

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
September 3rd, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Chuck DeMeerleer, Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp. Rollie Dahmen was absent. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan, Andy O'Neill, and Terry Kristoff.

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to accept 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 and approved.

Warrants: Warrants, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Dot Sharp, and a second by Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits:

Warrant #903620-903629 for: \$ 10,056.16

Warrant #'s 909256-909276 for

General: \$ 1,643.16
Streets: \$4,056.63
Water/Sewer: \$16,921.53
Subtotal: \$20,951.69
Grand Total: \$31,007.85

New Business:

TD and H:

Terry presented the council with the Preliminary Wastewater Facility Amendment. She told the council that at this time everything will stay the same. The council will review the plan and get it back to her at the

October Council Meeting with any comments that they have. Mayor Weber asked how long it will take to hear from DOE once it has been submitted. Terry thought about a month.

Andy O’Neill, RCAC:

Andy presented the council with the town’s water/sewer rate study results. He said that the town’s water rate structure is very good and that the 4% increase annually works well for the budget because that will cover the cost of inflation and for updating planning documents. He told the council that he felt that the sewer rates should also be raised 4% annually also. He explained that the town lost money in sewer last year. He also told the council that if there were capital improvement projects for either water or sewer that the rates would have to go up to cover the cost of them. He told the council that according to the Census Bureau that the town’s median income is \$80,000. He said that most funding agencies will not usually provide funding for a project unless the water or sewer rate is at least 1.5% of the median income. So the water or sewer rate would have to be \$100 a month (1.5% of \$80,000=\$1,200 annually divided by 12 months, would be \$100) before funding would be awarded. He suggested that for any upcoming capital improvements that need to be funded to figure the amortization rate and then raise the rates accordingly to cover the costs. Andy also informed the council that he will be leaving RCAC at the end of the month. He has accepted a position at Department of Ecology. He will continue to work with Jenni over the next few weeks to finalize the rate study.

TIB Bid Opening:

The council reviewed the re-bids for the TIB Sidewalk Project. Ace: \$131,936, A & R \$140,203.50, Curtis \$131,524 and Transitech \$140,670. Curtis was the lowest bid. Jim Dahmen motioned to award Curtis the TIB contract and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Mayor Weber signed the award contract. Jenni will send it to Curtis tomorrow.

School's 10,000,000 Capital Improvement Project:

Jenni told the council that Steve spoke with Nate Smith and that their project will have to be inspected by a certified building inspector. Marv is not certified. He was told that another town found a guy out of Asotin who was certified and that he charged \$45 an hour plus mileage. Marv Entel will check into this.

CIAW:

Mayor Weber signed the annual insurance form with HUB International and CIAW. The council wanted to make sure that the new four wheeler, the John Deere lawnmower, the locator and the dump truck were added to the policy.

Compost in Uniontown:

Mayor Weber told the council that he sent an email to Uniontown asking for them to please inform him of the hours of operation for dropping compost off at their site so that he could inform the Colton residents.

Ongoing Business:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Jerry will call Gloria to see when she will be available for the ribbon cutting ceremony. When a date and time is set, Jenni will get a hold of Rick Heitstuman and Nate Smith and the Gazette.

TIB 2014:

Mayor Weber reviewed the TIB application for sidewalks on Summit Street.

Snow Removal:

The council approved sending a letter to the county regarding emergency snow removal.

Washington State Liquor Board:

Mayor Weber filled out a questionnaire regarding the sale of marijuana. Jenni will send it out tomorrow.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Chuck DeMeerleer. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.