

### 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 4:02 p.m., **Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

### WORK SESSION

**3:30 p.m.**

The work session consisted of a brief presentation from CEDA regarding their Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan proposals. It was stated that the Strategic Plan is the most flexible plan offered and the most implementable. The Strategic Plan would outline the projects to be focused on in the next 3 to 5 years. A Comprehensive Plan is much broader in scope and looks 10 to 20 years into the future. Both have a community survey, need community engagement, and require a significant amount of travel by CEDA staff. In addition, virtual focus groups could be used to explore various projects. It was indicated that they don't work with templated plans. CEDA lets the city know all the possible resources in the hopes of making grants easier to obtain; they do not write any grant applications. It was stated that though these plans are a requirement in the metro, they are not required outside the metro. But that "Having a plan behind you, gives you more bang for your buck". A question-and-answer period followed.

### REGULAR MEETING

**4:02 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Antonovich at 4:02 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 5.26.26, correspondence, and claims of \$58,963.26.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobtzak, Swanson, Wilson, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Moved** by Councilperson Sobtzak, with support of Swanson, **to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of "Summer Youth Wages." under new business.** Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT HEADS

#### Police

Chief Beach was not available but provided a brief written report. Calls for service were 159.

#### Public Works

Public Works Supervisor Tabaka provided a verbal report. New sidewalks are in, hydrant flushing will start on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the mailing to public utility customers about scheduling water meter installation went out today. He also indicated that he wanted to request a pay increase for the youth summer workers to remain competitive with other local entities. His request is to go from \$13/hr. – 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$13.50/hr. – 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and \$14/hr. – 3<sup>rd</sup> year to 1<sup>st</sup> yr = \$15/hr., 2<sup>nd</sup> yr = \$16/hr., and 3<sup>rd</sup> yr = \$17/hr. Clerk-Treasurer Anderson stated the

budget could easily accommodate this request as four summer youth were budgeted for and Tabaka is only hiring two.

#### ATTORNEY

Attorney Shaffer addressed the blight issues with the property on 407 Mitchell and what could be done; he stated the City does have an ordinance (8.26, subd.2 which follows Minn. Stat. § 463.251, Subd. 3) that the council can order the building secured within 14 days and if it is not, any costs for the city to do it can be assessed to the property. He is recommending that action. Further action can be taken with an administrative search warrant to see if there are any other code violations, then a citation can be issued for that.

In addition, he suggested a **work session (with himself, Council, Police Chief, Zoning & Planning) to update the ordinance.** He indicated that it can be a delicate balancing act to respect the property rights of owners, but he felt the ordinances could be tightened up a bit. He has researched and found out what other cities do for blight and want everyone at the table to discuss options/plans moving forward. **This meeting has been set up as an early work session on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

**Motion to serve an order to property owner of 407 Mitchell to have the building secured within 14 days following Coleraine City Ordinance 8.26, Subd 2 and MN Stat. § 453.251** made by Councilperson Swanson with support from Wilson. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Swanson, Wilson, Sobotzak, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Summer Youth Wages – Motion** by Councilperson Swanson, supported by Wilson, **to increase the summer youth wages to \$15/hr. for 1<sup>st</sup> year, \$16/hr. for 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and \$17/hr. for 3<sup>rd</sup> year effective 6.8.26.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Swanson, Wilson, Sobotzak, and Mayor Antonovich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

#### COUNCIL CONCERNS:

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

Councilperson Sobotzak, supported by Swanson, **motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Mike Antonovich, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer