The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Kolden, Schmidt, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Solberg arrived at 6:32 PM. O’Brien was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Deputy Clerk Polivka, DPW Harland Higley Jr., Police Chief Jason Bauer, Clark County Sheriff Greg Herrick, John & Tina Feiten and Dave Smith.

**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 Schmidt, seconded by Kolden to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $82,312.78; Water Department $70,067.54; Sewer Department $133,240.15; Net payroll $20,441.22. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Public Comment:** John Feiten wanted clarification on what had happened when he had rented the South 6th Street park in June. Sheriff Greg Herrick of the Clark County Sheriff’s department spoke to the council about his accomplishments as Sheriff for the last 8 years and his current campaign for re-election.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on July 9th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Under Lexipol update, Schmidt asked Bauer to give an update on the use of Lexipol policies. Bauer explained that Lexipol is an online policy and procedure manual for the department. Bauer said it is nice having up to date policies for officers to follow. Lexipol emails current updates or changes to state law to the department so the officers can stay up to date. The annual cost of using the Lexipol system based on a per-officer assessment.

Under Chief’s Report, Bauer reported on the K9 activity for the month. Traffic stops and citations are up this last month due to the Click it or Ticket program funded by a grant. One of the Durango squads had issues with leaking anti-freeze and was serviced at Colby Chrysler. Bauer thanked the Abbotsford Sportsman Club for allowing the police department to use their facilities free of charge for range shooting. Bauer stated that the club has been very easy and accommodating to work with and has even offered to store the targets used for shooting out at the club.

The commission met in closed session for the purpose of wage negotiations for Jessica Weich and Applications for the SRO/police officer position. The committee re-convened in open session and approved a wage increase of $0.35 for Weich effective with the first payroll period following ratification by the Abbotsford and Colby city councils. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hederer, to approve a $0.35 per hour raise to Jessica Weich effective with the first payroll period following approval by both councils. Motion carried with a voice vote.

The committee approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Abbotsford and Colby school districts and the Colby/Abbotsford Police Commission for the School Resource Officer (SRO) position and to authorize Police Chief Jason Bauer to sign the MOU. The committee approved appointing Todd Schmidt and Roger Weideman as Police Commission representatives on the SRO Interview Committee, which also includes the superintendents of the Abbotsford and Colby school districts and a principal from each school district.

Interviews for the SRO position will be held at the August commission meeting.

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

U.S. Cellular Request to Place Antenna on South Water Tower: The council discussed the amount of potential rent from U.S. Cellular if the City gives them permission to place equipment on the south water tower. The initial proposal from U.S. Cellular was $1,000 per month. Clerk Gurtner did do a survey of the average rent that city’s in the state currently receive from cellular companies. U.S. Cellular did give the City a sample contract they have used in other Cities. The council discussed aspects of the contract that they would like to see changed. Motion was made by Oestreich, seconded by Schmidt to counteroffer U.S. Cellular paying $1,300 in monthly rent, changing the contract to a 6 month opt out option, Bill Gamoke reviewing the contract for approval with the mayor having approval to authorize the lease if all conditions are met. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Bids for Well #14 Treatment Project: The City received three bids for the Well #14 Treatment Project after extending the bid deadline. The bids are follows:

August Winter and Sons: $182,050.00, Springlake Contracting Inc: $214,000.00, and Earth Inc: $217,690.00. The bids all came in over what was estimated from MSA. The City does have two options: the City can accept the low bid from August Winter and Sons or the council can reject all bids and re-bid the project and bundle it with the transmission main work for Wells #9 & #12. The council discussed the pros and cons of the two options. The problem with waiting on the Well #14 project is it will push off the installation of the uranium equipment until next year. If we accept the bids as is the project will probably not start until November. The start date will be a little later than what was projected because the City was awarded a $400,000 block grant from the state to use on both Well projects and you need approval from the Department of Administration (DOA) before the project can begin. DPW Higley recommends awarding the current low bid and to submit the project to the DOA for approval. In the meantime, the project for Well’s #9 & #12 will be put out for bids. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hederer, to approve the bid from August Winter and Sons in the amount of $182,050.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Parks/Rec/Recycling** met on July 30th.

Municipal Rental Policy/Slip & Slide Rules:The committee reviewed the rental agreement for the city parks and ballpark. DPW Higley had some suggestions to add to the agreement. Clerk Gurtner will work those items into the policy and the application. The committee discussed in detail how to handle individuals that want to use the park for water usage. They would like to add that only one water usage rental would be allowed per weekend, so the clerk’s office will ask renter when they call how they plan to use the park. The water valve shut off for the outside faucet will be located in the utility room of the South 6th Street Shelter and will require a separate key for usage. This will prevent anyone from using excessive water unless they have notified the city and received the extra key. The committee discussed how to charge non-profit organizations for park and ballpark rental. It was determined that any non-profit organization (other than the Colby Booster Club) will be charged to use the parks if they are using it for a profitable event but will otherwise have free rent. The committee would also like to see wording that would ban anyone from renting the facilities if they violate any of the policies and that the city has the right to refuse use/rental to any organization. It was also discussed to keep the rental fee $50 for the South Sixth Street Park and $75 for the Ballpark, but to add $25 for non-residents. Clerk Gurtner will work on adding all the items discussed and present an updated policy to the committee at their next meeting.

South 1st Street Shelter:The city had budgeted $15,000 for re-construction of the South 1st Street Shelter. The estimate for the work is $22,000. Kaiser suggested doing just the concrete work this year and re-constructing the building next year. There is an organization interested in putting money into the shelter. Kaiser got an estimate from Ken Bruesewitz to construct a 38’ by 58’ concrete slab for $11,700. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to approve the bid from Ken Bruesewitz to construct a 38’ by 58’ concrete slab at a cost of $11,700. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Boy Scout Shelter:The city has been trying to discuss with the Colby Boy Scouts how to get their shelter repaired. It is located on city property, but used exclusively by the Colby Boys Scouts. Originally, the VFW had donated the building to the boy scouts. The estimate received by the city to repair the shelter is $4,482.85. The committee discussed giving the Colby Boy Scouts a firm date to determine what they want to do with the building. Motion was made by Kaiser, seconded by Hederer to ask the Colby Boys Scouts to make the financial commitment by September 30, 2018 or vacate the building. The project repairs would also need to be completed by June 15, 2019. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on July 19th.

The July activities of the District were discussed.

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

**Harland Higley**:The following building permits were issued: Phyllis Berg, 210 S 4th St, concrete driveway; Jason & Lori Blume, 217 S 1st St, Re-doing patio; Donald Viergutz, 213 Park St, Metal roof on house & garage; Tom & Cathy Reinhart, 103 N Thomas St, Replace driveway.

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

**Operator’s License**:Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the following operator’s licenses for Jarrett Rausch, Brenda Newman, Patrick Krahn and a temporary 14-day operator’s license for Alan Gurtner. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Picnic License**: Abbotsford Sportsman’s Club at the Colby Lions Shelter on August 25, 2018. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Knights of Columbus-St. Mary’s Fall Festival on September 9, 2018. Motion was made by Oestreich, seconded by Hesgard to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Acceptance of CDBG Grant**: The City of Colby was awarded $400,000 CDBG for Well #9, #12 and #14 Projects. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to accept the $400,000 CDBG grant from the State of Wisconsin. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for August:** Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on August 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on August 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Abbotsford Fire Station. Parks/Rec/Recycling will meet on Monday, August 20th at 6:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk