

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A work session of the City Council was held at 3:00 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Coleraine City Council was held at 4:01 p.m., **Monday, October 27th, 2025**, in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:00 p.m.

The first half of the work session was a discussion predominately on the proposed 2026 budget and proposed levy. During the second half of the work session Elly Burroughs of MidCo and Scott Savage of SCI, introduced themselves and provided information on the addendum to the franchise agreement (Res. No. 2025-9.08) and explained what residents were receiving for the transfer to MidCo. They indicated that 88% of residents will see less than a \$5 increase in services. Scott Savage will be staying on at MidCo. And the Coleraine rep, Jon Solberg, will also be working at MidCo.

REGULAR MEETING

4:01 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Antonovich at 4:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk-Treasurer Anderson. **Members present: Councilpersons Swanson, Wilson, Sobtzak, and Mayor Antonovich. Councilperson Giving was absent with notice. Attorney Shaffer was also present.**

Moved by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by Swanson, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 10.14.25, correspondence, and claims of \$11,532.51.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobtzak, Swanson, Wilson, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Councilperson Sobtzak with support from Swanson, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

An individual became argumentative when asked to state his name for the public record and stated if he had to his name was "Bradley Cooper". The individual used three minutes to criticize staff, council, and policy on various topics.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Library:

A report was not available; however Clerk-Treasurer Anderson did indicate that \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York would be coming to the Library in honor of a milestone

anniversary of the foundation. A resolution to accept the monies will be made when the check actually arrives.

Clerk's Report

Clerk-Treasurer Anderson briefly went over her written report that was included in council packets. Two dates were set, one a **meeting with the Teamsters before the Council meeting on the 24th** where Councilperson Sobtzak will be representing the Council and a **special budget work session was scheduled for Monday, November 17th at 4:30p.m.**

Committee/Commission/Other

Public Utilities Commission & CBT

Minutes of both meetings were provided in Council packets.

Trout Lake Fire Department

Minutes of the last Board meeting were not yet available. It was reported that the number of calls being responded to may outweigh the number of responders available and that an adjustment to policy may need to be made. The Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. An Investment Report Card on Fire Relief funds will be presented for review at the next council meeting.

Eagle Ridge Golf Course

In addition to minutes from the last board meeting and financials that were included in council packets, Gary Gustason was present and gave a verbal report:

- As of today, the course is closed.
- Work will now begin on winterizing the course.
- Thanked the city for their work on the water leak under the entrance road.
- A couple tournaments were hosted that were successful.
- Greenway Area Foundation hosted a successful Oktoberfest fundraiser at the golf course.

Zoning & Planning Commission

Minutes were included in council packets. Trika Smith stated that the commission will be reviewing the subdivision of property and all related ordinances, especially the blight ordinance, over the winter.

Greenway Joint Recreation Board

Minutes from the last meeting were included in council packets.

Mt. Itasca Ski Hill

Nothing to report.

Infrastructure Committee

The committee had engaged in a lengthy discussion about water meters and a spreadsheet and presentation by City Engineer, Tom Olson, at their meeting. The committee has narrowed it down to a couple different options that they will be submitting to Council for approval. A contract specific to the water meter project will be submitted to council for approval so that it can go out on bids soon.

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)

Councilperson Swanson attended the last meeting – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Logging proceeds from City Property up near Ski Hill – Jim Ohman, Coleraine resident and frequent volunteer at Mt. Itasca, stated he hadn't heard what timber was cut but figured that the city would receive a fair amount. He inquired about using some of the proceeds to make some repairs where the logging equipment tore things up. This will be reviewed once the revenue is received.

Contract with SEH for Water Meter Project Management – Motion by Councilperson Swanson, with support from Wilson, **to approve the contract with SEH for the Water Meter Project as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Swanson, Wilson, Sobotzak, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Approve Grant Contract Agreement with IRRRB for Water Meter Project – Motion by Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Swanson, **to approve the contract agreement.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobotzak, Swanson, Wilson, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-10.27—SOS Access Grant – Motion by Councilperson Wilson, with support from Sobotzak, **to approve Resolution No. 2025-10.27—SOS Access Grant authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to file an application for funding with the Minnesota Secretary of State-Elections Division.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Wilson, Sobotzak, Swanson, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Court Order – 407 Mitchell – tabled.

Arbitration with Bovey on TLF Tanker payment split – tabled.

Resolution No. 2025-9.08—Midco – Motion by Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Swanson, **to approve Resolution No. 2025-9.08—Midco approving an addendum to the transferred franchise agreement.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobotzak, Swanson, Wilson, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion at 5:18pm by Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Wilson, **to go into recess to clear the gallery and go into closed session pursuant to MN Statute § 13D.05 for attorney-client privilege regarding litigation strategy on a piece of blighted property.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Meeting recessed.

At **5:28pm. motion to return from recess and go into closed session** was made by Councilperson Sobotzak, with support from Wilson. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Present at closed session: Attorney Shaffer, Mayor Antonovich, Councilpersons Sobotzak, Wilson, Swanson, and Clerk-Treasurer Anderson.

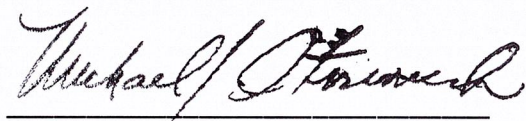
At **5:53pm motion** by Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Wilson **to discontinue closed session and return to the open session.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

No formal motion was made from closed session.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Sobotzak: None
Giving: Absent
Swanson: None
Wilson: None
Antonovich: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. by Mayor Antonovich with support from Councilperson Sobotzak. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Mike Antonovich, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer