

September 7, 2010 **Council Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Lange, Beisner, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer and Kaiser. T Schmidt was absent. Also present were Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Engineer Mike Voss and citizens at large.

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

Minutes of the August 3, 2010 and August 23, 2010 council meetings were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$501,758.98; Water Department \$45,323.98; Sewer Department \$31,179.46; TIF Fund \$250.00; Net payroll \$27,815.29. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on August 8th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

Under Chief ♦s report, Chief Gosse wanted to inform everyone of how well the canine performed. Jango found stolen property that was missing from the VFW in Colby, a lap top from a house burglary, a Wii game from another location, and many more items. Lange questioned if the Police Department has found any grants yet to eventually replace Jango. Chief Gosse stated that at this time there are no grants available. Chief Gosse noted that there was a large amount of money put into the TRACS account and his idea would be to use the left over TRACS account money and move it into the canine account. It would roughly be \$12,000 for the dog and some training cost.

Vehicle report, Chief Gosse stated that there are some vehicles that are going to be for sale. Smokie ♦s (The Bank who owns it) wanted their parking lot cleaned up and there were some vehicles that had been sitting in the parking lot for months and some even years. There is a Semi, an SUV, and a 17 ft boat with trailer.

Officer Rennie slipped on some wet steps and hurt himself. Rennie filed a notice of intent.

It was asked if there was a meeting yet about the smoking ban and drinking outside of the bars. Chief Gosse explained that everyone has been taking their vacations and there hasn't been time yet to have one, where all the officers could attend. There will be future meetings for TRACS and the smoking ban.

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

Parks/Rec/Recycle Committee met on August 16th.

New Ball Field at East Street Park: We have been running into some problems getting permits for the new ball field. \$140 for the first permit was sent in for the storm water permit. We also have to have a design sent in showing the projected ball field; the DNR suggested we involve an engineer for the drawings. Beisner asked if the committee members are really committed to the ball field especially if we have to hire an engineer. These extra costs (for permits/engineers) will eat into the amount of money we have budgeted this year for this project and only certain things will get accomplished; the committee needs to decide what is going to be budgeted for next year. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Raatz to put up to \$6,000 toward the design and development of the new East Street ball field. Motion carried with the voice vote.

Wetland Information: Beisner asked the core of engineers what was wrong with the wetlands east of East Street. They said that when the DOT did the ditches they planted canary grass. You can keep the grass mowed to keep it from re-seeding, but to get rid of it you should burn it off.

Drainage at 6th Street Park: The city was going to put in drainage at the 6th street Park for the potential ball field. Now that we have moved the location of the ball field Beisner asked the committee if they still wanted to put this in. If we do this project now in the coming fall it would be a good time because then kids will still be able to use the park next summer. The committee wants to know prices for spraying and re-seeding the park. It will be discussed again at the next committee meeting.

TE Grant for Central Park: The TE grant has been sent it. Things included in the grant were: Lighting and continuity of the pedestrian trail.

Land Donation for Park from Ed Bieno: We have received the answers to our questions from Ed Bieno about the park. He would like to have the naming rights to the park and would like it to be called, ♦Matthew ♦s Park♦ after his late grandson. He would like to see picnic tables, trees and playground equipment for kids in the park. The committee discussed the proposed park. It was determined that because of its location and size that the cost to develop would not be justified. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Beisner to send Ed Bieno a letter thanking him for the offer but stating that the park is not feasible at this time. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Budget Status: \$14,726.15 of the \$21,000 capital budget has been used this year so far. \$6,273.85 is remaining of the budget. \$942.44 is left in the ball park budget. \$8,395.86 is remaining of the park maintenance budget.

Status on Ongoing Plans: Ongoing projects for the rest of this year were discussed as well as projects that the committee would like to see budgeted for future years.

Long Range Plans in Anticipation of 2011 Budget: The committee would like to see pricing for future projects for budgeting purposes. The committee would also like to see the prices for the completion of the ball field so they can budget for the rest of the expenses associated with it.

Streets/Equipment Committee met on September 7th.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Beisner to have the city pay 100% of future curb and gutter costs of the 56 feet of any potential future curb and gutter development in exchange for the deed for the 33' by 66' Outlot for W Washington Street from Donald and Roberta Schmidt. In consideration for a safer arterial corner, this is a non-president setting transaction. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the Clark County Economic Development meeting.

Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the United Communities of Clark County.

Clerk Gurtner: Clerk Gurtner reported on her training in Green Bay and how much focus was on new election laws and procedures.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: David Holtzhausen, 303 S 3rd Street, repair porch; Jason Blume, 217 S 1st Street, kitchen cabinets; Tim Shannon, 102 E Adams Street, new roof over bathroom & bedroom remodel; Sherman Pierce, 103 S 2nd Street, kitchen remodel; Randy Smith, 812 S Division Street, new window; Pam Reynolds, 305 S 2nd Street, siding, windows, door, basement repairs; Colby VFW 2227, 104 S Division Street, pave parking lot; Denis Woik, 503 W Adams Street, kitchen remodel/roof; Angus Lamont, 303 W Spence Street, re-roof; Brian Popp, 104 E Monroe, windows.

Earth Inc has started on the Well #13 Project.

The flags were not up for Labor Day because of the damages to the bucket truck.

Engineer Voss: Engineer Voss reported that Earth Inc will be asking for a time extension because of some miss communication regarding ordering supplies for the project.

Plans and Specifications have been submitted to the DNR for the Disinfection of Well #9 & #12 Project.

Resolution 5-2010 Approving Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: Motion was made by Beisner, seconded by Hederer to approve this resolution as follows. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Hederer to table Resolution 5-2010 until the Finance Committee meeting at the end of September. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Contract with MSA for SDWLP Administration: MSA presented a contract for Phase 2 of the WDNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program assistance. The fee for the project is not to exceed \$10,000. Motion was made by Lange, seconded by Hederer to approve the contract with MSA not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Amendment to the CDBG Administration Contract with MSA: MSA presented a contract for the extension of administration of the CDBG to include the Wells 9 & 12 Disinfection Project at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Beisner to approve the contract with MSA at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Bids for W Washington Street Extension: The city advertised for bids to construction Washington Street and installation of water/sewer main. The city received nine bids from: Steen Construction - \$66,746.00; Francis Melvin - \$72,829.50; Advance Concrete & Excavating - \$75,320.35; Switlick & Sons Inc - \$79,398.00; Haas Sons Inc - \$84,675.86; A-1 Excavating - \$85,867.00; Steve Colby Excavating - \$91,665.00; Earth, Inc - \$92,818.50; Pember Companies Inc - \$100,366.50. Motion was made by Lange, seconded by Raatz to approve the contract with Steen Construction for \$66,746.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Bids for Reconstruction of Lieders Street/E Wausau Street/Thomas Street: The city received two bids for this project: Senn Blacktop Inc - \$75,424, American Asphalt of Wisconsin - \$57,110.90. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to approve the contract with American Asphalt at a cost of \$57,110.90. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Operators' Licenses: The following application for an operator's license was received: Emilie Morrow, 606 S Main Street, Colby. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to approve the Operators' Licenses as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Picnic Licenses: The following applications for Temporary Class B License were received: IDEA Foundation, Steak Feed, September 15, 2010, Lion's Shelter, 101 S Adams Street. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Committee meetings for September: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 13, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Colby-Abbotsford Police Department. Finance Committee will meet on September 27, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. City Planning Committee will meet on September 20, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee will meet on September 20, 2010 at approximately 7:30 P.M. Water/Sewer/Streets Committee will meet on September 13, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Beisner, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk