

July 2, 2012 **July 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: T Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer and Kaiser. Henaman arrived at 6:50 PM. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr., Engineer John Richmond and citizens.

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

Minutes of the June 5th meeting 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 T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$156,082.08; Water Department \$36,934.56; Sewer Department \$32,241.80; Net payroll \$18,206.87. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: none

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on June 11th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

Minutes: Chairman Schraufnagel informed the Commission that the minutes needed to be approved by a majority vote. Roberts Rules of Order #30 states that a member can vote on minutes of a meeting that he did not attend. The committee approved April minutes without a negative vote. Hederer had asked at the council meeting that the comments from the public be added to the minutes when they are approved at the next police commission meeting.

Direct Deposit: Officer Schmidt spoke of the benefits of direct deposit. He stated the chairman would no longer have to sign checks, home loans could have an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ % savings off their house payment, and it would make Colby City Clerk Gurtner's job much easier. It was also mentioned that when on vacation the officers don't have to worry about picking up their checks. Officer Schmidt said that Gurtner noted you can have funds go into five different accounts if needed. Voss stated that Gurtner had explained to the Commission in April that the cost is the same. Gurtner said every officer would be required to receive direct deposit or they would stay with the check system. Officer Bauer was the only officer not in favor of direct deposit in April. He said that he had changed his mind. The committee approved direct deposit without a negative vote.

Voting: Faber asked what would happen in the event of a tie vote by both city councils. For example, if the Abbotsford City Council votes for something, and the Colby City Council does not or vice versa, who would break the tie. Chief Gosse stated this ordinance needs to be looked at because some things have changed. It was noted that the City of Abbotsford no longer takes a rotation in keeping the books, as the City of Colby takes care of them. More discussion about the issue will be held when an updated version of the ordinance is available for consideration.

D. Hederer said the City of Colby would like a copy of the canine report each month for inclusion in the council meeting packets.

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

Parks/Rec/Recycling met on June 19th.

Comments from the Public: Scott Oestreich was present and told the committee that Colby Cheese Days has funded some lighting, but would like the committee to consider funding for future projects at the track.

Budget Review: The committee reviewed the 2012 budget and determined that they have approximately \$2,000 left in capital and approximately \$7,000 left in maintenance.

Current Projects: The city is still waiting for a bill from A.C. Holtzhausen Sons for electrical work at the center ball field, a bill of \$1,300 from Kevin Boyer and an estimate of \$1,800 for building materials.

Additional 2012 Projects and Wish List: South Sixth Street Park wish list: replace some dead trees, addition to the shelter including one unisex restroom a cooler and plenty of space for a party. First Street Park wish list: blacktop between the basketball court and street, replace some older trees. Ball Fields: repair to the fence on the large field, additional red ball clay for all fields, protect the top of the four foot fence in the center field, benches for south field dug outs, power and lighting to south field, slab for the bleacher area on the south field, protective fence or shrubs on the property line of the south field, scoreboard at the new field.

The committee voted to repair the scoreboard from the north ball field and use it for the south ball field from All American at a cost of \$1,020. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Hederer to approve the repairs done by All American at a cost of \$1,020. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Nancy O'Brien to serve as Alderman in Ward III until the election of April 2013. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve this appointment. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt shared a story in the Food Network Magazine that highlighted the Home of Colby Cheese.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Duane Altergott, 502 N Division Street, metal roof, soffit, fascia; Gail Landwehr, 507 N 3rd Street, garage addition; Ron Morrow, 606 S Main Street, garage; Rural Arts Building, new metal roof.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for June 2012 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for June 2012.

The test well #14 did not provide the water quantity that we expected, so DPW Higley would recommend that we abandon this well and sell the lot.

Kurt Kalepp had donated his time and equipment to help level the new ball field.

Engineer John Richmond: North First Street Reconstruction Project is completed. The Adams Street Reconstruction Project is in progress.

Operators' Licenses: The following applications were received for operator's licenses: Berlyn Hale, W174 Cty Rd A, Dorchester; Susan Hilber, F2394 Elderberry Rd, Colby; Sarah Socha, H3418 Blueberry Rd, Colby. Motion was made Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve the operator's licenses as listed. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Change Order #1 and Final Pay Request for North 1st Street: The change order is for the change in quantities of the as built project and is \$1,567.07. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Henaman to approve the change order. The final pay request was approved in the bills.

Committee meetings for July: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on July 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Police Department. City Planning Committee has a tentative meeting scheduled for July 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk