

March 4, 2014 **March 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, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Higley, Engineer Mike Voss and Jeff Johanning from Johnson Block.

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

Minutes of the February 4, 2014 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by T Schmidt 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 Oestreich to approve the bills in the amounts as follows: General Fund \$652,569.22; Water Department \$32,517.56; Sewer Department \$36,702.46; Net payroll \$18,179.85. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: Jeff Johanning from Johnson Block reviewed the 2013 audit with the council.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on February 10th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Chief's report: Bauer presented an Officer's activity report. Bauer noted that there will be a written test given this Saturday to the potential candidates for the open position.

Vehicle maintenance report: New tires on the Explorer and the Expedition received an oil change.

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

Cabinets for South 6th Street Shelter: The committee discussed the price of stainless steel vs laminated counter tops. Hederer is going to get pricing for stainless and Thieme is going to get pricing for laminate and the committee will discuss at a future meeting. The cost for cabinets without counter tops is \$660. A \$500 down payment will be required before construction starts. Thieme will install once complete.

Marking Stones to Recognize Donations: The committee discussed how much of a donation would be required to get a stone recognition.

Trees in South 1st Street Park: The committee would like to see Red Leaf Maples in the South 1st Street Park.

South 1st Street Project: The committee discussed blacktop around the shelter. They also discussed moving the flag pole to the East side of the gazebo. The power will be moved during the construction of South 1st Street to come from 1st Street rather than coming over the railroad.

Power for Ballpark: The committee is going to leave the electric as is at the ballpark.

Basketball Court in South 6th Street: The basketball half court will be blacktopped this summer. Backboards and pole are at city garage to be installed this summer also. There will be a sidewalk installed for handicapped people to get from the parking area to the shelter. The committee would like to see some advertising for the shelter once it completed.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt gave the council the 2013 Library Annual Report. He also pointed out that today is the 2nd Anniversary to our fallen firefighter Jameson Kampmeyer. He also asked the council members to look at the latest Municipalities magazine because it includes some good articles. The Clark County Economic Development Committee Annual Meeting will be April 28, 2014.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Judy Sebold, 519 N 2nd Street, waterproof basement.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for February 2014 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for February 2014. The city has some of our residence running water to avoid freeze ups but not the entire city at this time.

Engineer Mike Voss: MSA is working on the design for South 1st Street. He asked that the city discuss what kind of lights. MSA will be sending in the well site investigation reports this next week.

Committee meetings for March: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on March 10, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Personnel/Labor Relations Committee will meet on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. Public Works Committee will meet on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Schraufnagel adjourn at 7:24 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk