

January 8, 2013 **January 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, Deputy Clerk Jessie Polivka, DPW Harland Higley Jr and Jeremy Haas from MSA. Citizens present were Bill Sweda and Gayle Beisner.

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

Minutes of the December 4, 2012 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Holtzhausen pointed out that the roll call vote regarding the employee's compensation package was incorrect. The Aye vote of Henaman should have been O'Brien. The no vote of Hederer should have been Holtzhausen.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to approve the minutes with the corrections 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 \$202,070.81; Water Department \$495,843.62; Sewer Department \$49,547.14; TIF Fund \$45,561.67; Net payroll \$17,234.55. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: Gayle Beisner presented the council with a \$300 donation from the Colby High School graduating class of 2002 for the purchase of 4 park benches, in memory of fellow classmates. The class would like to see them placed in the South 1st Street Park. Bill Sweda voiced his concerns about employee evaluations in the city.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on December 10th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

The commission approved a \$25.00 Chamber gifts for 8 employees. Voss asked if the cleaning position was included. It was stated that she would be included.

Chief's Report: It was stated that the air cards are on hold. Marathon County did find some parts for their system; however not all the parts are compatible. Voss questioned what the difference was between the Marathon and Clark County program? Chief Gosse stated that the current system is from Marathon County and they will replace them. Voss questioned what we pay to Marathon County for insurance. The Chief was directed to obtain a comparison between the counties.

It was stated that one vehicle has an oil leak by the oil pan and the new squad is on order and will be arriving soon.

The commission met in closed session to discuss wages/benefits for Chief Ron Gosse and Sandy Kocian. The commission approved a 1% wage increase to Chief Ron Gosse equaling a base pay without longevity increase to \$2,255.51 per paycheck or \$28.19/hour. The commission voted to have Sandy Kocian work a minimum of 38 hours per week with expectation of working 40 hours per week granting a \$0.50 increase per hour equaling \$17.11 per hour.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Henaman to approve the actions and expenditures, excluding the wage benefit increases of Gosse and Kocian, of the Police Commission for December. Motion carried on a voice vote. Hederer voted no.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve a 1% wage increase for Ron Gosse for 2013, increasing his base pay without longevity from \$2,233.17 to \$2,255.51. Roll Call: Ayes- Schraufnagel, Henaman, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme. Noes- Holtzhausen, Hederer, Kaiser. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve a .50 wage increase for Sandy Kocian increasing her wage from \$16.61 to \$17.11 for 2013, and for her to work a minimum of 38 hr per week but with the expectation of a 40 hr work week. Roll Call: Ayes- Hederer, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel. Noes- Holtzhausen, Kaiser, Henaman. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Public Works Committee met on December 17th.

Phosphorus Removal at Sewer Treatment Plant: Jeremy Haas from MSA presented an overview of the options the city will have regarding Phosphorus Removal and the new limits set forth by DNR. He discussed what issues the city will be facing in the next 5 years. The city can add more chemicals to the discharge to meet this limit but will be very expensive to do. Jeremy presented two options for the city to take to meet the new limits. One is Treatment Technology Changes and the other is Watershed-based Compliance. Treatment Technology Changes will help meet lower phosphorus limits. This option provides a clear path to compliance, will be a shorter implementation timeline but it may be expensive. Watershed-based Compliance is used to reduce non-point sources of phosphorus runoff, which contribute more than half the phosphorus entering the waterways. This can be less expensive and allows the city more time to meet the new limit. There are two options if the city chooses Watershed-based Compliance. One is Adaptive Management and the other is Water Quality Trading.

We also have to look at the life of current sewer treatment plant when making the decision on which option to choose. MSA

recommends completing the initial three phases of the phosphorus compliance process by the end of 2013. By doing this the city will be in a better position and save money on engineering fees. MSA is proposing to prepare a Phosphorus Optimization Plan and Preliminary Facilities plan for the Sewer Treatment facility by December 2013 for a cost of \$18,000. For \$32,000 the city will get the Phosphorus Optimization Plan and Preliminary Facilities plan from MSA plus they will help the city do everything that is required in the first three years of implementing the new Phosphorus limits.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen, to approve \$32,000 for MSA to complete a Phosphorus Optimization Plan and Preliminary Facilities Plan. Roll call: Ayes-Hederer, Kaiser, Henaman, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel Holtzhausen. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

The committee met in closed session for the remainder of the meeting to discuss land purchasing prices for a water search.

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

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Stratford Sign/Community Bank, 1122 Division Street, replace sign.

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

Request from Library for Reimbursement of Computer Purchase: The library has purchased two desktops for the system change. The total cost is \$1,872.63. Director Vicky Calmes is requesting an additional budget amount for 2012 to cover this expense. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the transfer of \$1,872 from contingency to the Library Fund. Roll Call: Ayes- Kaiser, O'Brien, Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Hederer. Noes- Henaman, Holtzhausen. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Resolution 1-2013 Approving Amendments to the 2012 Budget: Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Holtzhausen to approve Resolution 1-2013 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION 1-2013
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2012 BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain authorized expenditures within the adopted 2012 Annual Budget need to be reallocated; and

WHEREAS, according to Wisconsin Statutes no appropriations may remain overexpended at year end within the annual budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Colby that the 2012 budget be amended as follows:

Reallocation Expenses as follows:

100-51432 Health Insurance +\$4,500.00
100-51510 Auditing +\$4,000.00
100-57170 City Hall (Carpet) +\$4,500.00
100-53240-170 Machine/Equipment -Parts -\$5,000.00
100-53300-215 Granite -\$5,000.00
100-55200-270 Park Expense -\$3,000.00
(Adjust Expenditure Under/Overages)

100-59204 Contingency -\$15,000.00
100-51300 Legal +\$15,000.00
(Legal Over Budget)

100-45200 Awards and/or Damages +\$2,500.00
100-57180 Street Lights +\$2,500.00
(Repairs/Insurance for Street Lights Damaged)

James W Schmidt, Mayor
Attest: Connie L Gurtner, City Clerk

Carry Over Funds from 2012 to 2013: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the carryover of funds as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

FUND BALANCE
FUND BALANCE \$ 635,830.86
MACHINE/EQUIP \$ 55,104.35
OFFICE EQUIP \$ 8,257.83
DONATIONS \$ 15,002.82
OFF STREET PARKING \$ 6,012.23

STREET LIGHTS \$ 24,541.85
STREET MAINTENANCE \$ 13,620.49
GRANT PLANNING \$ 10,612.85
ECON DEVELOPMENT \$ 8,731.41
ENVIRONMENT CONCERNS \$ 527.65
SIDEWALKS \$ 16,447.50
STORM SEWER \$ 55,543.56
FIRE DEPT EQUIP \$ 27,140.26
OFFICIAL MAPPING \$ 7,500.00

TOTAL GENERAL \$ 884,873.66

Well House \$ 25,000.00
Wells \$ 60,000.00
Water Tower \$ 12,500.00

TOTAL WATER \$ 97,500.00

Committee meetings for January: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on January 14, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Police Department. Public Works Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00 P.M. City Planning Committee will meet on Monday, January 28th at 6:15 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Holtzhausen to adjourn at 7:41P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk