

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**August 5th, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Cory Cucchiara, Ken Darby, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer. Sam Keller was absent.

**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.

**Checks:** Checks, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Dot Sharp and a second by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905080-9905083 for:	\$14,519.02
Vendor Checks: 9911421-9911425 for:	\$29,640.38
Grand Total:	\$44,159.41

**New Business:****Steve:****Ground Water:**

Steve told the council that over the last few years there has been a loss of ground water. In the last three years it has decreased 2 feet. He said everyone is experiencing this. He said at some point, the town may have to dig another well.

**Spence's Water Line:**

Steve told the council that he will be putting water meters in at Spence's and Hansen's. Spence's line will have to be bored under the street and should be done next week.

**Dot Sharp's Water Meter:**

Steve told the council that he is concerned about two ground wires near the water meter. He thinks that she will need to have an electrician look at it before he can move her meter outside.

**Noise Complaint:**

Jenni told the council that there have been several complaints about the renter's car exhaust at early morning hours at 1202 Lake Street. Jenni will call the homeowner and discuss this with him.

**LPL:**

Jenni mentioned to the council that they should consider transferring some funds from the town's checking account to the town's LPL treasury account. The interest rate would be 4.6% compared to the .03% currently accruing. Dot Sharp motioned to move an additional \$200K to the town's LPL account. Scott Miller seconded the motion, the vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Pickleball Courts:**

Jenni told the council that she spoke with Pat Mahoney, and he would like to re-open the bathrooms, when the pickleball courts are put in. He said that he can get a group together to maintain them. No one from this group came to discuss this.

**Snow Removal Letter:**

Mayor Weber signed the interlocal agreement to have Whitman County plow and gravel this winter, if needed.

**TIB Application:**

Jenni contacted Keller and Associates to work on the town’s TIB grant application to put in crosswalk flashing lights at Steptoe Street crossing Broadway. Scott Linja, from Keller, ensured this application would be completed by August 8th, which is the application due date.

**Ongoing Business:**

**New Lawnmower:**

Ken Darby said that the lawnmower is working great and has made mowing quicker.

**Cat Problems:**

After much discussion, the council decided that it would be too difficult to enforce a cat ordinance. Mayor Weber said that the neighbors just need to communicate with each other. He said that the Cat Be Gone is working and he has not heard of any other issues.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Cory Cucchiara and seconded by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:34 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk

