The Public Hearing regarding construction of new library for the 2016 CDBG-PF was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:30 PM. On roll call: O’Brien, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Flink, Thieme and Schmidt were absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Vicky Calmes and representatives from Cedar Corp. Lynn McIntyre from Cedar Corp reviewed the progress of the current library project. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn the public hearing at 7:38 PM.

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: O’Brien, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Flink, Thieme and Schmidt were absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, Vicky Calmes and representatives from Cedar Corp.

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

**Minutes** of the August 8th meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Oestreich to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Kaiser to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $221,154.79; Water Department $22,165.59; Sewer Department $84,204.22; Net payroll $18,721.76. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Public Comment:** Lori Voss presented information to the council regarding the Central Fire and EMS District budget. She has concerns about a full time duty crew that has started today. She feels that this decision should have been made by all the municipalities in the district.

**Change Directive #7 for Field Orders #2 thru #7:** Rita from Cedar Corp reviewed the Change Directive #7 with the council. This includes a cat walk, flooring revisions, concrete slab, fixtures, door trims and cabinet revisions. The total is $24,871.

**Change Directive #8 for Field Orders #8 and #9:** Rita from Cedar Corp reviewed the Change Directive #8 with the council. This includes a tin ceiling upgrade and deleting ceiling & drywall textures. The total is $2,620.

**Pay Request #5 – SD Ellenbecker for Library Project for $439,778.75:** This pay request was approved in the bills for this month.

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

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Under Ride Along policy, Chief Bauer stated that when the Lexipol policies were established, this policy was the first policy reviewed but it was never formally approved, as changes were required. Chief Bauer summarized the procedures to ride along with an officer. It was stated in order for people to ride along, a criminal background check is done and the paperwork is reviewed by the Chief. If the Chief approves the request, a date and time for the ride along is established. It was stated a waiver is signed as a release of liability for insurance purposes. It was questioned how HIPPA is handled; it was stated that it is explained to the rider that they must maintain confidentiality. It was stated that if there is a dangerous situation the rider will be dropped off before responding. Kramer stated that he does not have a problem with this exact policy, but does have a problem approving items that are presented for the first time at the meeting. T. Schmidt clarified that the original version of this policy was presented to the Commission several months prior to Kramer being on the Commission. Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Oestreich to approve the ride along policy. Motion carried without negative vote.

Under Police Explorer policy, it was stated that this is a partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. Chief Bauer stated this was just for informational purposes at this time and the program is still being established. When the policy is completed, he will bring it back to the Commission for review. Officer Stubbe is going to organize the activities and intends it to be structured similar to the Wausau Police Explorer program. The goal of this program is to get youth interested in the police profession. It was stated that both boys and girls can participate in this program. The goal is to have this program running by the beginning of 2018.

Under Chief’s Report, Chief Bauer it was stated that the Department was busy over the past two weeks. The K-9 report was presented to the Committee and there were 18 deployments and eight arrests. Discussion was held regarding the legalities for delaying traffic stops to deploy the K9.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on August 17th.

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

**Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee** met on August 30th.

Boy Scout Shelter Roof:Kaiser stated that he attended the Boy Scout’s meeting last Monday night and explained to them what needs to be done with the Boy Scout shelter roof. The building as a whole needs more work done than just the roof. The committee discussed whether the City should put money into a building that won’t be utilized or tear it down. The committee thinks they need more input from the Boy Scout group about whether they want to continue to use the building, take ownership of the building or what their long term plans are. They decided to give the boy scouts a deadline for an answer on what their plans are going to be.

2018 Budget:The committee discussed the 2018 budget.Suggested items to be included for next year’s budget with approximate budget numbers**:**

* Red ball clay is needed at each of the ball fields
* Spraying each of the ball fields
* Extending the 3 foot extension on the Middle field fence, on the left hand side of the field, the full length of the field
* Adding a 3 foot extension to the South Ball Field fence, on the left hand side, roughly 100 feet in length
* New set of bases
* Replacing 5 or 6 picnic tables
* Purchasing 5 trees for the City parks
* Fix the heaving of the beer tent shelter with a new concrete slab
* Oestreich discussed the possibility of putting in 2 volleyball courts at the South Sixth Street Park.

**Public Works Committee** met on August 30th.

ATV/UTV Routes: Many of the surrounding townships are opening up their roads for ATV routes and the City has been approached about opening up some of our streets. Chief Jason Bauer has not had any problems with the City of Abbotsford recently opening up some of their streets as ATV routes. The City can decide to designate a certain route through the City and only allow access on certain streets or you could open up the whole City as ATV accessible. The only road that ATV’s cannot travel would be down Highway 13, they could cross it, just not travel it. The speed limit would be 25 miles per hour unless posted otherwise. An ordinance would need to be passed to do this. The committee discussed the pros and cons of allowing ATV’s on the City streets. The committee approved to authorize the drafting of an ordinance that would open up all City streets to allow ATV access and bring it to full council for approval.

Deed for 15 feet of North 2nd Street to Colby School District: The council originally made the motion to give the school an easement for the 15 feet but after contacting the City’s lawyer he thought the land should be deeded over. A new motion needs to be made in order to deed it to the school. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to deed the east 15 feet of North 2nd/High Street to the Colby School District. Motion carried with a voice vote.

South 4th Street Project Design: DPW Higley discussed the South 4th Street design. The only issue the engineer has come across is whether to keep and replace the sidewalks that are currently on South Fourth Street and Clark Street. The City did deliver a letter asking the residents on those streets with a sidewalk in front of their property whether they wanted to keep the sidewalks or not. One resident did state that she would like to have the sidewalk stay. The other residents in the neighborhood have not come forward with an opinion either for or against keeping them. Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Hederer to eliminate all sidewalks from the South 4th Street project design. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Bidding to Paint the South Water Tower and Sewer Main Lining: Both of these items are currently budgeted for this year. DPW Higley would like permission to go out for bids for this work and he wants the bid to state that they could do the work in either 2017 or 2018, weather permitting. The committee voted to allow DPW Higley to seek bids for the painting of the South Water Tower and the sewer main lining.

**City Planning Committee** met on August 30th.

Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for 404 N Division St: Jason Lindeman has requested a conditional use permit for the property located at 404 N Division Street. Lindeman is requesting the conditional use permit to construct storage units. He would like to construct a 40’x 140’ storage unit next year and if that goes well he does have room to build another unit. The committee did talk with Lindeman about the 50 foot setback from the creek which the DNR enforces.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Hesgard to approve a conditional use permit at 404 N Division St for the construction of storage units. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported on her WMCA training at Wisconsin Dells.

**Harland Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Jay Smith, 307 W Salter St, kitchen cabinets/flooring; Jill Robida, 215 S 3rd St, garage; James Schmidt, 201 S 6th St, re-shingle garage; David Desloover, 408 S Main St, wood deck; Ken Pollack, 407 N 7th St, replace concrete patio; John Ramker, 705 W Adams St, steel carport; Zion Lutheran Church, 301 N 2nd St, reseal flat roof & gym roof; Margaret Hasenohrl, 204 S 6th St, shingling roof; John Bonacker, 521 N 3rd St, re-shingle roof on garage/shed.

DPW Higley reported on the wells and pumping gallons from the water department and the precipitation/influent flow/effluent flow at the sewer plant.

The street sweeper should be in sometime this month.

**Operator’s Licenses:** Jean McPherson, 200 S Union, Loyal, WI; Tina Feiten, 409 N 2nd St, Colby WI (14 day license) – motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Picnic License:** Knights of Columbus, Fall Festival, September 10, 2017, 205 S 2nd Street. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote. St. Mary’s Parish School, Alumni Reunion, September 30, 2017, 209 S 2nd Street. Motion was made by Oestreich, seconded by Hesgard to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Contract for Central Fire & EMS for Accounting Services:** Motion was made by Oestreich, seconded by Kaiser to approve the contract with Central Fire & EMS for accounting services for 2018. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for September:** Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on September 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Fire Station 1 in Colby. Finance Committee will meet on September 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee will meet on September 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by O’Brien, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk