

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
May 6th, 2024

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

Minutes: Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the minutes and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer's report was reviewed.

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: 9905063-9905068 for:	\$14,507.16
Vendor Checks: 9911394-9911400 for:	\$36,647.03
Grand Total:	\$51,154.19

New Business:**Cindy Arbour/Cindy Couch:**

Cindy told the council that she has gotten a volunteer group together to help with writing a grant to put in a 2 ½ mile trail between Colton and Uniontown. The trail will run through WSDOT's right of way, so they won't be impeding on anyone's property. Whitman County has to be named the owner/operator for this trail to happen. They are not fully on board yet. They asked if the town would be willing to sign an interlocal agreement with Uniontown, Whitman County Parks and Recreation, and the Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization. The council said that they would sign the interlocal agreement, as long as, the town would not have to pay anything for the trail. Cindy assured the council that they would not.

Steve:**Auto Sampler:**

Steve told the council that he applied for and received an auto sampler for sewer testing. He said that it costs over 10K. It is going to make taking samples much easier.

Special Levy:

The council decided to run a special levy for \$30K again. Jenni will prepare it for the June Council Meeting.

Dot Sharp:

Dot Sharp told the council that there are residents that have junk vehicles that need to have letters sent, and also a resident who needs a letter regarding their high weeds. Jenni will get those sent out.

Building Letter for Whitman County Building Department:

Jenni explained that they received a letter from Whitman County Building Dept asking the town to send in a letter approving plot plans. Jenni

created a letter and she and Steve will be in communication to ensure that the county gets these letters when a new building is being built.

Ongoing Business:

Service Line Report:

Steve told the council that he is about 75% done with the service line report. He would like to have Jenni send out a newsletter asking for all residents to send the town, the size and type of water line entering their home. They could then write the information on their water/sewer bill and send into the town with their payment. Steve said the newsletter will also let people know that if they need help that he could come to their home and determine the size and type of water line.

Longevity Salary Increase:

Jenni told the council that she spoke with MRSC and the town's attorney. The town's attorney told Jenni that the town should repeal the personnel policy ordinance, make needed changes, and add the Longevity clause. He suggested doing a resolution instead, so that any changes could be made by resolution. He will have this completed by next month's meeting.

Spring Clean-Up:

Steve said that spring clean-up went well.

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 closed at 8:34 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk