The Budget Hearing for the 2019 Budget was called to order by Mayor Schmidt at 6:00 P.M. The City levy is $521,628. Clerk Gurtner was notified that the transportation aids for 2019 decreased $16,000 from last year. Re-construction of S 4th/Clark Street has been added to the capital budget and the first installment of the loan added to the loan payments. Clerk Gurtner also reported that we will qualify for the expenditure restraint program with this proposed budget. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn the budget hearing at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: Solberg, O’Brien, T Schmidt, Kolden, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr and Travis Nixdorf.

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

**Minutes** of the October 2nd council meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Kolden, 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 Hesgard to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $144,489.02; Water Department $32,388.47; Sewer Department $77,400.35; TIF Department $4,133.93; Net payroll $19,960.11. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on October 8th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Lieutenant Position: Chief Bauer presented the committee with a job description for the lieutenant position. Chief Bauer took job descriptions he had received from other police departments in the area and complied them together for CAPD use. The position will be posted internally at the CAPD and will be a non-union position. Chief Bauer would like to see interviews for the position done at the November committee meeting, with approval of the chosen candidate at the December Abbotsford and Colby city council meetings. The chosen and approved candidate would start the position on January 1, 2019. There is currently $1,200 in the 2019 CAPD budget to cover the wage increase the officer would receive for taking this position. Chief Bauer stated he will distribute a memo to the current officers and have anyone interested in interviewing for the position submit a letter of intent. The commission voted to proceed with the lieutenant position and to do the interviews in November.

2019 Budget: Chief Bauer presented the committee with the most recent budget reflecting the changes that were discussed at the last meeting. The total budget amount is $892,945. The committee discussed the areas of the budget that have increased. The salary line item is up significantly with the hiring of the School Resource Officer (SRO), but 75% of that amount will be reimbursed by the Abbotsford and Colby school districts. Bauer increased the training amount from 2018 because the wellness training that was approved needed to be re-scheduled until 2019. The money for the training will still be coming from the 2018 fund balance. The budget uses $20,000 of the current fund balance to balance the 2019 budget. The commission approved the 2019 budget as presented.

Chief’s Report: Chief Bauer stated he had to order a body camera for SRO Officer Patrick Leichtnam. He also had to order one for Officer Bowman whose camera was damaged in an altercation with a suspect. Bauer said he filled out restitution paperwork to recoup the cost of the camera. Bauer reported on the condition of the current vehicles and stated Officer Brandner’s vehicle needs a significant amount of work. Bauer said both school superintendents are extremely pleased with Officer Leichtnam’s work to date. President Schmidt suggested having Leichtnam attend the November meeting and give the committee an update on how things have been going. The K9 and arrest report was reviewed for August and September. The Click it or Ticket program administration is currently on hold. Bauer said he would contact the new Clark County Sheriff in January 2019 to seek the county's cooperation on participating in the program.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on October 18th.

Nancy O’Brien reviewed the activities of the Central Fire & EMS District with the board.

The committee had requested bids for a new ambulance. Travis Nixdorf presented the information from the ambulance that the committee selected. They chose a Braun Ambulance at a cost of $216,557. Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Oestreich to approve the purchase of a Braun ambulance at a cost of $216,557. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

Mayor Schmidt appointed Nancy O’Brien to serve as an election inspector. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Solberg to approve the appointment. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner ask the council to consider allowing the Clerk’s Office to be closed the day after Thanksgiving and the morning of Christmas Eve to allow both the Deputy Clerk and Clerk to use vacation on those days. The office would be closed the afternoon of Christmas Eve day also, but that would be Holiday pay. Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by O’Brien to approve closing the clerk’s office on these days. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: R Properties, 207 N 1st St, wheelchair ramp; Clay & Sara Thieme, 702 W Carol St, patio door, wall removal, floors; Logan Paul, 405 N 2nd St, raze house; Rachel Wolfe, 204 W North St, 14 x 20 shed.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for October 2018 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for October 2018.

The South water tower painting is finished and should be back online around November 19th. We found a leak in the North tower, so we are hoping that we can get by using that tower with a small leak until the South tower is back online. Leaf pick up is done for the year.

**Engineer Voss:** Michael Voss send an update to be reviewed by the council. We are waiting for CDBG grant agreement before we can proceed with work on Well #14 and Wells #9 & #12. We are also waiting for construction authorization from PSC for Wells #9 & #12. The final funding list for SDWL was published on October 11, 2018. The city was awarded the full cost of the projects as loan plus principal forgiveness of 45%. The SDW loan and PF will be fore the amount of the project less the CDBG grant of $400,000.

**Operator’s Licenses:** The following applications were received: Carmen Heart, B752 Cty Rd P, Unity, WI – motion was made by Kaiser seconded by Hederer to approve. Alex Ellenbecker, 317 N 3rd St, Abbotsford, WI – motion was made by Hederer seconded by Oestreich to approve. Jessica Dodd, 425 E 4th St, Owen, WI – motion was made by Oestreich seconded by Hesgard to approve. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**2019 Budget:** The budget was discussed during the budget hearing. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the City of Colby Proposed 2019 Budget as presented to the council from the hearing with a local levy of $521,628. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hederer, Hesgard, Kaiser, Kolden, O’Brien, Oestreich, Schmidt, Solberg. Motion carried.

**Committee meetings for November:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on November 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on November 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 2. Personnel/Labor Relations will meet on November 28, 2018 at 5:30 PM. City Planning Committee will meet on November 27, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Public Works Committee will meet on December 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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 James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk