

May 7, 2013 **May Council**

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, Schraufnagel, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Thieme was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr and Engineer Mike Voss.

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

Minutes of the April 2nd and April 16th council meetings were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, 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 \$61,523.23; Water Department \$33,023.16; Sewer Department \$186,710.47; TIF Fund \$53,411.58; Net payroll \$16,733.05. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: Jim Colby asked when Public Works Committee will meet.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on April 8th.

The commission approved the minutes and expenditures.

Under Police Audit: Last audit cost \$1,600, the Police Department budgeted \$1,300. In the off years the clerks are to review the books together. The commission decided to take the audit discussion back to both City Councils. Schraufnagel, Voss and Chief Gosse will ask that both clerks discuss this prior to the city council meeting so they can bring back their concerns and each council can discuss whether or not they want to spend the money. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to carry over the \$1,300 into next year for a future audit and have the clerks complete the 2012 audit. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Under Chief's report: Fuel rebates were submitted. 2011 was \$739.50, 2012 was 715.71. Chief has a check in the amount of \$1455.21. The file server is being worked on at the Police Department and should be finished today or tomorrow. Officers Bauer and Rennie were in two disputes with individuals on different occasions Friday night. One had to be dry tased earlier that evening and the other needed assistance with having a hood placed on her for spitting at the officer through the cage. Officer Rennie is being examined by a Doctor for injuries he sustained.

Under vehicle report; Officer Schmidt is placing a mount in the new SUV so the rifle and shotgun can be mounted and secured. There is a lock on the mount. The bid amount on the car for sale is at \$3050.00 at this time. The auction will be ending soon.

Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Henaman to approve the actions and expenditures of the Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission from April. Motion carried with a voice vote. Hederer voted no.

Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee met on April 23rd.

Park Shelter in the South 6th Street Park: The committee reviewed the preliminary plans from The Sun Creations Group. Many items are not on the plan as we had originally designed. The bathroom door is on the South side rather than on the West side. The committee asked about the staggered roof line. Thieme asked that the sink be centered in the counter space rather than be placed in the corner of the countertop. There was lengthy discussion on the service window counter height and type. It was determined to move the door for the bathroom to the West side and to center the sink in the counter. It was also decided to keep the window counter height the same as the indoor counter height in order to create a food service counter. The committee would like to move the south door 6" to the west. We are going to have the soffit light removed from the plan. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O'Brien to approve the plans for the shelter to be let out for bids. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Additional 2013 Projects: One dugout needs to be constructed this year. Also, a cement pad needs to be poured for bleachers. Other projects will be determined once the construction of the shelter is complete.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt will appoint a Board of Review member next month. He also reviewed the 2012 Annual Library Report with the council. DPW Higley has donated money for the purchase of trees in memory of his mother. Mayor Schmidt read a "Thank you" for the plant from the Higley family.

Harland Higley: Harland thanked the crew, city clerk's office and the council for allowing him time off of work when needed during his mother's illness.

The following building permits were issued: Park Properties, 115 S 1st Street, interior remodel; Karen Gustafson, 412 N 7th Street, roof, siding, cement walkway; Glen Cole, 602 W Carol Street, bathroom tile; Jason Blume, 217 S 1st Street, garage/driveway; Ruth Jacobson, 107 N 2nd Street, new shingles.

DPW Higley reported on the flows and precipitation at the sewer plant and pumpage of water for April 2013. DPW Higley reported that we have drilled some test holes for our water search.

Engineer Mike Voss: MSA is working on a facility plan to determine how the city will handle the new DNR phosphorus levels at the WWTP.

Quote for Replacement of Manholes on North 2nd Street: The quote to replace manholes on North 2nd Street from Infrastructure Technologies is \$24,740. DPW Higley stated that two manholes in the estimate will not be done at an estimate of a \$5,000 savings. There will be some added cost to repair black top. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve the contract with Infrastructure Technologies to replace manholes on North 2nd Street. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Operator's License: An application for an operator license was received from Deborah Kleinschmidt, 216 Park Street, Colby - motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Committee meetings for May: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on May 13, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. There will be a Special Council meeting on May 16, 2013 to award the contract for the North 3rd Street Project. June council meeting will be Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Connie L Gurtner, Clerk