The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom 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 Mike Voss of MSA.

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

**Minutes** of the January 5th council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by O’Brien to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $807,199.24; Water Department $28,712.40; Sewer Department $33,743.22; Net payroll $23,823.33. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on January 11th.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

2020 Budget Amendments: The commission approved the 2020 Budget Amendments as follows: Revenue Adjustments: $10,800; Expense Adjustments: $10,800 (Salaries, $4,000; Telephone, $900; Auto Maintenance, $1,300; Computer Software Maintenance, $2,000; Computer Maintenance, $1,000; Investigations, $1,000; Clothing-Vests, $600). Chief Bauer said the $4,000 adjustment in Salaries was due to 27 payrolls processed in 2020, instead of 26 payrolls budgeted for.

Chief's Report: The K-9 was deployed two times in December, resulting in two arrests. There were 55 total arrests in 2020 due to K-9 deployment, compared to 52 total arrests in 2019. There were 843 activities reported for the month of December. Year-to-date activities have been 10,361 compared to 10,270 activities through the month of December 2019. Chief Bauer said the traffic stop activity numbers were less due to COVID-19 precautions. He said the total miscellaneous activity numbers increased from 1,990 in 2019 to 2,590 in 2020 mainly due to School Resource Officer actions. Chief Bauer said an update to the Use of Force Policy mandated by the federal government was covered in the Lexipol training program. He added that new officer Eric English has been exceeding expectations, mainly due to his experience and training as a reserve with the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on January 21st.

Minutes of the Central Fire & EMS District will be distributed when received.

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

Bids for Plow/Dump Truck:DPW Higley reviewed the bid from International Truck for a 2022 HV507 truck with a bid from Monroe Truck Equipment for the body, hoist, hitch, plow for a total net sale price of $118,500.00. DPW Higley suggested adding a stainless steel box to the bid at a cost of $5,988.00 for this alternate option. The committee approved this purchase. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Solberg to approve the purchase of the truck with a stainless steel box at a total cost of $124,488.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Engineering for N 2nd Street Reconstruction and Construction of Community Drive:The city received three bids for engineering as follows:

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| Engineering Bidder | N 2nd Street | Community Dr | Total |
| Ayres & Associate | $65,800.00 | $35,500.00 | $101,300.00 |
| Cedar Corp | $98,500.00 | $58,400.00 | $156,900.00 |
| MSA | $58,000.00 | $30,000.00 | $88,000.00 |

DPW Higley reviewed the bids with the committee. He suggested that the city meet with the firms prior to the March council meeting when the city will be approving the bids. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Solberg to recommend to the council to approve the bid from MSA at a cost of $88,000 subject to review from the Mayor and DPW. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Mayor:** Mayor Schmidt reported that the Joint Review Board met and approved TID #3 in the city.

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that the city had to adjust wages for Deputy Clerk Polivka by $.25 to $22.38 when we realized that we only increase her wage by $2.00 when she was certified as a municipal clerk rather than $2.25. We also added back pay to her check this week.

Clerk Gurtner also reported that the League of WI Municipalities has sent us an initial draft of our personnel manual for review. She will be meeting with them tomorrow and then send a draft to the committee to review.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Donald Leichtnam, 407 N Main St, kitchen cabinets, countertops, floors; Terry Hanson, 406 W Clark St, re-drywall; Kimberly Pogodzinski, 603B W Washington St, drywall, paint, carpet basement; Andrew Haines, 518 N 2nd St, bathroom remodel.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for January 2021 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for January 2021.

**Engineer:** Voss reported that MSA is working on the final disbursement paperwork from CDBG and SDWL for the water project. He also reported that the binder layer is on the library parking lot and the final work will be done this spring. He also discussed a little about the engineering bid that they had submitted for the N 2nd Street and Community Drive projects.

**Committee meetings for February:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on February 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 1. Public Works Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O’Brien to adjourn at 6:58 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk