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, T Schmidt, Kolden, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Kaiser. O’Brien was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr and Mike Voss of MSA.

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

**Minutes** of the January 7th council meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Hesgard approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by T Schmidt to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $716,160.97; Water Department $30,339.47; Sewer Department $38,689.61; Net payroll $22,489.40. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Pember Change Order #3 to Replace the ABB Nitrate Analyzer with a Chemscan Nitrate Analyzer:** The ABB Analyzer has not been working and MSA has asked the contractor to remove the equipment and replace it with the Chemscan unit. MSA has not received the cost of the change order from Pember yet. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by T Schmidt to allow the Mayor to approve the cost of Change Order #3 to Pember of the new analyzer if the DNR doesn’t allow the city to go back to manual testing. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on January 13th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Chief's Report:Lieutenant Bowman reviewed the use of the K-9 during deployments and the process of making stops and doing reports. Reasonable cause is needed to utilize the K-9. A suspect can be held for 40 minutes waiting for the K-9 to be deployed. Work is done with other departments, which have been very cooperative. Bowman said the district attorneys from Clark and Marathon counties and the city attorneys are all on board charging marijuana offenses, which often lead to other serious charges. Bowman said regulations are vague regarding hemp and CBD oils, which have THC in various concentrations. He said some people add THC to their CBD oil. The use of marijuana test kits and field sobriety tests were reviewed. Bowman said a lot of good arrests were made in December, with approximately 75 percent of them occurring at the North Side Apartments in Abbotsford. The K-9 was deployed five times in December, resulting in four arrests. The K-9 was deployed 87 times during the year, leading to 53 arrests. In 2018, use of the K-9 resulted in 45 arrests. There were 923 activities reported for the month, increasing the year-to-date total to 10,270, compared to 10,462 year-to-date in 2018. The commission moved to accept and file the Chief's Report.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on January 16th.

Minutes of the Central Fire & EMS District were in the council packet.

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

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that she attended the hearing on the Senate Bill 519 making Colby the symbol for state cheese. She encouraged the council members to contact members of the Assembly to support the Assembly bill.

**DPW Higley:** No building permits to report.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for January 2020 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for January 2020. We received our new WWTF Permit. DPW Higley and Clint Smith with review it before the hearing.

**PSC Simplified Rate Case – 3%:** The auditors had suggested after the 2018 audit that the city consider a Simplified Rate Case to increase our water usage rate by 3%. The SPC does not require a hearing, but requires and application and publication. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Solberg to advise Clerk Gurtner to complete the application and notice for the SPC. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for February:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on February 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on February 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 1.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk