

#### **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, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall with some members attending via telephone conference.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**3:30 p.m.**

Robert Herdman and John Hansen were available at the work session to inform the Council about things they wanted the Council to be aware of and to reiterate what had gone on in years past in regards to the property up in the industrial park. There was discussion around this issue.

The remainder of the work session was used to review materials in the Council packets and to become familiar with the use of equipment and process of the conference call.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Mandich at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk Anderson. Members present: Councilpersons Stish, Troumbly, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Attorney Dimich was also present. At 4:05 Councilperson Sutherland and Public Works Supervisor Bertram joined the conference call.

**Moved** by Councilperson Pollard, supported by Stish, **to approve the consent agenda which included Council meeting minutes of 3.23.20 and 3.27.20, correspondence, Public Utility claims of \$14,464.78 and regular claims of \$38,072.82.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, Troumbly, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Moved** by Councilperson Stish, seconded by Troumbly, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Troumbly, Pollard, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

##### **Police Department**

Police Chief Mjolsness had presented a written report for Council packets. There were no questions or comments.

### **Public Works (Street):**

Public Works Supervisor Bertram had presented a written report for Council packets as well as a packet of various quotes that he had been asked for. He briefly went over the two attachments (brush & blower) previously looked at. They are designed for an ASV and for them to be used on a CAT or other piece of equipment they would need a special harness. He also mentioned he received quotes for the additional repair of the loader, that hydrant flushing was scheduled for beginning tomorrow (the 14<sup>th</sup>).

### **COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS/OTHER:**

#### **Cotton Beach**

Closed for season.

#### **ATTORNEY:**

Nothing to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Covid-19 Temporary Federal Leave Policies** – Clerk Anderson explained that these policies are an explanation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that the government passed in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. These policies are designed to layout expectations, provide clarity to employees in how these policies work, the guidelines to access, and the sunset of December 31, 2020 without carryover. The policies also explain that should the 2/3 Emergency Paid Sick leave need to be accessed that the City is allowing them to supplement with 1/3 of any of their accrued leave should they wish to (not required by FFCRA). **Motion** by Councilperson Troumbly with the support of Pollard **to approve the Covid-19 Temporary Federal Leave Policies as written.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Troumbly, Pollard, Stish, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Road Maintenance Agreements with Trout Lake Township** – **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Sutherland **to approve the Road Maintenance Agreements with Trout Lake Township as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Sutherland, Troumbly, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At **4:30p.m.** Mayor Mandich **closed the meeting** for the Council to discuss the proposal of H & H Woodworking. There was discussion around the offer. At **4:39** Mayor Mandich **reopened the regular meeting.**

**H & H Woodworking proposal** – **Motion** by Councilperson Stish with the support of Pollard **to accept the offer of H & H Woodworking and direct Attorney Dimich to write up a purchase agreement for the property.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, Troumbly, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Cotton Beach**—delay opening -- Discussion around the possible delay in opening Cotton Beach due to Covid-19 concerns. The beach normally doesn't open till the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June. The consensus of the Council was to post for the Lifeguard positions like normal, with an explanation of the possibility that the beach may not open right away. The City will have to wait and see what happens in the future before the opening can be determined. No formal action necessary.

**Old Fire Hall Roof** – quotes had been provided with three options: A) a completely new roof at a cost of \$35,565.00, B) the repair of all the holes in the roof that are visible including the 4 plastic roof vents that were damaged from snow removal for \$2007.00 and C) replacing and reflashings the 4 vents that were damaged from snow removal at a cost of \$895.00 (covered by insurance). **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Sutherland, **to direct the work in option B with the difference of \$1112 not covered by insurance to come out of the general fund.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Sutherland, Pollard, Troumbly, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Letter of support for SF4020 & HF3939—Rising Pit Water** – Councilperson Stish explained the resolution approved by WMMPB and why the letter of support to the current legislature was necessary. There is need to get the ball rolling again in asking for funding to address rising pit water issues in two main problem areas: the Canisteo group of idle mines north of Coleraine, Bovey, and Taconite) and the Hill Annex-West Hill-Gross Marble-Arcturus group (north of Marble and Calumet). **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, with the support of Troumbly, **to send the letter of support for SF4020 & HF3989 to our four local legislators from the City.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Troumbly, Pollard, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Letter of support for SF4017 & HF4090—Hwy 169 Improvements** – Councilperson Stish translated the resolution and letter of support to mean a push for legislation to supply funding to finish the 8 miles of Hwy 169 into four lanes. **Motion** by Stish with support from Troumbly **to send the letter of support for SF4017 & HF4090 to our four local legislators from the City of Coleraine.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Troumbly, Sutherland, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Letter of support for SF4021 & HF4091—Hill Annex Mine State Park** – Councilperson Stish stated the resolution and support letters are to encourage the legislature to direct the DNR to keep the park open beyond June 2021. **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Pollard, **to send the letter of support of SF4021 & HF4091 to our four local legislators from the city of Coleraine.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, Troumbly, and Mayor Mandich. Abstain: Councilperson Sutherland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Snowblower and sweeper/brush attachments for ASV** – tabled until further notice.

**Garbage/Recycling cans/Waste Management routes** – tabled until further notice.

**AFSCME request to suspend grievance timelines** – **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Troumbly, **to mutually agree to suspend grievance timelines for AFSCME represented employees during the peacetime state of emergency with the understanding that either party can revoke this agreement and reinstate adherence to timelines by way of written notice to the other party with a notice period of seven (7) days time.**

#### **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

**Stish:** Request that the unions be contacted to see when and how to proceed on renegotiation of the labor agreements that expire on December 31, 2020. Clerk Anderson will start with a request to the respective business agents.

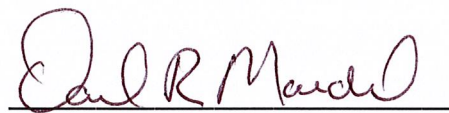
**Troumbly:** None

**Pollard:** None

**Sutherland:** None

**Mandich:** Received a call from Cavour Johnson on the taking down of the trees on the south side of the City Hall building. This cannot be written into the grant request to the Historical Society with the roof and foundation repair. It was suggested that Public Works Supervisor Bertram be contacted and asked how to best get this accomplished. It was also suggested that Plackner could be contacted. In addition, it was stated that beavers had taken down a tree near the peninsula trail that had fallen and needs to be removed. Mayor Mandich will contact Bertram.

**Motion** by Councilperson Stish with the support of Pollard **to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.



Dan Mandich, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer