

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
October 7th, 2024

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

Minutes: Scott Miller motioned to approve the minutes and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Treasurer’s Report:

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Jenni told the council that the ARPA funds have all been used to pay Keller and Associates.

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

Payroll Checks: 9905080-9905083 for:	\$14,157.56
Vendor Checks 9911426-99114231 for:	\$45,909.51
Grand Total:	\$60,067.07

New Business:**Steve:****Water Line Hit:**

Steve told the council that it was very difficult to locate Dillon Frank's water line because it is not on the town's map and the water detector wasn't very accurate. Unfortunately, the contractor hit the water line. Steve has fixed the damaged line and will be putting a new meter outside once he finds locates exactly where the line runs around Dillon's house.

Well #3 Pump:

Steve said that Phil should be here this week to replace pump in well #3 and to clean out the lift station, fix floats and calibrate flow meter.

Pine Cones at Cemetery:

Ken Darby told the council that there are a lot of pinecones in the cemetery and he doesn't want to use the new mower to mulch them. Steve said that he will talk to Brad about borrowing the school's sweeper to pick them up. There are also some small trees that need to be cut down.

Budget 2025:

Jenni reviewed the preliminary 2025 Budget, going through each line item. Cory Cucchiara told the council that he did some investigating into what the national and Washington State cost of living increases were. He said that the national cost of living is 3.2% and Washington's State's cost of living increase is 5.6%. Sam Keller motioned to approve a 5% wage increase and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. There will be a public hearing next month to approve the 2025 Budget.

Ecology Loan/Forgiveness:

Jenni told the council that she will start to request payouts from DOE for all future items billed for the sewer upgrade project.

Keller and Associates Meeting:

Jenni told the council that there will be a Keller and Associates meeting to discuss 50% of design, that has been completed. The meeting will be at 1 pm on Tuesday October 15th.

Ongoing Business:

Brian and Julie Smith:

The Smiths' were concerned about their neighbor Dillon Frank placing a bunch of dirt in the alley between them. They said that they wanted to have their property surveyed but the dirt was so high that the surveyor could not place pins. They also want Dillon to move his garage onto his property. Mayor Weber told them that he thought that this was all worked out. After some discussion, Mayor Weber said that he will talk to Dillon about moving the dirt onto his property and to try and get the garage closer to his property. Dillon will have everything out of the alley, as soon as his shop is completed.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scott Miller and seconded by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:36 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk