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, O’Brien, T Schmidt, Flink, Hesgard, Oestreich, and Kaiser. Hederer was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Jessie Polivka, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corporation and Vicky Calmes.

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

**Minutes** of the April 18th re-organizational meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Kaiser noted one change that should be made. The motion for the election of the vice president nominating Nancy O’Brien as vice president should be changed from “cast a unanimous ballot for Randy Hesgard as Vice President to cast a unanimous ballot for Nancy O’Brien as Vice President”. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented with the noted change. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Thieme to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $230,315.28; Water Department $87,599.50; Sewer Department $17,751.51; TIF Fund 202,242.33; Net payroll $18,178.34. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Under comments by the public, John Svejda commented on his feeling regarding the purchase of new firearms. Svejda was invited to stay to listen to the meeting discussion on the firearms.

Under purchase of new firearms, Chief Bauer stated that he received two quotes from local vendors (Fourmens and BBD). The rifles came in at $975 each for a cost of $4,875, the Alex Pro Suppressors equaled $2,000, and the Vortex Red Dot Optics equaled $1,750 for a total cost of $8,625.00. The Sig Sauer 9mm Taccops came in at $1,050 each for a total of $7,350 for a grand total cost of $16,675; which is the total package cost with ammunition included. It was stated that Chief Bauer received a $12,500 donation for the purchase of the weapons and it is estimated that the trade-in value of the existing weapons will be about $2,775. The total department cost after trade-in and donations is $1,400. It was stated that the $1,400 remaining balance would be funded by the 2017 budget. Weideman said he was willing to solicit private donations to cover the $1,400 net cost of the weapons purchase.

Officer Bowman stated that the initials “AR” stand for Airlight Richfield; not assault rifle. It was stated that the purpose of the Alex Pro Suppressors are for protection against hearing loss. Bowman stated that statistics show that about 67% of law enforcement suffers from hearing loss and ultimately the Police Department is liable for that hearing loss. The Vortex Red Dot Optics do not provide for magnification, only a red cross. In a fire fight, every second matters and the Vortex Red Dot Optics becomes very useful. The equipment has a lifetime warranty. Chief Bauer stated that the police departments current AR’s are not sitting in a weather-protected gun case, but are in the police vehicles all the time and are continually warming up and cooling down. It was stated the department will have scheduled routine maintenance on these new weapons. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O’Brien, to purchase the proposed firearms from BBD Sports as presented with the net cost of $1,400 taken from the 2017 budget. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Under allowing Police coverage for the Village of Dorchester, Chief Bauer stated that he met with President Wayne Rau a few weeks ago. It was reiterated that the CAPD is only interested in the contract deal of 24/7 coverage, and is not interested in providing coverage on an as-needed basis. It was felt that if the department is chosen to contract for coverage, Dorchester would receive the same coverage as the Colby and Abbotsford communities receive, with Dorchester being responsible to pay all additional costs.

Under Chief’s Report, Chief Bauer stated Jessica Weich had her first week of ordinance patrol. Five homes were addressed. The goal is to handle about 25 homes per month. It was suggested to work on homes along STH 13 first as it is the most visible area. The CAPD is a new user of Facebook and it seems to be working well to educate and inform the public. Officer Jim Wagner is attending K-9 training and all is going well. The activity report was distributed. The new K-9 is about 2 years old and Wagner feels that we have a highly-qualified dog. All the K-9 equipment has been installed in the dedicated vehicle. The typical life of a K-9 is 10-12 years and it was suggested that a replacement fund should be considered for the future. Ken Lynn was thanked for his service; President Schmidt stated this group has accomplished many good things this past year.

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

Nancy O’Brien reported on the April activities of the District.

**Personnel/Labor Relations Committee** met on April 25th.

The personnel committee interviewed two candidates for the Summer Lawn Mowing Help Position. He will be working full time from May 22nd - Sept. 8th.

Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Oestreich to hire Brendan Tesmer for summer lawn mowing help at $9.00/hr. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Public Works Committee** met on May 2nd.

Re-roof WWTF Headworks & Administration Building:The City received two bids for the re-roofing of the WWTF headwords & administration building.

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| **WWTF Roof** | |
|  | **Bid** |
| Eau Claire Roofing | **43,400** |
| New Corp Construction | **49,600** |
| **2017 Budget** | *51,000* |

Motion was made by Thieme, seconded by Hesgard to approve the bid from Eau Claire Roofing for the re-roofing of the Headworks & Administration Buildings at the WWTF in the amount of $43,400. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Rebuild Clarifier at WWTF: The City received three bids to re-build the Clarifier at the WWTF.

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| **Clarifier** | | | |
|  | **Rehab bid** | **Concrete Painting** | **Total** |
| Crane Engineering | 45,484 | 4,670 | **50,154** |
| Staab construction | 66,185.10 | 9,630 | **75,815.10** |
| Midwest General & Mechanical | 78,203 | 8,300 | **86,503** |
| **2017 Budget** |  |  | *65,000* |

Motion was made by Flink, seconded by Kaiser to approve the bid from Crane Engineering for the re-building of the Clarifier at the WWTF in the amount of $50,154. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Chip Seal Streets:The City received two bids to Chip Seal the streets. There is currently only $16,000 budgeted for street maintenance this year. DPW Higley recommends doing a budget amendment and taking the extra money from the equipment fund.

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| **Chip Seal** | |
|  | **Bid** |
| Scott Construction | **22,102** |
| Fahrner | **27,326** |
| **2017 Budget** | *16,000* |

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kaiser to approve the bid from Scott Construction for the chip sealing of the streets in the amount of $22,102, taking the $6,102.00 budget shortfall out of the equipment fund. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Engineering of S 4th St: The City received two bids for the South 4th Street engineering; one from Ayres Associates and one from MSA Professional Services. Ayres Associates bid was $38,500 and MSA’s bid was $55,400.

Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Flink to approve the bid from Ayres Associates for the engineering of South 4th Street in the amount of $38,500. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Mayor Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt reported on the meeting of the Clark County Economic Development Corp.

**Harland Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Terry Morrow, 104 N 3rd St, re-roof house & garage; St. Mary’s Parish, 208 & 205 S 2nd St, Re-roof; Ray & Kathy Dassow, 511 N 4th St, Walk in shower; Heather O’Donnell, 401 N 6th St, Siding; Jay & Trish Smith, 307 W Salter St, Re-roof; Henry Blazel, 127 S 1st St, Steel Carport; Codey Loos, 504 E Terrace St, Re-roof/new fascia.

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

**Operator’s Licenses:** AnOperators’ License was received from Chad Kayhart, 104 E Marathon St, Colby WI 54421. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Oestreich to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Acceptance of the proposed name for the new public library:** Vicky Calmes reported to the council all the donors that were guaranteed naming rights with their donation. Calmes also presented to the council the proposed name for the new library and the donors reasoning behind their choice. The proposed name for the completed new library will be Colby Community Library.

Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Oestreich to accept the new proposed name of the new library, Colby Community Library, as requested by the anonymous donors. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest:** Lynn McIntyre the grant administrator from Cedar Corporation presented the council with a potential conflict of interest with the roofing subcontractor, Kulp’s of Stratford. The potential conflict comes from the owner of Kulp’s of Stratford, Bob Kulp, being a representative of the 69th district which represents the City of Colby. The City attorney was consulted and he submitted a legal opinion stating that he does not see a conflict of interest with Kulp’s of Stratford as a subcontractor on the library project. Bob Kulp has no ties to the committee that governs the block grant.

Motion was made by Oestreich, seconded by Flink to state that the council sees no conflict of interest with Kulp’s of Stratford continuing as the subcontractor for the roof on the library project. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Library Project Construction Change Directive #1-Additional Asbestos Removal:** The reason for the extra additional asbestos removal of the old school district building was discussed.

Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the library project construction change directive #1-additional asbestos removal, in the amount of $6,164.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Proclamation of Lions Club Week:** The mayor read the Lion’s Club Centennial Celebration Proclamation aloud to the council.

Motion was made by Flink, seconded by Kaiser, to proclaim June 4-10, 2017 the Lions Club International Centennial Celebration week. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for May:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS will meet on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 at Abby City Hall.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:11PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk