The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Hamm, O’Brien, T Schmidt, Thieme, Lynn, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Engineer Mike Voss, Librarian Vicki Calmes and citizens.

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

**Minutes** of the March 1st, March 16th, March 21st, March 29th council meetings were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hamm to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $86,975.01; Water Department $15,615.88; Sewer Department $32,561.28; Net payroll $17,453.82. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on March 14th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Under Lexipol Policies: President Schmidt stated that Chief Bauer distributed a packet consisting of policies 100-700. *The following policies were reviewed*: *101 Oath of Office, 102 Police Manual, 200 Organizational Structure and Responsibility, 201 Department Directives, 202 Emergency Operations Plan, 203 Training, 205 Administrative Communications, 207 Former Officer Carrying Concealed Weapons, 400 Patrol Function, 401 Racial-or Bias based Profiling, 402 Crime and Disaster Scene Integrity, 405 Hazardous Material Response, 407 Response to Bomb Calls, 408 Emergency Detentions, 422 Mobile Data Terminal Use, 429 First Amendment Assemblies, 700 Department Owned and Personal Property.* Anders stated he would like to see Policy 102.2.1, 102.5 & 201.1.1 state, “if policy change was going to be permanent it would need Police Commission approval.” Bauer cautioned it could possibly take up to 2 months before a policy change would get to both city councils for approval. State or federal mandated changes would become effective immediately. The commission approved policies 100-700 as presented. (excluding policies 102.2.1, 102.5 & 201.1.1)

Chief’s report: The new Durango is not in yet, resulting in having to replace tires on the current vehicle. A good application for a part-time officer has been received. There was a joint drug investigation with Taylor and Marathon counties resulting in three arrests.

The commission met in closed session to discuss wage and benefit negotiations for Chief Bauer. The commission approved a wage increase of $1,200 for Chief Bauer effective after the Colby and Abbotsford city councils approve the action at their April meetings. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by O’Brien to approve a wage increase for Chief Bauer of $1,200 effective now. This will increase his base annual wage from $60,000 to $61,200. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee** met on March 28th.

Purchase of Fence from AbbyColby Community Crossings: The Abby Colby Community Crossings wants to sell the fencing they purchased for the lawn mower races; they would like to sell it for what they paid for it which is $2,800. Kaiser stated he budgeted $4,000 for the fencing at the potential dog park. It was questioned whether a 4ft fence was high enough to keep dogs in which is the height of the AbbyColby Community Crossing fence. There is no state code for the height of the fence. Jeff from Security Fence is coming in tomorrow to give a price on a 6ft fence with installation and then a quote on how much it would cost them to install the fence purchased from AbbyColby Crossings.

Construction/Location of Dog Park: The potential location for the dog park is west of the Boy Scout shelter down by the sewer treatment plant. There are citizens in the city who do have concerns about having it in this area. It was suggested to look out towards the pulling track/industrial park location. The committee is going to look at the two potential areas and discuss the location at a future meeting.

Safety Fence Extension at the East Street Ballpark: DPW Higley received a quote for a 3 feet high by 97 feet long fence extension down at the East Street Ballpark in the amount of $2,059.00. This 3 foot extension will make the fence 13 feet high. DPW Higley and Kaiser went down and looked at the fence and thought the extension should be 3 feet high by 127 feet long, which would make the fence 13 feet high past the concession stand. DPW Higley did a rough estimate of how much the extension would cost at the new dimensions and thought it would be about $2,800.00. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Thieme to approve the purchase of a 3’ by 127’ fence extension for the ball field at the East Street Ballpark at a cost of $2,366. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Plaque for South 6th Street Park Donors: The committee talked about a plaque for the South 6th Street Park to recognize the businesses that donated materials and labor in the construction of the South 6th street park shelter. Kaiser said the biggest the plaque can be is 10’’ by 13’’. The committee feels that the size of the plaque is too small for all of them to be on one. It was suggested to make a plaque that size for each business to recognize them. The committee liked the idea of the plaques hanging inside the shelter.

**Mayor Schmidt**: Mayor Schmidt would like to appoint the members to Colby Memorial Cemetery Committee at the re-organization meeting.

Mayor Schmidt would like to appoint Nancy O’Brien as the City of Colby representative on the United Seven Fire District Committee. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve the appointment. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mayor Schmidt reported on his meeting of the United Communities of Clark County.

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that the income surveys for the CDBG Application are coming in good. We will need 23 more surveys returned and as of right now the LMI is 50.4% and the target is 51% or more.

**DPW Harland Higley:**  The following building permits were issued: Robert & Marcia Diedrich, 408 W Spence St, replace bathtub with walk in shower; Precision Builders, 104 E Clark St, raze building; Kathy Schaefer, 110 S 4th St, windows; Joan Young, 705 N 7th St, basement bathroom remodel.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for March 2016 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for March 2016.

Craig Lieders and DPW Higley went to WRWA training last week. Well #15 is up and running properly again.

**Engineer Voss:** MSA has submitted the Wastewater Facility report.

**Picnic License:** A picnic license was received from: Colby Lions Club, April 27th, Lions Shelter – smelt feed – motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**$250 Contribution to United Seven Fire District:** Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve a $250 contribution to the United Seven Fire District for administration expenses. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**LED Street Light Bids:** DPW Higley requested bids to replace the street lights on Highway 13 – North Street to the city limits with 50 LED fixtures. The bids were from NL USA for $24,350 and from J H Larson Company for $16,900 for 50. DPW Higley stated that we would need 66 to all the lights Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O’Brien to purchase 66 LED GCI – 80F cobra head to approve the bid from J H Larson at a cost of $22,308. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for April:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on April 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Re-Organization will be on April 19th at 6:30 PM. Library Building Committee will be on April 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM. City Planning Committee will meet on April 28th at 6:30 P.M.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Hamm to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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 James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk