

COLBY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 - 6:30 PM  
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes – April 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting
4. Personnel/Labor Relations Meeting
  - A. Summer Hire
5. Report from Mayor Schmidt
6. Citizens and/or Delegations
7. Adjournment of the Old Council  
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1. Call to Order - New Council
2. Roll Call
3. Election
  - A. President
  - B. Vice-President
4. Designation Of
  - A. Public Depositories
  - B. Official Newspaper
5. Appointments of Mayor
  - A. Committees
  - B. Legal Counsel
  - C. Board of Review Members
  - D. Clark County Econ Development Representative
  - E. Board of Appeals Members
  - F. Zoning Administrator
  - G. Central Fire Members
  - F. Appointment of CCL Board of Trustee for vacant position for remainder of term – July 2021
6. Other Matters
  - B. Resolution 4-2021 – Resolution of Appreciation for Mark Kaiser
7. Schedule Committee Meetings
8. Adjourn

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The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt via Zoom. On roll call: Solberg, O'Brien, T Schmidt, Kolden, Hesgard, Oestreich and Hederer. Kaiser was absent. Also present were Clerk Gurtner, DPW Harland Higley Jr, and Engineer Mike Voss.

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

**Minutes** of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O'Brien to approve the bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$93,575.43; Water Department \$88,139.25; Sewer Department \$169,213.73; TIF Fund \$45,758.20; Net payroll \$21,909.16. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The commission approved minutes and expenditures.

RMS/Incident Based Reporting Update: Chief Bauer said the new Incident Based Reporting System was operational. In January, the CAPD had a 20% error rate in reporting, which Chief Bauer said was about average. He said there are many boxes to check for each report. He called the implementation a learning process. The CAPD error rate was a cumulative 12% in February. Chief Bauer said the error rate must get down to 4% for the CAPD to become certified through the Department of Justice (DOJ.) He said 23 incidents were reported in January using the new system. Each report is now double-checked by Police Secretary Jessica Weich before it is submitted. Chief Bauer said federal officials are requiring lot of data to be collected.

South 6th Street Dog at Large Complaint: Mike Kreciak, Sr. said dogs had been running loose in his neighborhood again. He said he filed a complaint through CAPD officer Stubbe, who informed him he had to be the victim of an incident. CAPC members viewed video footage provided by Kreciak, Sr. of several incidents he had reported. Chief Bauer said the complaints amounted to a dispute with his neighbor across the street. The dog appeared to be under control in what Chief Bauer described as "nit-picky" videos. Chief Bauer said the CAPD was done reviewing the complaints. He asked Kreciak, Sr. not to bring in any more similar videos. Kreciak, Sr. did drop off one more computer flash drive containing more video footage that reportedly showed a dog running loose.

Chief's Report: Two officers have been in training with K-9 Dodge. Chief Bauer said Dodge and the K-9 program would be recertified in May 2021. He said due

to the training a K-9 activity report for February was not available. The next K-9 activity report will include February and March, and will be submitted at the April CAPC meeting. There were 770 activities reported for the month of February, for a cumulative total of 1,558, compared to 1,956 activities for the first two months of 2020. Chief Bauer said the traffic enforcement grant activity through the Marathon County Sheriff's Department was being resumed in March. Chief Bauer said vehicle maintenance included replacement of the water pump on the K-9 squad.

Mayor Schmidt reported that one of our officers has put in their two week notice and we will need to start the hiring process.

**Public Comment:** Mike Kreciak was in attendance to point out concerns regarding his neighbors' dogs running at large.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy O'Brien reviewed the activities of the Central Fire & EMS District with the board.

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

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that the city elections were going well, but we will have to work on recruiting more election inspectors for the next term. She also reported that we contacted Ratsch Engineering out of Neillsville to work on renovation plans for the Clerk's Office.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: James Rau, 500 W Dolf St, shingle house; Tim Krueger, 509 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, 25 x 28 garage; Todd Schmidt, 203 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, bathroom remodel; Don Beyer & Karen Berg, 404 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, roof; Thea Stumpner, 306 W Wausau St, shingle house & garage; Mary Martyn, 404B E Wausau St, garage door.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for March 2021 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for March 2021. The scada system is up and running at the STP. He reported that the local railroad track that runs through Colby has been sold to a private company.

**Use of House on City Owned Property – N Division Street:** The city purchased property on North Division Street in order to construction Community Drive. There is some commercial interested in the west portion of the property. The city needs to decide what we want to do with the house on that property. Central Fire & EMS has contacted the city to use it for practice. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to allow the fire department to smoke up the house and use it for training purposes. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Lease Agreement with Christensen for Ag Land:** When the city purchased the N Division Street property, there was an existing land lease. The city created a new agreement that would allow the city to sell/develop the west portion of the property prior to the expiration of the lease in 2023. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Solberg to approve the lease as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Bids for Trailer Jetter:** The city received one bid for a 2020 Pipehunter Trailer Jetter for \$60,825.00 with an additional \$400 winter recirculation package. Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the bid adding the winter recirculation package at a total cost of \$61,225.00. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Resolution 3-2021 Support for a Strong State & Local Partnership, Shared Revenue Funds Critical Services:** Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Kolden to approve Resolution 3-2021 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

*City of Colby  
Resolution 3-2021  
Support for a Strong State & Local Partnership  
Shared Revenue Funds Critical Services*

*Whereas, for over ninety years the state shared revenue program has been a key component of Wisconsin's state and local relationship and an important part of the state's overall program of property tax relief; and*

*Whereas, over the last 20 years shared revenue funding for municipalities has been cut by \$94 million; and*

*Whereas, over the last generation, property taxes have grown as a share of city and village revenues as shared revenue and other state aid to Wisconsin municipalities has lagged; and*

*Whereas, state aid provided a larger share of municipal revenues in Wisconsin than property taxes from 1975 to 1997. Today property taxes account for more than twice as much municipal revenue as state aid; and*

*Whereas, to create and maintain quality communities that attract businesses and families, municipalities must invest in services and infrastructure that people and businesses expect, like police protection, fire suppression, road maintenance, snowplowing, libraries, and parks; and*

*Whereas, the state should reinvest a portion of its sales and income tax revenue growth in local communities to spur further economic growth and make Wisconsin communities places where people want to live and work.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Colby, calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget increasing funding for the shared revenue program and directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the City of Colby, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.*

*Mayor James W Schmidt  
Clerk Connie L Gurtner*

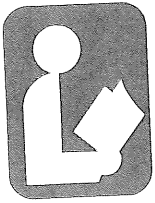
**Committee meetings for April:** Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet April 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Central Fire & EMS District will meet April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Station 2. Re-Organization meeting will be April 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Personnel/Labor Relations committee will meet on April 20, 2021 at 6:15 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Kolden to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
James W Schmidt, Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Gurtner, Clerk

**Colby Community Library**  
**505 West Spence**  
**P.O. Box 318**  
**Colby, WI 54421**



March 7, 2021

Mayor Jim Schmidt  
Colby City Hall  
Colby, WI 54421

Dear Mayor Schmidt, Clerk Gurtner, and Colby City Council Members:

1. Please consider the reappointment of **Stephanie Hediger** to the Colby Community Library (CCL) Board of Trustees for a term of July 2021-June 2024.
2. The CCL Board of Trustees instructed me, at the February meeting, to post notices in the library and the Tribune-Phonograph to obtain names of people interested in serving as a Trustee. **The trustees recommended that a candidate from Marathon County Township of Hull, if anyone expressed interest, would be ideal with the ongoing issues of Marathon County Public Library possible withdrawal from WVLS.** While the trustees have representation from the Township of Colby, they do not have any rep from the Township of Hull. (These two townships are the largest users of the CCL after Colby city residents.)

We have two applicants for the position left vacant by the death of long-time trustee Mary Dorn.

Vlasta K. Blaha:	City of Colby	Clark County
Linda Filtzkowski:	Township of Hull	Marathon County

The three-year terms for Stephanie's reappointment and the new appointee would run from July 2021-June 2024.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky L. Calmes".

Vicky L. Calmes  
CCL Director

# Current CCL Board of Trustees and Locations

Stephanie Hediger	City of Colby	Clark County
Kris Woik	City of Colby	Clark County
Nancy O'Brien City Council Rep	City of Colby	Clark County
Terra Newman School District Rep	City of Colby	Clark County
Lee Kaschinska	City of Colby	Marathon County
Cathy Johnson	Township of Colby	Clark County
Vacant:	_____	_____