

November 3, 2009 **Council Minutes**

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Lange, Beisner, T Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer, and Hayes. Also present were Clerk Connie Gurtner and DPW Harland Higley Jr.

Clerk Gurtner presented the 2010 budget to the council. No citizens were in attendance. The council was given the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to adjourn the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

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, T Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr. and Engineer Mike Voss.

Agenda was posted by the clerk. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to move items 8. A. through D. right after item 5. The agenda will stand as the order of the meeting.

Minutes of the October 6th council meeting were pre read and reviewed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by T Schmidt to approve as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to pay the bills as presented. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$296,019.70; Water Department \$15,501.40; Sewer Department \$53,829.10; Net payroll - \$18,875.28. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Operator's License: Application were received for operator's licenses for the following: Angela LaSee, N16615 State Hwy 13, Dorchester, WI ♦ motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to approve; Melissa Geiger, PO Box 111, Colby, WI ♦ motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve; Brenda Newman, W1646 Kington Rd, Unity, WI ♦ motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Beisner to approve. Motions carried with a voice vote.

2010 Budget: Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Beisner to approve the 2010 Budget of \$1,324,518, with a local levy of \$428,000. Roll Call Vote: Ayes ♦ Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer, Hayes, Lange, Beisner, T Schmidt, Raatz. Noes ♦ none. Motion carried.

Permission to Research a Water Connection with the City of Abbotsford:

DPW Bill Beil asked the City of Colby to consider connecting the city's water systems in case of emergency water needs. The Mayor suggested creating some type of a contract. The first step is to contact Public Service Commission to determine legalities and rates. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Raatz to give permission to research a water connection with the City of Abbotsford. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Board of Appeals met on October 8th.

A variance is required from Ordinance 13-1-45(e)(4) Rear Yard Setback. The ordinance requires a 20 foot rear setback and the property owners are requesting a 12 foot rear setback.

The committee debated in great detail what made this request unique and what would be the hardship if this variance was not granted. The committee approved this variance by determining the hardship was not being able to drive in the driveway straight and the uniqueness was having water and sewer in the front yard. Committee members Raatz and Kaiser voted against the variance.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on October 12th.

The commission approved the minutes and bills.

Under discuss/Approve furniture purchase for Public Safety Building; the Police Department received two bids for furniture. Chief Gosse talked to both companies and they stated most companies should be the same price because it is a State price that is quoted. The bids were from Emmons - \$22,900.81 and Stone Office - \$22,566.99. It was noted that there is \$21,400 budgeted for the furniture; however, Chief Gosse explained there is money from savings of the evidence room storage that wasn't taken into account. Chief Gosse may purchase some shelving from Menards for lesser amounts for the garage, evidence room and storage. Furniture does not include evidence room storage or lockers. The commission approved the purchase of furniture with the allowed amount of \$22,900.81. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Lange to approve this purchase. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Under Chief's report, vehicle maintenance report, Chief Gosse explained that the new car is ordered, and there are no problems with any of the cars. There is grant money coming for a Video camera and equipment for Rennie's car. Lange questioned if there would be a line item when taking the money out of each account to help follow which account the money from the grants will be going. Chief Gosse explained that the City of Abbotsford takes the money from an account called expenses for grants, and the grant money will be credited to the proper GL where it was taken from.

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

Personnel/Labor Relations met on October 15th and November 3rd.

The meeting on October 15th was held in closed session to negotiate the union labor contract.

The committee met in closed session at each of these meeting to interview candidates for the position Custodian. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve hiring Jeri Schmidt for the Custodian position at a wage of \$8.50 with an increase at 6 months to \$9.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported that the next United Communities of Clark County meeting will be held in Colby next month.

Harland Higley Jr: The following building permits were issued: Kim Krause, 512 N 6th Street, re-roof; Deborah Brey, 405 N 2nd Street, porch repairs; Computers R Us, 120 Dehne Drive, change sign to Verizon.

Municipal Well and Pump are working on getting more volume from Well #13.

Highway 13 should be paved by the end of the week and painted next week. The stop lights will be installed by early next week also.

The crew is picking up leave until the end of next week.

Committee meetings for November: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on November 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Colby-Abbotsford Police Department. Personnel/Labor Relations will meet on November 11, 2009 at 5:15 P.M. Special Council Meeting will be held on November 11, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. Water/Sewer/Streets Committee will meet on November 30 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Lange, seconded by Beisner to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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