

September 2, 2014 **September 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, Marv Webster from American Asphalt and citizens at large.

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

Minutes of the August 5, 2014 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by 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 Schraufnagel, seconded by O'Brien to approve the bills in the amounts as follows: General Fund \$457,547.85; Water Department \$36,010.23; Sewer Department \$14,757.20; Net payroll \$18,756.29. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Comments from the Public: Scott Oestreich stated that we have a dog problem. Residents next to him have more than two dogs and they also bark a lot.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met August 11th and August 28th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Comments from the public: Bill Sweda had concerns about safety on 7th Street and HWY 13 in Colby. Chief Gosse explained that the department is aware of the concerns and has placed a speed board on 7th to help with the issues.

Under 2015 Budget: there were two budgets presented. One budget had six officers and the other budget presented had seven officers. Both budgets were discussed. Schraufnagel felt unsure if now was the right time to hire because the Commission would be hiring a new Chief around December. He felt it was important to get the new Chief's perspective. Werner liked the idea of a seventh officer but also felt it was best to wait until the new Chief is hired to get input. B. Gosse and Horacek also agreed it wasn't the right time for the seventh officer. The commission approved the 2015 budgeted amount of \$681,814.00.

Under health insurance coverage for employee's spouses: Schraufnagel explained that when the commission had passed the motion not to allow Sandy Kocian's husband's 80% portion of Medicare to be paid, the commission set a standard for the future. Chief Gosse stated that policies are changed all the time in government and felt that his wife and Sandy Kocian's husband should be entitled to have their 80% portion paid like the rest of the employees spouses. The commission denied this request.

Under Chief Police job description/qualifications/advertisement: Mayor Schmidt distributed examples of police chief job descriptions and several recent advertisement seeking police chief applicants. Chief Gosse stated that it is important to hire someone no later than December 1st to allow for training. Schraufnagel felt that there was a lot of information that the Commission needed to go through to update the job description; he asked that everyone take time to read through and highlight what they liked and add things they felt were needed. It was also agreed that another meeting to discuss the job description would be necessary in August. The meeting will be August 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The remainder of the meeting was held in closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

The commission met on August 28th and met in closed session to discuss possible promotion for the Chief of Police. The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss the job description and a posting for the position.

Public Works Committee met on August 14th.

Concrete Crushing: DPW Higley contacted Earth for a budget number to crush the City's concrete pile. Earth gave him an estimate of around \$3.85 a ton. DPW Higley stated that you can use the crushed concrete in projects in the City or you can sell the pile. He stated that the city should go out for bid on this in the later part of the year.

Painting Bids for the Shop: The City received 5 bids for painting the interior and exterior of the shop. All the bids were reviewed and compared. Most of the bids included using two coats of Elastomeric paint with one bid using one coat and another bid not specifying. The bids came is as follows:

Interior/Exterior	Overhead Doors	# of coats	TOTAL
Country Wide Painting	\$4,315.00	\$360+	
\$215 (paint safety poles)	1	\$4,890.00	
Cook Painting	\$7,655.00	\$852.00	2 \$8,507.00
Shaw	\$4,300.00	\$2,000.00	2 \$6,300.00
Marty & Lynette Kramer	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	- \$6,500.00
OMNI	\$14,400.00	\$625.00	2 \$15,065.00

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to hire Shaw for the painting of the shop in 2015 in the amount of \$6,300.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Discuss 1st Street Surface: DPW Higley and Mayor Schmidt met with American Asphalt earlier this week to discuss the reasons why the city decided to go with concrete on the first block of South 1st Street rather than the asphalt mix that they proposed using. American Asphalt states that the asphalt mix they will use in combination with putting 8 inches of asphalt down, they don't foresee an issue the heat and spinning associated with pulling on it. They also stated that if after the first year something happens to the asphalt during the pulling they will come in and repair the road at no cost to the city. The committee didn't understand what changed from the last meeting where they were told that no pulls would be able to be held on South 1st Street on the new asphalt. Mayor Schmidt stated there was a lack of communication of information being relayed between American Asphalt and MSA regarding how thick the asphalt would be. The pledges raised for the concrete were brought up. Hederer stated that he talked to a couple of the people who had pledged money and they stated that the pledges were to keep the pulls uptown not necessarily for the concrete. As long as they could still pull next year they would still donate. The committee expressed concerns about American Asphalt actually fixing the road if something happened during the pull next year. They stated they would like to see a guarantee they would fix the road in writing from American along with what exact type of asphalt will be used. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve using the asphalt mix from American Asphalt rather than concrete on South 1st Street project, not to exceed \$70,000 with a guarantee letter from American Asphalt. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Wells #14 and #15 Project and Funding: Mike Voss told the committee that the city was awarded \$500,000 in grant forgiveness for the well project. The project is roughly around \$900,000. The project has to total around \$833,000 in order to get the full \$500,000 forgiveness.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on his meeting Clark County Economic Development meeting.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Lorna Landis, 508 N 2nd Street, siding; Virginia Brown, 220 S 4th Street, roof; Tim Karl, 507 N 2nd Street, re-building entry way; Dave Strathmann, 300 Lieders Street, roof; William Franz, 112 S 3rd Street, enclosed ramp on the back of house; Juan Escobar, 101 S 2nd Street, roof.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for August 2014 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for August 2014. The city has been doing some jetting and televising around the city.

Engineer Mike Voss: Construction is continuing on South 1st Street. There is approximately 2 1/2 feet of a blue clay under the street and so there will be some addition excavating along with adding some breaker rock.

Operator's License: Applications for operators' licenses were received from: Jody Apfelbeck, 100 W Pine Street, Abbotsford, 14 day license. Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by O'Brien to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Picnic License: Applications for Picnic Licenses were received from: Abbotsford Sportsmen's Club, September 5-7, 2014, 101 W Adams St - motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve. Motions carried with a voice vote.

Premise Extension to VFW License for Fundraiser on September 6th: Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Kaiser to extend the premise description for the VFW on September 6, 2014 to allow for a tent area just south of the building. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Committee meetings for September: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM. at the Police Department. Public Works Committee will meeting on September 16, 2014 at 8:00 PM. Finance Committee meeting will be October 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee will meet on October 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:37 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk