COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
September 1st, 2026

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

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 Scott Miller and a second by Dot Sharp. 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:	$16,639.44
Vendor Checks:	$36,355.62
Grand Total:	$52,995.06

New Business:

Change Internet Providers:

Jenni wanted to let the council know that she contacted Inland Networks about changing Town Hall and the Town Shop to their fiberoptics internet. The town has a franchise agreement with Inland to receive five free phone lines and since the town is only using two, they will comp two internet connections and two phone lines for the Town Shop and Town Hall. Jenni will contact First Step to let them know that the town will be changing internet providers. Currently, the town has a franchise agreement with First Step for free internet for both the shop and Town Hall and website assistance. The council thought that switching internet providers was a good idea.

Bridge Inspection Letter to Whitman County:

Mayor Weber reviewed the letter requesting inspections for the town's two bridges. This will be mailed out tomorrow.

PRA Recreation grant:

Mayor Weber received an email from Cynthia Arbour regarding a grant she is writing to possibly get funding to add a trail between Colton and Uniontown and it was suggested that she add someone from Colton on the contact list to reinforce that this is a joint application. Jenni volunteered to be added as a contact. Mayor Weber will give Cynthia her contact information.

2027 Preliminary Budget:

Jenni reviewed the preliminary 2027 budget.

Wastewater Funding Options:

Jenni told the council that she has submitted the funding application to Public Works. She said that Keller and Associates are working on the DOE application and she should be submitting it soon. Jenni told the council that USDA currently has come back with loan only, even though they have

been told that the town needs to pursue grant funding because a straight loan would cause undue hardship to the residents of Colton.

Ongoing Business:

TIB:

Jenni told the council that she has submitted the TIB grant application and received confirmation that it was received.

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 ended at 8:01 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor Attested By Clerk