

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
October 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp. Rollie Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer were absent. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer, Blaine McMahan, Terry Nab, 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 Sam Keller, and a second by Jim Dahmen. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903630-903639 for: \$ 9,984.60

Warrant #'s 909277-909298 for:

General: \$4,114.27

Streets: \$16,713.61

Water/Sewer: \$25,306.53

Subtotal: \$46,134.41

Grand Total: \$56,119.01

New Business:

TD and H:

Terry Nab told the council that they recommend doing nothing to the wastewater treatment plant at this time. He said that they do want to address the infiltration and to try and keep the system in compliance. They presented a list of priorities: Sewer system evaluation survey, sewer system replacement program, power mixers, land application would be last resort. With land application Terry told the council that the town would need to acquire 40 acres. The council agreed with the wastewater plan update and told them to fix the priority list and send to DOE. It was also discussed that Pat McGuire is not the town's permit manager anymore.

Blaine McMahan:

Blaine explained to the council that he bought the property on Line Street and will be building a house on it. He said he would like to live in his fifth wheeler for about a month until the house he is building in Lewiston is complete. The council approved him to live in his fifth wheel through December 31, 2013.

Steve Bremer:

Portable Generator:

Steve told the council that he would like to purchase a portable generator because the one that the town currently owns doesn't work. He said that it would cost around \$400. After some discussion, the council told him to go ahead and purchase one. Jim Damen motioned to surplus the old generator and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Resolution #716:

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #716, the Association of Washington Cities Employee Benefit Trust. This ordinance allows the benefit rates to stay the same as last years. There will not be an increase in rates. Jim Dahmen motioned to accept Resolution #716 and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Bid from Strom Electric to Hook-Up Propane Generator:

Strom's bid to hook-up the propane generator that was purchased from Uniontown was \$10,000. The council thought that was way too expensive. They will look at other less expensive options.

Ongoing Business:**Compost in Uniontown:**

Mayor Weber told the council that he received an email from Uniontown that the compost site in Uniontown is open from 10-12 on Saturdays.

Building Inspector for the Public School Project:

Steve told the council that he called Pullman and Whitman County to see if they would be willing to inspect the Colton School Project. Both said that were not able to do it. Jenni will call Stephen Bishop, attorney and see if he has any ideas.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Jerry told the council that Gloria could not make the ribbon cutting ceremony at this time. So it has been cancelled.

TIB Sidewalk Project:

The fence poles are in and they should start tearing out the sidewalks tomorrow if weather permits.

4% Increase in Sewer Rates:

The council decided that RCAC's Andy O'Neil's suggestion to increase sewer rates annually should be done. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Snow Removal:

Mayor Weber reviewed the letter from Whitman County, approving emergency snow removal.

TIB Rimrock Road:

Dot Sharp motioned to accept the completion of Rimrock Road with the condition of TIB final approval, and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Marijuana Sale:

Jim Dahmen told the council that the town should look into banning the sale of marijuana in town. Jenni will talk with Stephen Bishop tomorrow about this subject.

Zoning Ordinance:

Mayor Weber was concerned that the town didn't have any information about building on the Town's website. Jenni said that she will add the building department to the website and explain where someone can get building permits and zoning information.

A T AND T:

Jenni told the council that she sent AT and T a bill for \$1,000 for the maintenance of their lot.

2014 Preliminary Budget:

Jenni presented the preliminary 2014 budget to the council, they will review it and discuss at the next council meeting.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Jim Dahmen. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.