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, Mike Voss of MSA, and John Austin and Joe Mueller of Central Fire and EMS.

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

**Minutes** of the February 2nd council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by T Schmidt, 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 Kolden to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund $655,645.00; Water Department $26,605.71; Sewer Department $24,550.41; Net payroll $23,748.26. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

Public Comment: Mike Kreciak, Sr. reported an incident of a dog not being leashed in his neighborhood. He turned in a computer flash drive with video evidence of the incident. President Schmidt thanked Dennis Kramer for his service on the CAPC and welcomed Mason Rachu as a new representative for the Abbotsford City Council. President Schmidt said the 2020 budget amendment amount approved by the Abbotsford City Council at its January meeting was incorrect. He said the correct amount should have been $10,800.00. Mayor Voss said she would follow up and have the situation corrected.

Chief's Report: The K-9 was deployed five times in January, resulting in two arrests. There were 818 activities reported for the month of January, compared to 1,078 activities in January 2020. Chief Bauer said the new Incident Based Reporting System was being used. Some troubleshooting is still required, as the system is more complicated than the former system. He said customer service has been excellent and the officers were getting more comfortable with the system. He said the Department of Justice (DOJ) would be conducting a three-month audit of the system. Chief Bauer explained how victim information is compiled and entered for each incident. He noted how entering the data takes more time for each officer. All system training is provided through the DOJ at no charge. Chief Bauer said officers have started Police Academy I online training, with 24 hours of training required for each officer in 2021. He said the online training does not offer opportunities for interaction or questions. Each training module features a quiz at the end. Chief Bauer said vehicle maintenance included replacement of the water pump on the K-9 squad.

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

Minutes of the Central Fire & EMS District will be distributed when received. The commission voted to approve the purchase of a Pierce engine. A motion was made by O’Brien, second by T Schmidt to approve the purchase a Pierce engine at an approximate cost of $453,859 (cost after deduction/discount). Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Hederer, Kaiser, Kolden, O’Brien, Oestreich, Schmidt, Solberg. Noes – none. Hesgard abstained. Motion carried.

**Public Works Committee** met on February 23rd.

Concrete Crushing Bids: DPW Higley advertised for concrete crushing bids. The city received 6 bids as follows: Earth Inc- 3.91/ton; Paul Buger Trucking – 3.95/ton; Haas Sons Inc – 4.00/ton; Bay Area Crushing LLC – 4.25/ton; A-1 Excavating Inc – 4.44/ton; James Peterson Son 4.87/ton bid @ 6.57/cy. The committee approved the bid from Earth Inc. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the bid from Earth Inc at a cost of 3.91/ton. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Replace the 1993 Sewer Jetter: The city had budgeted $80,000 for the replacement of the sewer jetter. DPW Higley has been looking at different models of jetters. He is asking the committee for permission to go out for bids. He has determined specifications that he would like in the quotes. The committee approved a motion to allow DPW Higley to advertise for bids on a new sewer jetter.

Engineering for N 2nd Street Reconstruction and Extension of Community Drive: Mayor Schmidt and DPW Higley reviewed the two lowest bids and it appears that the bids were inclusive and met the requirements of the bids. The committee already moved to send the MSA Engineering bid in the amount of $88,000.00 to the council for approval. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Hesgard to approve the engineering bid for N 2nd Street reconstruction and extension of Community Drive from MSA Engineering in the amount of $88,000.00. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Colby Community Library Annual Report:** Librarian Calmes provided a 2020 annual report for the Colby Community Library. The library had 52,564 circulations in the library in 2020. The reports also lists library materials owned and library staff, community programs, service projects and service offerings. The Colby Community Library did a parking lot expansion in 2020.

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

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Cindy Hardrath, 404A E Wausau St, new garage door & opener.

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

**Engineer:** Voss reported that MSA is finishing up paperwork for the CDBG and Safe Drinking water well projects. He thanks the council for the approval for the N 2nd Street and Community Drive engineering work.

**Operator’s License:** The city received an operator’s license from Gwen Kittl, 104 W Linden St #137, Abbotsford WI. Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Solberg to approve the license. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**TID Audit Contract – Johnson Block:** Johnson Block provided a contract to do the audit for TID #2 at a cost of $4,000-$5,500. Motion was made by T Schmidt, seconded by Kolden to approve the contract with Johnson Block not to exceed $5,500. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Summer Hire:** DPW Higley asked the council to advertise to hire summer help. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by O’Brien to allow DPW Higley to advertise to hire summer help. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Committee meetings for March:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on March 8, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on March 18, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 2.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Hederer to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk