

November 4, 2014 **November Council**

The Budget Hearing for the 2015 Budget was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:15 P.M. The Clerk explained that the limit from the Department of Revenue to qualify for the 2015 Expenditure Restraint Program is 1.9% and our current budget is an increase of 1.04%, so we will qualify. The City levy has actually decreased 2.66% to \$538,353. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich 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, Schraufnagel, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Mike Voss from MSA and citizens.

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

Minutes of the October 7, 2014 council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the minutes with the words "a warranty contract with American Asphalt" added to the paragraph of the Engineer's Statement. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Financial Statement and Bills were discussed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$27,458.95; Water Department \$59,951.18; Sewer Department \$285,740.92; Net payroll \$17,108.54. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Comment: Bill Sweda said he gave information to the police chief asking the members of our police department to attend an informational meeting regarding drug impairment testing. He also asked how the manholes will be lifted to match the blacktop on S 1st Street.

Finance Committee met on October 8th.

2015 Budget: Clerk Gurtner review the preliminary budget with the committee. Budget lines that were significantly decreased or increased were explained.

There was \$150,000 of General Fund excess to carry into the capital budget. Capital projects were discussed in great detail including city hall landscaping, concrete crushing, blacktop milling, Wausau Street construction, shop painting and equipment. These expenditures will be funded with the \$150,000 from the General Fund, \$120,450 from designated funds and using Tax Increment Funds.

The committee also received a request from the AbbyColby Crossing Chamber of Commerce asking for financial assistance with electrical and street construction at the pulling track location. There was lengthy discussion about the future of this location and council members would like to see plans. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to budget \$12,500 for these improvements to the pulling track area. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission met on October 13th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

The commission met in closed session per State Stats 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, and compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Purpose: Review Applications for the Chief of Police Position

Purpose: Contract Negotiations

Union Contract Extension/Amendments: The commission approved the Union Contract as presented.

Mayor Schmidt: Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the Clark County Economic Development Corp. He also reported that the city met with individuals from West Central Regional Planning and Clark County. They are working on updating the Clark County Mitigation Plan.

DPW Harland Higley: The following building permits were issued: Midget City Apartments, 303 Lieders Street, sign; Dave DeSloover, 408 S Main St, garage siding; Ken Lynn, 700 W Dolf St, 30' x 64' garage; Dave Dommer, 511 N 3rd St, roof.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for October 2014 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for October 2014. We are hauling sludge out of the Sewer Treatment Plant. Leaf pick will still take place on November 6th and 7th in hopes to get the remainder picked up.

Engineer Mike Voss: There is about 1/2 day of paving left on the S 1st Street project. All the light poles are up now but the electric company still needs to connect the service. Railings will be installed on the steps as soon as they are manufactured.

Well #14 has been test pumped at 50 gallons/minutes and Well #15 at 40 gallons/minutes. There is an issue with alignment of Well #14 and Municipal Well and Pump will have to re-do the alignment.

Operator's License: An operator's license was received from: Jodi Kagel, W611 Broek Rd, Colby, WI – motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

2015 Budget: The budget was discussed in length during the budget hearing. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Schraufnagel to approve the City of Colby Proposed 2015 Budget as presented to the council from the hearing with a local levy of \$538,353. Roll Call Vote: Ayes –T Schmidt, Thieme, Schraufnagel, Oestreich, Hederer, Kaiser, Henaman, O'Brien. Motion carried.

Contract for Assessing Services with Greg Schmidt: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the 2015 revaluation of real and personal property in the City at a cost of \$29,900. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Committee meetings for November: Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on November 6, 2014 at 6:00 and November 10, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Public Works Committee will meet on November 20, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schraufnagel, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved _____
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest _____
Connie Gurtner, Clerk