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 and DPW Harland Higley Jr.

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

**Minutes** of the December 3rd council meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Solberg 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 O’Brien to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $136,991.21; Water Department $31,199.01; Sewer Department $26,388.37; TIF Department $170,980.33; Net payroll $21,857.08. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Comments from the Public:** Kevin O’Brien asked when the garbage carts are going to be delivered. The city was originally told the end of January.

Lony Oestreich stated that the Colby Pullers Club won two awards this past year. He thanked the city for allowing the club to lease the property.

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

Public Comment: Mike Kreciak described an ongoing dispute with his neighbors about their dogs running loose in the neighborhood. Kreciak said the original incident occurred in 2012. He disagreed with a citation he received for disorderly conduct. Chief Bauer said he reviewed options with Kreciak regarding an agreement prepared by the Colby city attorney.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

2019 Holiday Gifts for Employees: The commission vote to present each employee with a $25 Abbotsford/Colby Crossing Chamber of Commerce gift certificate as a 2019 holiday gift.

Chief's Report: Chief Bauer said the vehicle used by the School Resource Officer (SRO) needed a transfer case repair estimated at $3,000. He said charges pending in the daycare case would be advanced by the Clark County District Attorney's office early in the week. There were 864 activities reported for the month, making the year-to-date total 9,347. He said a number of circumstances caused the total to be down from the 9,663 reported year-to-date in 2018. Chief Bauer reviewed the protocol for keeping a rifle locked up in the Abbotsford and Colby school district offices, to be accessed by the SRO in the event of an emergency. He said the K-9 was deployed three times in November, with zero arrests. The commission accepted the chief’s report.

The commission met in closed session for the purpose of wage negotiations for Lieutenant Alex Bowman. They approved a wage increase of 75 cents per hour for Lieutenant Alex Bowman, increasing his hourly rate to $26.15 per hour, effective with the first payroll period following approval by the city councils. After the commission meeting it was determined that his base wage is actually $25.34 and a $.75 raise would increase his base pay to $26.09/hour. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve a raise of $.75/hour bringing Lieutenant Bowman’s hourly base rate to $26.09/hour. Longevity pay will be in addition. Motion carried with voice vote.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on December19th.

Clerk Gurtner reported that she verified with the agent for the Central Fire & EMS Insurance coverage and got the city listed as an “additional insured” on the policy since the city owns the building.

**Mayor Schmidt:** Clark County Economic Development is holding the business expo and career fair again this year.

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner thanked the Council for the Christmas gifts. She provided a spreadsheet detailing the current GO debt. Clerk Gurtner also reported that we have collected $833,950.94 during December tax collection. That is over ½ of the total tax that we estimate collecting in the entire tax collection season.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: William & Amanda Gamoke, 404 S Division St, storage shed; Liz Baumgartner, 305 S East St, storage shed.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for December 2019 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for December 2019.

The city’s Intellisys program at the STP was not working in December, we did contract with a different company and they were able to get it running. The city will look at changing to the new company for our future software and support.

The nitrate analyzer is still not working properly. The city met with MSA, Pember and ABB (equipment manufacturer). DPW Higley stated that he contacted ABB to come and get their equipment and the city will be contacting the DNR to determine if we need to have a continuous nitrate analyzer. There is another analyzer that is working in municipalities currently and the city will look at replacing the ABB equipment with this one.

**Election Inspector Wage Increase:** Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Oestreich to increase the wage of election inspectors to $10.00 and chief inspectors to $12.00. Motion carried with a voice vote. O’Brien and Solberg abstained from voting.

**Resolution 1-2020 Budget Amendments:** Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Kolden to approve Resolution 1-2020 Budget Amendments as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

*RESOLUTION 1-2020*

*APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 BUDGET*

*WHEREAS, certain authorized expenditures within the adopted 2019 Annual Budget need to be reallocated; and*

*WHEREAS, according to Wisconsin Statutes no appropriations may remain overexpended at year end within the annual budget;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Colby that the 2019 budget be amended as follows:*

*Reallocation Expenses as follows:*

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| *100-43693* | *RESERVES FROM PREV BUDGET* | *$6,500.00* |
| *100-45110* | *LAW & ORDER VIOLATIONS* | *$1,500.00* |
| *100-45200* | *AWARDS & DAMAGES* | *$6,000.00* |
| *100-46100* | *MISC PUBLIC CHARGES* | *$3,000.00* |
| *100-48100* | *INTEREST* | *$3,000.00* |
| *100-48200* | *RENT - MUNICIPAL BUILD* | *$7,000.00* |
| *100-48500* | *DONATIONS* | *$6,000.00* |
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| *100-51300* | *LEGAL* | *$7,000.00* |
| *100-51431* | *IRA* | *$2,000.00* |
| *100-51432* | *HEALTH INSURANCE* | *$4,000.00* |
| *100-51600* | *CITY HALL* | *$1,500.00* |
| *100-53240-150* | *GAS/OIL* | *$2,000.00* |
| *100-56300* | *PLANNING/GRANT WRITING* | *$1,000.00* |
| *100-56700* | *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT* | *$3,000.00* |
| *100-57160* | *OFFICE EQUIPMENT* | *$6,500.00* |
| *100-57180* | *STREET LIGHTS* | *$6,000.00* |
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| *WAGES* |  |  |
| *100-51420-304* | *CLERK - WAGES* | *-$4,000.00* |
| *100-51440-305* | *ELECTIONS - WAGES* | *-$1,000.00* |
| *100-52200-330* | *FIRE PROTECTION - WAGES* | *-$2,000.00* |
| *100-53430-314* | *SIDEWALKS - WAGES* | *-$1,500.00* |
| *100-53641-316* | *WEED CONTROL - WAGES* | *-$1,500.00* |
| *100-53300-312* | *SNOW/ICE - WAGES* | *$10,000.00* |

*James W Schmidt, Mayor*

*Connie L Gurtner, City Clerk*

**Carry Over Funds from 2019 to 2020**: Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Hesgard to approve the carry over funds from 2019 to 2020 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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| FUND |  | BALANCE |
| FUND BALANCE |  | $807,200.46 |
| STREET CONSTRUCTION |  | $61,500.00 |
| CITY HALL |  | $19,500.00 |
| MACHINE/EQUIP |  | $25,104.35 |
| OFFICE EQUIP |  | $1,757.83 |
| OFF STREET PARKING |  | $6,012.23 |
| STREET LIGHTS |  | $10,000.85 |
| ECON DEVELOPMENT |  | $6,580.41 |
| SIDEWALKS |  | $16,447.50 |
| STORM SEWER |  | $10,543.56 |
| FIRE DEPT EQUIP |  | $35,140.26 |
| FIRE HALL MAINTENANCE |  | $73,000.00 |
| OFFICIAL MAPPING |  | $5,000.00 |
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| TOTAL GENERAL |  | $1,077,787.45 |
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| Well House |  | $25,000.00 |
| Wells |  | $60,000.00 |
| Water Tower |  | $12,500.00 |
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| TOTAL WATER |  | $97,500.00 |
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**Committee meetings for January:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on January 13, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 3.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:14 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk