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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 4:00 p.m., **Monday, September 28th, 2026,** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:00 p.m.

The work session was used as a budget session going over the proposed 2027 budget for the setting of the preliminary levy. Everyone was reminded that the preliminary levy can change – it can go down but it cannot go up. The final levy will be set in December.

There was also some discussion on the Clerk's Report regarding information provided on an LRIP grant application, how it all works, and the cost to the City.

REGULAR MEETING

4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Sobtzak at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk-Treasurer Anderson. **Members present: Councilpersons Swanson, Wilson, and Mayor Pro Tem Sobtzak.** Mayor Antonovich and Councilperson Giving were absent with notice.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Sobtzak, supported by Swanson, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 9.14.26, correspondence and claims of $13,847.81 minus Res. 2026-9.28—P&F PERA Fund.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Sobtzak, Councilpersons Swanson and Wilson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Library:

No report.

Clerk's Report

A brief written report was included in Council packets. In addition to what was discussed in the work session, most notable was the receipt of production tax dollars which was almost half of what was originally expected. The date for a virtual meeting with ARDC on the Comprehensive Plan was also set for Wednesday, October 7th at 3pm in Council Chambers.

Committee/Commission/Other

Public Utilities Commission & CBT

Minutes of the last meetings were included in Council packets.

Trout Lake Fire Department

Minutes of the last Board meeting were included in council packets.

Eagle Ridge Golf Course

Gary Gustason provided a verbal report stating that the season is winding down, September was packed with events, Oktoberfest (a fundraiser for the Greenway Area Community Foundation) is coming up, that it's been a good year, and they raised a lot more than anticipated from the North Country Invitational.

Zoning & Planning Commission

Minutes from the last meeting were included in Council packets. Working on issues on a couple properties in town.

Greenway Joint Recreation Board

Minutes were provided in Council packets. Mayor Pro-Tem Sobtzak indicated that flag football has started and that ice should be going in at the Arena within a week.

Cotton Beach & Mt. Itasca Ski Hill

No report for Cotton Beach.

Bob Cozenius, Itasca Ski & Outing Club provided brief report stating that they have the permit for the drilling of the well for the snow making equipment and the drilling should occur in the next couple weeks. He also stated that they are looking at their Operational budget shortfalls and trying to come up with a plan.

Infrastructure Committee

No report. Mayor Pro-Tem Sobtzak indicated that the majority of the meeting was used to go over what the READy software can inform staff of.

Lakeview Cemetery

No report.

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)

Nothing to report. Councilperson Swanson may consider being nominated to serve on the board to fill one of the upcoming vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set preliminary levy – rural benefit ratio – Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sobtzak, with support from Councilperson Wilson, **to set the 2027 preliminary levy at $1,550,973 (General fund-$1,396,215 and Library fund-$154,758) and to keep the Rural Benefit Ratio at 75% using the state recommended formula.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Sobtzak, Councilpersons Wilson and Swanson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Nomination for RAMS Board of Director – tabled

Water Tower Road – tabled

Dudley Avenue – tabled

Tennis Court repair – tabled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Set date for meeting with ARDC on Comprehensive Plan (Oct 6 – 9) 1 ½ hours – The meeting date was set for 3pm, Thursday, October 7th.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Sobtzak: Informed a resident is inquiring about brown shrubs.
Giving: Absent
Swanson: None
Wilson: None
Antonovich: Absent

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Sobtzak with support from Councilperson Swanson. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Michael Antonovich, Mayor

Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer