The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Thieme, Schmidt, O’Brien, Flink, Hesgard, Hederer and Kaiser. Oestreich was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Polivka and DPW Harland Higley Jr.

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

**Minutes** of the July 10th meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by O’Brien, 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 Schmidt, seconded by Flink to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $299,936.76; Water Department $44,963.13; Sewer Department $18,020.32; Net payroll $19,162.94; Revolving Loan Fund $975.00; TIF $250.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Pay Request #4 – SD Ellenbecker for Library Project:** This pay request was approved in the bills for this month.

**Authorize Mayor Schmidt to Approve Change Orders for Library Project:**

The mayor explained what type of change orders they are looking to approve in between council meetings. He stated it would not be for large dollar amounts but would be more for situations that involve the change in materials that require a lead time and could set the project back if the decision was delayed. Hederer questioned the number of change orders. Rita Liddell from Cedar Corp and Vicky Calmes explained the reason for the change orders. Calmes reported on the amount of funds pledged to date and where the contingency fund balance stands after the change orders.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Flink, to allow Mayor Schmidt to approve change orders for library project. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Construction Change Directive #4 & #6 for Library Project:** The construction change directive’s #4 & #6 for the Library project were discussed by the council. The two change directives would total, $26,701.00. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O’Brien to approve the construction change directives #4 & #6 in the amount of $26,701.00. Roll Call vote: Ayes- Flink, Kaiser, Hesgard, O’Brien, Schmidt, Thieme. Noes- Hederer. Oestreich was absent. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on July 10th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Under acknowledgement to open up contract negotiations with CAPPA, Chief Bauer stated he received a letter from the Union and this is the first step. The current contract goes through 2017. This will be on the August Police Commission meeting agenda in closed session for discussion. In the past the contracts have been renewed for 3 years.

Under Chief’s Report, Chief Bauer showed photographs of 10 pounds of marijuana recently seized in a search warrant. A 2009 Volvo was also confiscated during a drug arrest and the department is currently handling the paperwork to transfer the vehicle to the Department. There were 10 K9 deployments last month and one arrest for heroin was made this month. Traffic stops with the dog cannot be delayed at all unless there is reasonable suspicion of drugs. Chief Bauer stated that many times the drug dog officer is called prior to the stop being made if there is reasonable suspicion.

The commission met in closed session for the purpose of wage negotiations for Jessica Weich. The committee re-convened in open session and approved a wage increase of $0.75 for Weich as of July 1, 2017 increasing her hourly wage rate from $15.50 to $16.25, with another $0.25 per hour raise in six months pending a positive job evaluation. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Flink, to approve a $0.75 per hour raise to Jessica Weich effective July 1, 2017, and a $0.25 per hour raise in six months pending a positive six-month job evaluation. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**City Planning Committee** met on July 20th.

Potential Gun Range for Police Department: This committee decided to wait for further information before discussing the potential gun range.

CSM for Property in the Town of Colby: CSM map for the Edblom property. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O’Brien to approve the CSM request for the Edblom property in the Town of Colby. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Hearing for Re-zoning of Properties from CG to CG-2: Todd Schmidt read a letter from Bryce Kelley regarding his concerns with the re-zoning. He questions why some properties are included in the list and why others are not. Some downtown residents were present and had concerns with the value of their property with this change. They also had concerns about having a vacant first floor if they weren’t allowed to use it as a residence. Some other property owners had concern about restricting some development when you change the zoning. There was also concern about the property value dropping because of these restrictions. The committee will consider all concerns and discuss the zoning at a future meeting.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on July 20th.

Nancy O’Brien reported on the July activities of the District

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

**Harland Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Shon Marcott, 308 W North St, 10 x 12 utility shed; Janalee Gustafson, 516 N Division St, Roof; Randy Hesgard, 600 Dolf St, new concrete driveway; Larry Bartnik, 500 N 2nd St, Storage Shed; St. Mary’s School, 209 S 2nd St, Basketball Court; Eric Eilers, 517 N 2nd St, Steel roof on garage.

DPW Higley reported on the wells and pumping gallons from the water department.

**Picnic License:** Abbotsford Sportsman’s Club at the Colby Lions Shelter on August 26, 2017. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kaiser to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Resolution 4-2017 reaffirming the City of Colby’s Support for Fair Housing:** Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O’Brien, to approve Resolution 4-2017 reaffirming the City of Colby’s Support for Fair housing. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for August:** Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on August 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Abbotsford Fire Station. Public works committee will meet on August 30th, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Parks & Rec Committee will meet on August 30th at 7:00 PM or immediately following Public Works Committee.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Flink to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk