

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A work session was held beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Coleraine City Council was held at 4:00 p.m., **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

### WORK SESSION

**3:30 p.m.**

Casey Venema (accompanied by John Johnson) explained the logic behind forming the “Range Gateway 169 Coalition” and how membership would work. The city’s membership would be paid for in 2025 by County ARPA funding still available. The group won’t do anything until after the election. The coalition will put on a big push to get the Hwy 169 four lane corridor completed.

Randy Ott of Waste Management spoke to the 5 year agreement with the City for renewal and a rate table was included. Questions were asked and answered.

### REGULAR MEETING

**4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Nielsen at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk-Treasurer Anderson. **Members present: Councilpersons Giving, Soltzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen.**

The first order of business – Mayor Nielsen called up the immediate family of Kenny Smith. He read a proclamation approved by the City of Coleraine proclaiming November 4, 2024 (and every November 4<sup>th</sup> thereafter) Kenneth (Kenny) D. Smith Day in recognition of many years of service to the City in various capacities. The framed proclamation and flowers were presented to Trika Smith, Ken’s wife. Cory Smith, Ken’s son, said a few words and thanked the city for the recognition.

A short recess followed for cake and conversation. Many of Ken’s friends and relatives were here to celebrate.

At 4:21 p.m. Mayor Nielsen indicated a return from recess and called the meeting back to order.

**Moved** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 10.15.24, correspondence, claims of \$14,672.16, Resolution No. 2024-10.15—Memorial Bench Donation - accepting the donation, and Resolution No. 2024-15—Ribbon cutting scissors – accepting the donation.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Soltzak, and Giving. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Moved** by Mayor Nielsen, seconded by Councilperson Soltzak, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Library:**

Reports for August and September were included in council packets.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk-Treasurer Anderson's report was included in council packets. Most notable was the additional charge of \$34,835 for Worker's Compensation Insurance after the payroll audit by LMCIT bringing the annual total to \$124,354. She stated that she will change the 2025 expenditure budget to reflect the increase.

**Committee/Commission/Other  
Public Utilities Commission & CBT**

Minutes from the PUC and CBT meetings were included in Council packets.

**Trout Lake Fire Department**

Meeting had been cancelled.

**Eagle Ridge Golf Course**

Course is closed. Will have budget submitted for Council approval at the next meeting. Minutes of their last meeting and financials were included in Council packets.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

Zoning Officer Anderson spoke of the upcoming public hearings and stated that 3 doorhangers for blight went out and two have already complied.

**Greenway Joint Recreation Board**

Minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were included in council packets.

**Cotton Beach & Mt. Itasca Ski Hill**

No report.

**Infrastructure Committee**

Minutes of the last meeting were included in Council packets.

**CEDA**

Nothing to report. No one available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hwy 169 Coalition membership and ARPA funding request – Motion** by Councilperson Sertich with support from T. Troumbly **to approve membership in said coalition and approve the funding request for the first year of membership.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, Giving, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**5 year agreement with Waste Management – Motion** by Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Mayor Nielsen, **to approve the 5 year agreement for exclusive rights to serve the urban district (customer billed by Waste Management) and providing free service for the two city dumpsters and the Clean Up days event at Mt. Itasca.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Sobotzak, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, and Giving. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Consider raises for Council members and Mayor for 2025 – this was tabled.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

**Sobotzak:** None  
**T Troumbly:** None  
**Sertich:** None  
**Giving:** None  
**Nielsen:** None

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.** by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson Sertich. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer