

November 6, 2012 **November Council Meeting**

The Budget Hearing for the 2013 Budget was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:00 P.M. The Clerk explained any changes to the budget since the last meeting. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Hederer to adjourn the budget hearing at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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, Holtzhausen, Hederer and Kaiser. Schraufnagel was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Mike Voss from MSA and Mike Stoffel from Ayres Associates.

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

Minutes of the October 2, 2012 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Henaman 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 \$346,892.01; Water Department \$19,009.74; Sewer Department \$49,664.88; Net payroll \$17,158.69. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on October 8th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

Air Cards: Chief Gosse asked about increasing the budget \$2,000 for AirCards. An AirCard is a card that slides into the police car computers to permit internet access to allow writing tickets, running plates and having contact with the state. The cost is about \$40 per card per month. Marathon County's existing system cannot be repaired as there are no replacement parts available. The Sheriff's Department will also be going to Air Cards a cost to them of about \$23,000 per year. The department will need to do something, at this time there is no replacement system other than air cards. The Chief will speak to Marathon County Sheriff again and get back to the Commission next month. Air Cards are faster than what our department has now. Chief Gosse stated the department can put money aside now or borrow from the Metal Plate Fund if needed. Voss questioned what Clark County is doing and the Chief said he doesn't know as they don't communicate with Clark County over the computer system. T. Schmidt asked if there is a lag time when going to the cards. Chief Gosse explained there was no lag time. The commission moved to table Air Cards until next month when the Commission has more information. Motion carried without negative vote.

Chief's Report: A digital car camera will be installed and \$4100 in grant money from the state will cover the cost. All vehicles will have digital cameras after this one is installed. Officer Rannow will be coming back to work October 22nd; he has been fully released by his Doctor. Officer Rennie is in Little Rock, Arkansas picking up his new canine.

Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Gosse's car and the car that will be replaced both need new back tires. The new vehicle might come with the City Of Abbotsford trucks, so that only one trip is made.

Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by O'Brien to approve the actions and expenditures of the Police Commission for October. Motion carried on a voice vote. Hederer voted no.

Finance Committee met on October 10th.

2013 Budget: Dennis Kramer attended representing the Abbotsford-Colby Area Chamber of Commerce. He asked the council to consider helping fund an office position at the chamber office. Clerk Gurtner read the preliminary budget items in the revenue and expenses. The committee is going to ask the Colby Economic Development Committee to reimburse the city the \$4,500 to cover the added budget item to fund additional hours for the Abbotsford-Colby Chamber of Commerce. The committee decided to increase legal fees to \$20,000. The 2012 budget amount is \$10,000. They also agreed to increase the police budget by \$2,250 to allow for the purchase of a new file server and plans to update to an air card system.

Public Works Committee met on October 16th.

Changes to the Wastewater Discharge Permit: MSA reviewed the WPDES Permit Draft issued by the DNR. Stan Charron, who reviewed the permit, did not see anything unusual in the permit that he hasn't seen in permits issued to other communities. The DNR is giving us certain deadlines to meet all the changes included in the new permit. The changes that are being made to the WPDES Permit were read aloud for the committee and discussed.

Adams Street Project Update: Adams Street does not have the required 4 inch thickness of pavement on the street; the street also is not high enough in the center to get proper drainage for the water runoff. This is unacceptable. The city wants the street milled and repaved at Ouim Paving's expense. The City of Colby is requiring that the street be re-done by October 31st. DPW Higley stated that Ouim Paving should be in town this Thursday or Friday to mill and repave the road.

Exploration for New Wells: Alderman Holtzhausen wanted to discuss finding new water sources for the city. DPW Higley

stated that any test holes drilled will be about \$25/foot. The test pumping will be extra. Areas around and in the city were discussed as possible sources for water. The committee decided that the price they are willing to spend on land should be decided on before they start the process of exploring for new wells.

2013 Budget: Capital projects for the 2013 budget were discussed. Items to be included in the Water budget are: Painting the school water tower (\$26,500); 5 test wells (\$25,000); 120 Radio Reads for reading meters. Item to be included in the Sewer Budget: Re-do Manholes going up 2nd Street (\$24,740).

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the United Communities of Clark County meeting. He also reported on the Cemetary Association meeting.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Jonathon Block, 701 N 7th Street, replace shingles on house; Kurt & Heather Kulas, 310 S 3rd Street, 24 x 30 garage; Medford Vet Clinic, 1010 N Division Street, new veterinary clinic; Terry Jasmer, 315 N 1st Street, windows, doors, siding; D & L Signs, Colby Chrysler, replace wall signs & new faces on pylor sign; Gary Dietze, 135 S 1st Street, interior remodel; Bill Flink, 503 N 5th Street, 28 x 30 garage; Raymond Dassow, 511 N 4th Street, interior bathroom remodeling.

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

The city crew is going to be doing some blacktop cut-ins at manholes. DPW Higley reported that there was some lightening damage at the sewer plant last week. Those items will be covered by insurance. Adams Street should be open by next week Wednesday. The leaf sweeper/vacuum equipment will be back next week.

Engineer Mike Voss: He reported that MSA is making sure that the 1st Street Project and Adams Street Project are complete to our satisfaction before making final payment to Steen Construction.

Johnson & Block 2013 Audit Contract: Johnson & Block presented a contract to do the 2013 audit at a cost of \$8,900 - \$9,600. That is up from last year of about \$250.00. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by T Schmidt to approve the contract. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Security Health Plan Renewal: We received renewal information from Security Health Plan for the 2013 premium renewal. The overall increase for the city's plan is 4.55% or a total premium of \$8,734.33/month. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve the renewal for 2013 with Security Health Plan. Motion carried with a voice vote.

2013 Budget: The budget was discussed in length during the budget hearing. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the City of Colby Proposed 2013 Budget as presented with a local levy of \$485,460. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Henaman, O'Brien, T Schmidt, Thieme, Holtzhausen, Hederer, Kaiser. Schraufnagel was absent. Motion carried.

Resolution 8-2012 to Borrow \$60,000 for the Adams Street Project: The city had budgeted to borrow \$60,000 to fund the Adams Street Project. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to approve the borrowing resolution with the following terms. The city is borrowing the sum of \$60,000 from Community Bank of Central Wisconsin at a rate of 3.00% for a term of 3 years paid in 6 bi-annual payments. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Resolution 9-2012 - Resolution of Appreciation for Retiring Drug Dog, Django: Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by T Schmidt to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

RESOLUTION 9-2012

Appredation of K-9 Officer Django

WHEREAS, Django has served as a valuable member of the Colby-Abbotsford Police Department for the past eight years and has now retired from the service.

WHEREAS, he has participated in over 1,050 deployments with over 850 Alerts on Traffic Stops.

WHEREAS, Django has a perfect record for finding lost persons, locating and rescuing three persons.

WHEREAS, Django has responded and tracked and apprehended a total of 7 felons with various departments on call outs.

WHEREAS, Django participated in a traffic stop on an out of state vehicle that lead to the largest cocaine drug arrest in Wisconsin, in which 6 Kilos of Cocaine was located.

WHEREAS, Django has been challenged in court and has even had a case heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court level and won.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Colby that the Council, its employees and residents, formally expresses appreciation to Django for his dedicated years of outstanding service to the City of Colby.

Colby Fire Department By-Law Amendments: The change to the by-laws would allow Colby Fire Department members to live within a two mile radius of the Colby Fire District, rather than within the Colby Fire District. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Kaiser to approve the change as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Engineering for North 3rd Street Construction: The city received two estimates for the design and construction engineering of the North 3rd Street Construction Project. Ayres Associates' estimate is \$114,500 and MSA Professional Services estimate is \$118,990. Motion was made by Holtzhausen, seconded by Hederer to approve the bid of \$114,500 from Ayres Associates. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – O'Brien, T Schmidt, Thieme, Holtzhausen, Hederer, Kaiser. Noes – Henaman. Schraufnagel absent. Motion carried.

Committee meetings for November: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on November 12, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Police Department. Personnel/Labor Relations Committee will meet on November 29, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk