

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**November 4th, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Sam Keller, Jim Dahmen and Dot Sharp. Rollie Dahmen was absent. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer.

**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 Chuck DeMeerleer, and a second by Jim Dahmen. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903643-903652 for: \$ 10,222.88

Void Warrants #903640, #903641, and #903642

Warrant #'s 909299-909320 for:

General:	\$ 6,682.81
Streets:	\$ 97,136.85
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 7,218.36
Subtotal:	\$111,038.02
Grand Total:	\$ 121,260.90

**New Business:**

**Steve Bremer:**

**TIB Project:**

TIB Sidewalk Project is close to completion. The lights have been ordered but may not be here for weeks.

**Resolution #717:**

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #717, increasing sewer rates by 4% annually beginning 2014. Dot Sharp motioned to accept Resolution #717 and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Blaine McMahan's vehicle:**

The council asked Jenni to send Blaine a letter asking him to remove his car off the street. Winter season is approaching and the plow will not be able to get by with the car there.

**Recycling Meeting:**

Dot Sharp reported on the Recycling Meeting that she attended last week. She said that Rosalia pulled their single stream recycling because it was costing the town \$250 to have it picked up. Colton will be getting charged for picking up the sorted recycling soon. Mayor Weber spoke with Mitch Meyer and he thought that Lewiston Recycling would pick the town's recycling up for free. Mayor Weber will talk more with him. It was discussed that they don't recycle plastic or glass. Dot also told the council that Whitman County received a grant for recycle bins with lids.

**Investment Company:**

Jenni told the council that Peter Becker, an investment agent contacted her about investing in bonds that will reap a better interest rate than AmericanWest's savings accounts. The council reviewed and asked Jenni to contact him about penalties for early withdrawal and what kind of fee does the company charge.

**Town Sign:**

Dot Sharp reviewed a bid to have the Town's Welcome to Colton sign fixed. It will cost \$776 with a steel pole. The council asked Dot to check how much it would cost to have a wooden pole instead. She will check into that.

**AWC Magazine:**

AWC contacted Jenni about doing a feel good article on the Town of Colton about the Special levy that has passed every year. She said that it is unbelievable that this levy passes by such a high percentage annually. She would like to interview Mayor Weber.

**Newsletter:**

Jenni will work on a newsletter.

**Ongoing Business:****Codifying Ordinances:**

Jenni will get back in touch with Stephen Bishop to see if he has determined how much it would cost to codify the town's ordinances.

**Generator:**

Steve told the council that the generator is back but that it took a while for it to start. He replaced the battery. It seems to be working now.

**A T AND T:**

Jenni told the council that A T and T paid their \$1,000 maintenance fee.

**2014 Preliminary Budget:**

Jenni reviewed the preliminary 2014 budget with the council. They will discuss it in executive session.

**Building Inspector for School Project:**

Mayor Weber reviewed the contract with The Building Department out of Tri Cities. Jim Dahmen motioned to appoint The Building Department for the 10 million dollar school project. Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Steve will try and negotiate a better price.

**8:50-9:00 p.m.****Executive Session:**

The Council went into executive session to discuss raises and the budget.

**Raises:**

Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to give employees a 3 ½% raise and to give the council a \$150/annual raise and the mayor a \$200/annual raise. Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dot Sharp and seconded by Jim Dahmen. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk