

April 3, 2012 **April 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: Beisner, T Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Hederer and Kaiser. Holtzhausen was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr. and Engineer Mike Voss. Attorney Gamoke arrived at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$98,200.94; Water Department \$22,623.12; Sewer Department \$32,926.43; TIF Fund \$500.00; Net payroll \$17,449.50. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: Bernice Gokey from the VFW Auxiliary asked the city to consider a proclamation to urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of the buddy poppy cause. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Beisner to approve the proclamation. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on March 12th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

The commission elected Schraufnagel as president.

Under Chief's report: Jango is going to retire this year and a new canine will need to be trained. September 3, 2012 canine class starts, the commission would like an officer to attend. The class is 5-6 weeks long. There will be lodging and meal expenses. There is almost \$12,000 saved. More information will be provided at the next commission meeting.

Vehicle maintenance: there are two cars that the Department is selling, the canine car (Ford) and a Chevy. Usually the department takes the vehicles to Ripon but there is also another company online where people can bid. The Ford pickup's topper has been painted and is ready for transport.

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

Water/Sewer/Streets Committee met on March 26th.

Design of North 3rd Street Project: Plans for this project should be done a year in advance so that way you are always ready for the project at any time. At this time there is no money in the budget for the design of North 3rd St. The city would have to put something else aside in order to get this done. The mayor will discuss different financial options with the clerk.

Well #14 Plan: Municipal Well & Pump gave an estimate in getting test well #14 up and running. The project would consist of drilling the well deeper and seeing if it's a proper producing well. The cost of this is \$14,640. If the well is not a proper functioning well we could then cap the well, abandon it and sell the piece of property that the test well is on. Motion was made by Beisner, seconded by Kaiser to drill out bottom of existing test well at a 6 inch diameter for Well #14 to a depth of 200 feet with test pumping and water quality done with the cost not to exceed \$14,640. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Overage on Bid for Water/Sewer on Highway 13: The water and sewer work for this project came in over what they originally estimated; the overall increase in the project cost is \$78,865.32. The DOT states that the material cost increased resulting in the overage. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve the overage on the bid for Highway 13 for the water and sewer work in the amount of \$78,865.32. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Update on Spence Street Project: The current status of the Spence Street Project was discussed.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the meetings of McDevoo, the United Communities of Clark County and Cemetery Board.

Mayor Schmidt appointed Dorene Newman as an election inspector. Motion was made by Beisner, seconded by Raatz to approve the appointment. Motion carried with a voice vote.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: David Ensign, 211 S 4th Street, bathroom; Randy Grambort, 700 Carol Street, interior remodel; Rhonda Weiler, 305 N 6th Street, bathroom; Tonya Sargent, 208 E Spence Street, siding, windows, re-roof.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for March 2012 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for March 2012. The new John Deere tractor is here. Kaiser asked about implementing "No Parking" on one side of Graves Street because of the ball field usage.

Engineer Mike Voss: Engineer Voss reported on the progress of Adams Street. He also stated that MSA will be helping the city stake

out the new ball field.

Picnic License: The city received an application for picnic license from Colby Lions Club for the smelt feed on April 25, 2012. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve the license. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Re-hire of Temporary Summer Hire: The city has had a summer worker for the past two years that is interested in working again this summer. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schraufnagel to re-hire him as a summer hire at a pay rate of \$.25 more than last year. Motion carried with a voice vote.

3-2012 FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTY: Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Raatz to approve Resolution 3-2012 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTY IN COLBY, WISCONSIN.

WHEREAS, the governing body of Colby, Wisconsin, held a public hearing at the City Hall at 6:00 P.M. on the 3rd day of April 2012, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons concerning the preliminary resolution and report of the Municipal Engineer on the proposed public improvements consisting of the installation of concrete curb and gutter and preliminary assessments against benefited property, and heard all persons who desired to speak at the hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of Colby, Wisconsin, determines as follows:

1. The Assessment report, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, including the final assessments set forth therein, is adopted and approved.
2. The City has advertised for bids and supervised construction of the improvements in accordance with the report hereby adopted.
3. Payment for the improvements shall be made by assessing 100% of the cost to the property benefited as indicated in the report.
4. Assessments shown on the report represent an exercise of the police power and have been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.
5. Assessments for all projects included in the report are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner may object to each assessment separately or all assessments jointly for any purpose.
6. Assessments shall be due by October 31, 2012. Assessments may be paid in cash or in 5 installments to the municipal clerk. Installments shall be placed on the next tax roll after the due date for collection and shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the unpaid balance from January 1 of the year following the levy. Installments or assessments not paid when due shall bear additional interest on the amount due at the rate of 5% per annum.
7. The municipal clerk shall publish this resolution as a class 1 notice under ch. 985, Stats., in the assessment district and mail a copy of this resolution and a statement of the final assessment against the benefited property together with notice of the method of payment to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

Signed: Mayor

Attest: Clerk

Committee meetings for April: Re-organizational meeting will be April 17, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on April 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Police Department. City Planning Committee will meet on April 24, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. Clark County Economic Development Committee is hosting an annual meeting on April 23, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION Per State Statutes 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Purpose: Review Letter from Francis Melvin Inc Regarding Spence Street Project

Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Beisner to go into closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Kaiser, Beisner, Schmidt, Raatz, Schraufnagel, Hederer. Noes – none. Holtzhausen and Lange were absent. Motion carried.

Adjourn in closed session: Motion was made by Beisner, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk