

January 6, 2009 **January 2009, Council Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Lange, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer, and Hayes. Also present were Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr and Engineer Mike Voss.

Agenda was posted by the clerk. The agenda will stand as the order of the meeting.

Public Hearing for Proposed Application for CDBG Funds: Mayor Schmidt conducted the hearing for the proposed application for the CDBG Funds. The application is for Highway 13 Project and the development of Well #13. The average grant size is between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Mike Voss reviewed the basic overview of the CDBG Program, types of activities eligible and activities proposed for CDBG application. Voss asked the public if they are aware of any current housing needs in the community. He also collected ideas for community development in Colby. Voss asked for questions from the public concerning the proposed CDBG application.

Minutes of the December 2nd and December 10th council meetings were pre read and reviewed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Teri Raatz questioned the bill from Crane Engineering Sales for pump repairs. She questioned if Crane is responsible for the damages that caused this repair. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to pay all bills excluding check number #4894 for further investigation. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$214,567.59; Water Department \$58,644.92; Sewer Department \$37,749.27; Net payroll - \$17,716.72. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on December 15th.

The commission approved expenditures of \$35,759.38, which included voiding check #8078 for duplicate payment.

Chief's Report ♦ Chief Gosse noted that the Department has received another \$8,000 grant for seat belt and OWI enforcement. He stated that \$2,000 of the funds can be used for equipment and he plans to replace the radio in the 2008 squad and use the remaining for computers for the squads. The remaining \$6,000 is to be used for overtime pay for the officers to enforce seat belt and OWI violations.

The commission approved the 2008 remaining funds to be carried over to the 2009 budget.

U-turns on Main Street, Abbotsford were discussed. Sossaman noted she has witnessed illegal U-turns on Main Street at an increasing rate. Mayor Raatz also attested that he has witnessed these occurrences as well as violations of winter after hours parking on Main Street. Chief Gosse will look into posting signs prohibiting U-turns and parking violations be monitored.

The commission approved Christmas gifts to the officers of either a ham or turkey.

The commission met in closed session to discuss wages for Sandy Kocian and Ron Gosse. Action from closed session - to recommend to the Abbotsford and Colby Councils to approve a two year agreement with Chief Gosse for a 3% wage increase and to receive the same prescription drug coverage and dental as is offered to the police officers, and to recommend to the Abbotsford and Colby Councils to approve a two year agreement with Abbotsford-Colby Police Clerk, Sandy Kocian for a 3% wage increase and to receive the same prescription drug coverage and dental as is offered to the police officers. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Lange to approve the wage increases as determined by the commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes ♦ Holtzhausen, Hederer, Hayes, Lange, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz. Noes ♦ none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to approve the actions and expenditures of the Police Commission for December. Motion carried with a voice vote.

City Planning Committee met on December 8th.

The committee did some brain storming for Economic Development ideas to send in to West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission/Clark County Economic Development Corp. Some of the ideas the committee had included Industrial Park Signage, Marketing and Promotional Plans, Construction of a Spec Commercial/Industrial Building with a green construction concept, and Infrastructure/Water Search/Land Acquisitions. The Clerk and the Mayor will fill out the form with these ideas.

Ron Gosse was in attendance to discuss the outside consumption ordinance. The committee decided to allow alcohol consumption on streets during bar hours and in public parks during park hours. It was determined to review the ordinance in great detail before the next council meeting.

The committee reviewed potential Tax Incremental Finance District Projects. The committee talked about well construction and upgrades, water treatment plant upgrade, storm sewer system replacement and extension, street and roadway resurfacing ♦ including Washington/N 5th Street and Dehne Drive, Industrial Park sign/landscaping, Highway 13 water/sewer re-construction, building demolition/rehabilitation, marketing plans, grantsmanship, development incentives

and construction of a spec building. The committee also looked at the five year plan to determine if there are any projects in the plan that should be included in the amendment.

Clerk Gurtner reported that the website is being re-constructed and should be up and running soon. We will be able to make changes to the site once it is complete.

The snowmobile club has asked for permission to run their snowmobile trail on East Adams Street again this year. We have allowed this for the last two years and the Mayor asked the committee to consider allowing this change to the ordinance. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to approve the amendment to the ordinance as follows.

Sec. 13-3-7(a)(1)(f) Snowmobile Routes and Trails Designated.

Amend by adding:

(f) East Adams Street from Highway 13 (Division Street) to Jackson Street.

Engineer Voss suggested meeting in person with the Dept of Commerce regarding the Community Development Block Grant. A meeting is scheduled in Madison on December 12th at 10:30 with the Mayor, two representatives of MSA and the Dept of Commerce. The Mayor asked for suggestions for representatives on the Joint Review Board.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt appointed Betty Barr, Joanne Bartnik, Evelyn Beyerl, Maxine Haas, Ruth Jacobson, Julie Johnson, Yvonne Ruppert, Dorothy Webb, Duane Webb, Irene Strathmann, Ashley Rueden and Mary Dorn as election inspectors. Ashley Rueden and Mary Dorn will act as chief inspectors. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the appointments. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt appointed himself and Ken LaVenture to serve on the TIF Joint Review Board. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Lange to approve the appointments. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Lange to amend the motion to approve the appointment of the Mayor to serve on the TIF Joint Review Board and to wait with the citizen at large. Motion carried on a voice vote. The original motion as amended carried on a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt was unable to attend the last meeting of the United Communities of Clark County Meeting and did not receive any minutes.

DWP Higley and Allan Raatz attended a meeting in Marshfield to review the possibility of piping water from the Wausau area to serve communities East of Wausau.

Clerk Gurtner: The web site is up and running, but we are not able to update at this time.

Harland Higley Jr: The following building permits were issued: VFW, 104 S Division Street, interior remodeling (bathroom).

The ferric chloride consumption has been cut in half.

Harland Higley thanked the city for the Christmas gift.

Engineer Voss: Engineer Voss has been in contact with Jim Witthuhn from the DNR regarding the Well #13 approval. MSA expects to hear back from the DNR this month.

Operator's License: An application was received for an operator's license from: Janessa Schmitt, 201 North Sixth Street, Colby. Motion was made by Hayes, seconded by Hederer to approve. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Resolution 1-2009 Authorizing Submission of the CDBG Application: Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Beisner to approve as follows. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Resolution #1-2009

Authorizing Submission of the Application

Relating to the City of Colby's participation in the Wisconsin small cities Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities.

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Wisconsin Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Community Finance, for the purpose of disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, after public hearing and due consideration, the City of Colby City Council has recommended that an application be submitted to the State of Wisconsin for the following projects:

Construction of new well, water main replacement and sanitary sewer improvements

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to approve the preparation and filing of an application for the City to receive funds from this program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the need for the proposed projects and the benefits to be gained therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Colby does APPROVE and authorize the City Council of Colby to prepare and file an application for funds under this program in accordance with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents of behalf of the City; and

The above resolution has been authorized by the governing body of the City of Colby

James Schmidt, Mayor
Connie Gurtner, Clerk

Authorization to Allow Mayor Schmidt to Sign Letter of Support for Seno Company's Senior Development: Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to allow Mayor Schmidt to sign the letter of support for the Seno Company's Senior Development. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee meetings for January: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on January 12, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Colby-Abbotsford Police Department. Parks/Rec/Recycling will meet Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. City Planning will meet on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION Per State Stat 19.85(1)(e) ♦ Purpose is to discuss sale of Industrial Park Lot and TIF Incentives: Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Schmidt to go into closed session as per state stat 19.85(1)(e). Roll Call Vote: Ayes ♦ Hederer, Hayes, Lange, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen. Noes ♦ none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Raatz, seconded by Hederer to re-convene into open session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes ♦ Hayes, Lange, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer. Noes ♦ none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to sell Lot 10 of Industrial Acres to Jerry Flink for \$1 with a contract stating that construction will be completed in 2009 and that the building/lot not be sold to a non-profit organization and also to offer a TIF Incentive of \$12,500 for construction. Closing cost of the land transfer will be shared 50/50 between the city and Jerry Flink. Roll Call Vote: Ayes ♦ Lange, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer, Hayes. Noes ♦ none. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Beisner to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____ Mayor _____
James W Schmidt
Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk