The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: O’Brien, T Schmidt, Kolden, Hesgard, Oestreich, Hederer and Lindeman. 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.

**Appointment of Alderperson for Ward IV:** Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Hederer to appoint Michael Sazama as Alderperson Ward IV for the remainder of Tammy Solberg’s term. Motion carried with a voice vote. Michael Sazama signed the oath of office.

**Minutes** of the April 20th re-organizational meeting were pre-read and reviewed.

Motion was made by Kolden, seconded by Hesgard 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 $215,648.53; Water Department $37,144.10; Sewer Department $25,075.80; Net payroll $31,724.51. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission** met on April 12th.

Public Comment: Kreciak, Sr. reviewed the city dog ordinance and the history of dogs at large incidents in his neighborhood. He recommended having the CAPC take a vote on the issue; President Schmidt said the city dog ordinance and Kreciak, Sr.'s complaints weren't on the agenda for action. He said the CAPC would monitor the issue in the future. President Schmidt thanked Soto for his service on the CAPC and thanked Voss for her regular attendance at meetings. He said he has enjoyed working with the members of the CAPC, noting that a new roster of members would be appointed by the Abbotsford and Colby mayors, with their terms of service beginning at the May CAPC meeting.

The commission approve minutes and expenditures.

RMS/Incident Based Reporting Update: Chief Bauer said the new Incident Based Reporting System was operational. In March, the reporting error rate was 2.6%, below the goal of 3%. He said incidents must be categorized properly, which is not a major issue. He said 39 incidents were reportable. He said a major reason the reporting error rate was decreasing was having Police Secretary Jessica Weich spending a lot of time working with CAPD officers on submitting the reports. Chief Bauer said the CAPD would be fully certified by the Department of Justice in the next two months to use the Incident Based Reporting System.

Officer Schreiber's Resignation: Chief Bauer informed the CAPC that Officer Nate Schreiber had submitted a letter of resignation from the CAPD. Bauer said Schreiber had served the CAPD for 17 years, and that his last day of work would be April 22. He will begin working as a detective with the Clark County Sheriff's Department. Bauer said he would do an exit interview with Schreiber, which will be discussed with the CAPC in closed session at its May meeting. He noted the opening had been posted on the internet job site. He said some switching of shifts would be done to fill in the gaps until a new officer is hired. He said the goal is to sort through applications and schedule three to five interviews in closed session at the May CAPC meeting.

Chief's Report: Chief Bauer said there were some mechanical issues with the air conditioning in the 2019 Durango. New tires were put on the K-9 squad. Several vehicle break-ins are being investigated. A catalytic converter was removed from one vehicle, with the attempted theft of another reported. He said catalytic converters were "hot items" with thefts of them reported all over the area. Toyota Prius and Ford 250 models have been the most popular targets. He said these thefts could be connected to funding drug deals. K-9 Officer Wagner would be attending K-9 recertification training with Dodge at the end of April. There were 11 K-9 activities reported for the month of March, resulting in six arrests. There were 873 total activities reported for the month of March, for a cumulative total of 2,499, compared to 2,895 activities for the first three months of 2020. Chief Bauer said officers would be busier due to the warmer weather. Weideman recognized Voss for her dedicated service to the CAPC and the city of Abbotsford.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on April 15th.

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

**Mayor James W Schmidt:** Mayor Schmidt thanked the VFW Auxiliary for the flag donations. He also reported on the Clark County Economic Development meeting.

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported that the draft review of the City of Colby Code is reading for review. The Mayor and staff had completed the Editorial and Legal Analysis workbook and this was compiled into this draft. This draft is not a “start from scratch” process. There should not be extensive revisions at this point. Just a review to determine that the code is written based off of old ordinances and the analysis decisions.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Matthew Siewert, 303A S 5th Street, roof; Zion Lutheran Church, 301 N 2nd St, replace roof; Jeanette Erikson, 106 S 6th St, window; Margaret Hasenrohl, 204 S 6th St, concrete driveway; Karen Winkler, 208 N 7th St, roof; Steve Reynolds, 209 S 4th St, windows; Wayne Hoeg, 306 S 6th St, patio & steps; Rural Arts Museum, 506 N 1st St, siding school house; Ron Beisner, 802 W Spence St, garage roof.

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

The city has a water leak somewhere on S 3rd Street – the crew has not been able to locate it.

Hand rails are off on the ramp of city hall because we are getting them painted.

The well has been abandoned on the Venzke property. The inspection of the property did find some asbestos in the house and we will be hiring the company to determine the levels of asbestos.

**Resolution 5-2021 Resolution of Appreciation for Tammy Solberg:** Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Hesgard to approve Resolution 5-2021 as follows. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Resolution of Appreciation #5-2021

WHEREAS, Tammy Solberg has served the City of Colby with dignity, integrity, interest and genuine dedication as Alderperson; and,

WHEREAS, Tammy Solberg has generously given of his time and energy and has served with distinction on many committees of the city; and,

WHEREAS, Tammy Solberg’s efforts have been a benefit to the growth and progress of this community, including extensive improvements to the parks, public facilities and streets of the city,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Colby Common Council desire to recognize her dedication to public service during his tenure.

Adopted this 4th day May of 2021.

James W Schmidt, Mayor

Connie L Gurtner, Clerk

**Committee meetings for May:**  Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Central Fire & EMS District may meet on May 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Station 2. City Planning Committee will meet on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Board of Review will meet on May 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM with Open Book on May 12, 2021 at 1:30 PM.

**Adjourn:**  Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Oestreich to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Motion carried with a voice vote.  
  
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James W Schmidt, Mayor

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 Connie Gurtner, Clerk