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 Phillip Venzke.

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

**Minutes** of the August 4th and August 12th meetings were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by O’Brien to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Report on the Status of the Purchase of Property:** Mayor Schmidt had negotiated through a couple counter offers and a final offer was accepted and the city has purchased the Venzke Property for $297,000 plus closing costs.

**Naming of Potential/Future Streets on Newly Purchased Property:**  Phillip Venzke had asked the city to consider naming any future developed streets on the Audrey and Jim Venzke property after them. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to name streets, if at all possible, after the Venzkes in their honor. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hederer to approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $242,190.51; Water Department $31,997.68; Sewer Department $15,639.84; Net payroll $22,904.11. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Comments from the Public**: None.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on August 10th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

SRO Agreement: Chief Bauer said School Resource Officer (SRO) Patrick Leichtnam was back on light duty after being off duty due to an injury. Bauer said the School District of Abbotsford wishes to hire Leichtnam full-time as an SRO/Social Worker/Counselor. He said Leichtnam was in favor of the arrangement, with the School District of Colby not wanting to lose the SRO position. An additional officer may need to be hired to serve as the part-time SRO for Colby. Bauer said the School District of Abbotsford would fully fund Leichtnam's SRO position, which in the past was funded 37.5 percent from each school district and 25 percent through the CAPD budget. Bauer has been exploring the possibility of using funding from the Abbotsford Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) District to support an additional full-time officer position, who would also serve as the part-time SRO for Colby. Bauer said a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the SRO position would be forthcoming from Abbotsford to be considered at the September CAPC meeting.

Chief's Report:.In July, the K-9 was deployed six times resulting in five arrests. There were 785 activities reported for the month of July. Year-to-date activities have been 6,408, compared to 6,009 activities through the month of July 2020. Bauer said he was happy with new officer Eric English, who started working both rotations the week of August 1. Bauer said he had been in contact with Village of Dorchester officials, who are exploring their options for police coverage, as their Chief of Police Gary Leichtnam retired and their part-time officer resigned. Bauer said coverage options could include having the Clark County Sheriff's Department take original calls. Equipment could be transferred. The CAPD may have to hire two more officers to provide full-time coverage for Dorchester. Bauer said the village is also considering hiring its own police force. Bauer said there had been no more progress on the computer software issue, as both Clark and Marathon counties were still exploring their options for the Incident Based Reporting System software. Bauer said he would have a preliminary 2021 budget showing multiple staffing/coverage scenarios ready for the next meeting. President Schmidt said he would contact City of Colby Deputy Clerk Jessie Polivka and City Clerk Connie Gurtner to see if one of them could attend the next meeting to provide input on the budget.

The remainder of the meeting was in closed session.

**Public Works Committee** met on August 12th.

2021 Budget: DPW Higley suggested items for 2021 Budget: Railroad Crossing at Broadway - $7,900; 1996 Dump Truck Replacement - $112,000; overlayment on North 2nd Street in the first block south of Adams Street - $10,000; crushing concrete pile - $40,000; Sewer jetter - $73,000. The committee also discussed the condition of N 2nd Street they and understand that we need to consider a full reconstruction of the street in the near future. DPW Higley also reported that the Scada system and the dialer at the STP would be $135,000 and needs to be replaced. The committee asked DPW Higley to look into the price of getting plans to re-construct N 2nd Street to consider for budgeting in 2021.

Altronex Control Systems provided a proposal for all new hardware and software. The cost is $136,518 with two optional items: SCADA remote access is $1,800 and Sludge storage transmitter/transducer is $4,868. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kolden to approve the purchase of a new SCADA system at the Sewer Treatment Plant without the optional items at a cost of $136,518. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee** met on August 26th.

2021 Budget:The committee discussed park projects to be included in the 2021 budget. Ballpark outfield fence and water drainage was discussed in great length. The committee is working on pricing for the budget. Tree replacement and planting was also discussed. The committee would like to use some of the 2020 budget this year yet and will carry over extra for next year. The conditional of all existing city parks was discussed.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on August 20th.

O’Brien reported on the meeting and the Clerk’s office will send the minutes when they receive them. Motion was made by Solberg, seconded by Oestreich to approve the Central Fire & EMS District 2021 budget as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that the city clerk’s office is open regular hours at this time, but are encouraging people to use automatic payment or the drop box for utility payments. In-person voting for the November Election will start two weeks prior to the election because of some recent law changes. The council discussed meeting on Monday, November 2nd rather than Tuesday, November 3rd to avoid conflict with the election.

**Harland Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Kris Woik, 503 W Adams St, replace driveway; Dan Holtzhausen, 105 N 1st St, repairs/furnace & central air; Kurt Frome, 220 S 2nd St, metal roof on garage; Luciano Jejia Carmona, 207 S Main St, fence.

DPW Higley reported on the water pumpage and well levels. Chemscan equipment is up and running. The machine is working as it should and the service and technicians have been great. The library parking lot should be shaped and a binder coat of blacktop soon.

**Operator’s Licenses:** The city did not receive any applications for operator’s licenses.

**Committee meetings for September:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS will meet on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 2. Parks/Rec/Recycling Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Finance Committee will meet on October 6, 2020 6:00 P.M.- prior to the council meeting. Public Works will meet on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich 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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 Jessie Polivka, Deputy Clerk