

The regular meeting of the Colby Common Council was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Mayor James Schmidt. On roll call: O'Brien, T Schmidt, Hesgard, Hederer and Lindeman. Baumgartner was absent. Also present were Mayor James Schmidt, Clerk Connie Gurtner, DPW Higley, Engineer Dan Knoeck and Mik Buck of DMG Diversified Management Group.

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

**Minutes** of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were pre-read and reviewed. Motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Hederer to approve the minutes with the correction to add the amounts of bills paid to the minutes. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Financial Statement and Bills** were discussed. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by Hesgard approve the financial statement and bills. The amounts approved are as follows: General Fund \$114,366.68; Capital Fund \$31,420.00; Water Department \$47,402.02; Sewer Department \$71,115.25; TIF Fund \$18,274.17; Net payroll \$40,994.26. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Hederer, seconded by Lindeman to approve the Pay Request #3 to Haas Sons Ince for Venzke St and East Frontage Rd project in the amount of \$249,884.65. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Hesgard, seconded by Lindeman to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$900 which includes a 2 week extension to the completion date and the cost of 2 concrete flumes @ \$450/each. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Alcohol Beverage License:** DMG Hospitality at 1210 N Division Street has applied for a Class "B" Beer license to have a trucker lounge inside of the existing premise of the Colby Travel Stop. Clerk Gurtner contacted Zac Dolan at the Wisconsin Division of Alcohol Beverages and reviewed those responses with the council. Mike Buck from Diversified Management Group reviewed the concerns and explained the intent of the new lounge. Motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Hederer to table the application for the alcohol beverage license from DMG Hospitality until the next meeting. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**Colby/Abbotsford Police Commission** met on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes and Expenditures were approved by the commission.

Review of Municipal Financing Analysis: The 2024 Municipal Financing Analysis was reviewed. President Schmidt said this report would be produced annually in August to show comparisons between the municipalities in equalized valuation,

percentage of CAPD calls and population. Abbotsford is currently paying 57.5% of the CAPD budget, with Colby paying 42.5% of the CAPD budget. The Abbotsford City Council voted in 2023 to reconsider the financing percentage in 5 years.

Promotion of Officer Christian Lemay to Detective Position: The commission voted to officially recognize Officer Christian Lemay's promotion to Detective. Chief Bowman presented a plaque and a new detective badge to Lemay. A photo was taken of the presentation for publication in the Tribune-Phonograph.

Update on Joint Municipal Court: Changes were reviewed in the Joint Municipal Court Agreement, which has been approved by both municipalities. The original agreement was updated by Attorney Bill Gamoke following review by the District Court Judge. Chief Bowman said a District Court representative will be coming Tuesday, Aug. 27 to do a walk-through of the municipal court area. He said final approval to put the Joint Municipal Court in place should be coming in September.

Chief's Report: K-9 Hemi was deployed 12 times in July, resulting in five arrests. The K-9 and CAPD Officers participated in a drug interdiction traffic enforcement exercise July 25, along with Clark County Sheriff's Department Officers and its K-9 and State Patrol Officers. Chief Bowman said many vehicles were stopped; he said it had been 4-5 years since the last traffic enforcement grant was received. He said there were no grant funds available for this year's event. Chief Bowman said the suspect in the July 5 double homicide was still being held in the Clark County Jail on a \$1 million bond. A competency evaluation of the suspect was held, and at a recent competency hearing, the defense requested a second competency evaluation by staff at Mendota or Winnebago. Clark County Judge Lyndsey Boon-Brunette granted the request. Chief Bowman said mental health counseling and a debriefing was offered to CAPD officers who responded to the scene. He said they were doing much better. He said the Altoona Police Chief was heading up an outside, non-biased after action investigation of the incident, looking at policy and procedures, etc. He said the report would be done in late September; additional officer training could be necessary as a result of the debriefing session. Chief Bowman said Police Secretary Jessica Weich does ordinance enforcement work on Wednesdays. A list has been compiled of 22 properties in Abbotsford and Colby that are not compliant with the junk properties ordinance. Chief Bowman said a notice is given outlining a compliance period. A CAPD Officer will visit the property owner with a firm deadline. If the cleanup does not occur by the deadline, citations will be issued. There were 847 total CAPD activities reported for the month of July. There have been 6,118 total CAPD activities reported for the first seven months of 2024, compared to 4,573 activities for the first seven months of 2023.

**Central Fire & EMS District** met on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy O'Brien reported on the meeting of Central Fire & EMS.

The total proposed 2025 budget is \$724,600 with the City of Colby portion being \$51,703.00. It is about a 3.6% increase in total budget, but the city's portion is down \$1,790.00. Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O'Brien to approve the 2025 proposed budget as present. Roll Call: Ayes – Lindeman, O'Brien, Schmidt, Noes – Hederer, Hesgard. Baumgartner was absent. Motion carried.

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

**Clerk Gurtner:** Clerk Gurtner reported on her training in Middleton. She also reported on the Board of Review meeting.

**DPW Higley:** The following building permits were issued: Joseph Schaefer, siding, windows, driveway; Eliodoro Neri Acevedo, 102 S Main St, moving walls to fit doors, shower head to bathroom, kitchen cabinets; Derrico Logistics, 500 Industrial Dr, sign; Kent Frome, 112 S Main St, wall anchors and power braces for foundation stabilization; Terry Kayhart, 501 S Main St, roofing, siding & wiring; Clifford Downey, 506 W Adams St, shingles; Peter Jecevicus, 310 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, raising asphalt & patching cracks; Megan Duda, 104 S Main St, window replacement; Shelby Winchell, 405 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, backyard fence.

DPW Higley reported on the precipitation and flows for August 2024 at the STP. He also reported on the pumpage of water for August 2024.

The crew is working on repairs on the corner of city hall where there are some rotting and roof repairs needed. The city is looking for a water leak on North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street near the Calmes residents.

**Committee meetings for September:** Colby-Abbotsford Police Commission will meet on September 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department. City Planning Committee is meeting on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Central Fire & EMS District will meet on September 19, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Station 2. Parks/Rec/Recycling will meet on September 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Public Works Committee will meet on September 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Schmidt, seconded by O'Brien to adjourn at 8:19 P.M. Motion carried with a voice vote.

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

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