filled to the brim. Ken checked and it was really bad. Jenni spoke with the new company and they came and cleaned it that day.

2025 Yearend Report:

Jenni told the council that the 2025 yearend report has been submitted.

Flow Meter:

The council reviewed the bids for the flowmeter. This would replace the obsolete flow meter. Several companies were contacted to give a bid, only KME submitted one. The bid was \$5,320. Sam Keller motioned to approve the purchase of the flow meter and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ongoing Business:**AT&T Park Purchase:**

Jenni explained that AT&T was sent a letter that said that the town would no longer provide maintenance on the park. Dot Sharp said that the weeds/grass are pretty high right now and that another email should be sent with pictures asking them to maintain it.

Special Levy, Resolution #880:

The council reviewed the \$30,000 special levy. Sam Keller motioned to approve the special levy going on the ballot. Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

USDA Loan:

Jenni said that the town advertised in the Daily News, letting the public know that the town intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service to update the wastewater system. No comments were received from the public. The council approved to move forward with submitting the USDA loan/grant application. It should be ready to submit by the end of the week.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting ended at 8:28 pm.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk