

October 2, 2012 **October Council Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Henaman, O'Brien, T Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr. and Police Chief Gosse.

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

Minutes of the September 4th 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 Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$261,956.23; Water Department \$65,920.90; Sewer Department \$34,365.38; TIF Fund \$298.62; Net payroll \$18,048.81. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: none

Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee met on September 11th.

Reconvene at the South 6th Street Park: The committee discussed a 12 x 26 block building that would be constructed as a base building with the city crew to finish - one unisex bathroom and kitchen.

North 1st Street: Basketball courts - backstops and hoops were removed for painting. There was some vandalism done to the courts. DPW Higley talked to some of the kids and hopefully the graffiti will stop. There has been grass planted between the curb and court. The cost to paint the shelter in the North 1st Street will be about \$400.

Center Park: Looks Good

South 1st Street Park: Thieme suggested a backstop on the South fence of the court to provide a practice area for one player. He is going to get specs and measurements at the courts in Marshfield.

East Street Ballpark: The cost to get the dug outs finished this year is about \$1,600 and the piping on the lower fence on the main field is about \$1,100. Look at a location for a possible flag pole. It would have to be lighted. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Thieme to approve the purchase of the lower fence on the main field at a cost of \$1,445. Motion carried with a voice vote.

2013 Budget: Items that are to be budgeted for 2013 include:

Red Ball Clay \$8,000.00
Concrete for Bleacher/Electric for Scoreboard \$2,500.00
Bleachers \$2,500.00
South 6th Street Building \$60,000.00

Other Ideas from Park Committee Members: O'Brien suggested a dog park where dogs can run loose in a fenced off area, possibly at the west side of the pulling track. She also suggested adding some park benches.

Hederer suggested some landscaping around the new Colby signs. Some block, brick enclosure with hostas or perennials - something that would require little maintenance.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on August 13th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

Under purchase of a new vehicle: T. Schraufnagel stated Abbotsford approved the purchase of a 4-wheel drive vehicle with money that had been budgeted. Colby approved the purchase of a 2013 Dodge Charger. T. Schmidt asked if an Interceptor would be a compromise. Chief Gosse said it's a nice vehicle and is an All Wheel Drive. It has more space than a car and it would have the ability to get the equipment out of the trunk and be able to organize it in the back of the Interceptor to make availability much easier. It was stated Colby council thought the Charger was a local purchase. T. Schraufnagel stated with icy roads, safety is a factor. M. Schwantes stated Abbotsford City Council discussed vehicles and that it was the Chief's job to purchase what the Department needs to effectively do their job. J. Henaman stated it's still tax-payer money and the committee needs to be responsible for it.

N. O'Brien stated Colby council discussed the Expedition. She wished they would have had the new data collected that had been supplied by the chief tonight. She has changed her opinion after speaking with officers in Minnesota and other people from the area. T. Schmidt asked N. O'Brien her opinion, if she thought the Interceptor would be a good vehicle for the Police Department. She stated her sister works for a Police Department and thought the Interceptor would do a good job.

Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Schmidt to purchase the 2013 all wheel drive Ford Interceptor for a cost of \$27,511. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Henaman, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel. Noes - Holtzhausen, Hederer, Kaiser. Motion carried.

Under Budget Amendment: Chief Gosse stated there are two changes that need to be made.

1) Health Insurance - the officer that was thinking about joining the health insurance confirmed he will not change. The budgeted amount changed from \$95,000 down to \$84,500

2) Computer maintenance: Marathon County discovered they were paying our car computer maintenance in error. They will continue to pay, but the Commission must pay back an annual amount of \$2,200. If a vehicle computer fails, it will need to be replaced at a cost of about \$7,000 according to Chief Gosse. T. Schraufnagel commented that the Committee will not need to budget for replacement costs each year as this will cover the cost. Chief Gosse confirmed it will cover the vehicle computers, but not the office computers. Chief Gosse also stated that originally the Department paid 50% of the first vehicle computer and grant money paid the other 50%. The rest has been paid for by the state if the department went to the TRAC system. The last budget was \$652,127 with the budget amendment it is \$643,827. The committee approved the amendment.

Ordinance Update: The Colby City Clerk Office is doing the books and the Colby City ordinance needs to be updated.

Chiefs Report: Officer Rannow is still out on medical leave. He will be seeing his Doctor in October. Chief Gosse stated he will need the doctor's permission to return to work. Rannow is doing some ambulance runs at this time. T. Schmidt asked if there is any limited duty work he could do. Chief Gosse did not know if he has any limited duty work available.

Officer Rennie will be picking up the new canine in October.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Thieme to approve the actions and expenditures of the Police Commission for September. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the United Communities of Clark County meeting. He also reported on the Clark County Economic Development Meeting.

Clerk Gurtner: Clerk Gurtner reported on her WTAW meeting in Stevens Point.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Harriet Laabs, 103 N 6th Street, roof; Paul Bach, 307 E Spence Street, insulate and sheet garage, remove shed floor and raze silo; Carol Subera, 203 N 3rd Street, replace utility shed; Harmony Country Coop, 305 N Division Street, raze building; Dawn Voelker, 206 S 4th Street, replace windows; Rod Cook, 208 Lieders Street, roof on house; Kurt & Heather Kulas, 310 S 3rd Street, raze and construct detached garage; Edward Strathman, 208 N 3rd Street, construct detached garage; Irene Haas, 500 E Terrace Street, replace roof shingles; VFW, 104 S Division Street, concrete slab; Chris Kysar, 207 N 3rd Street, roof.

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

The binder coat of blacktop should be done this week on the Highway 13 Project. The concrete work should also be completed by the end of the week.

On the Adams Street Project there will be some work re-done on the blacktop because of the levels of the manholes.

Forgiveness of Sewer Portion of Bill for Mrs. Alvin Krueger: Mrs. Alvin Krueger had come to the city asking for forgiveness of the sewer portion of her last month's water bill. She had left an outside hose on for an extended period of time. The amount is \$73.90. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to forgive \$73.90 on Mrs. Alvin Krueger's bill. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Crack Filling Estimate: DPW Higley received an estimate from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers to do crack filling in the amount of \$4,808.00. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Kaiser to approve the crack filling at a cost of \$4,808.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Committee meetings for October: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Police Department. Finance Committee will meet on October 10, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Public Works Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Closed Session Per State Stats 19.85(1)(e): Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to go into closed session per State Stats 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hederer, Kaiser, Henaman, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Holtzhausen. Motion carried.

PURPOSE: CONSIDER BID ON VACANT CITY LOT FOR SALE

Adjourn in Closed Session: Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk