

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, June 8th, 2020 in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall with some members attending via telephone conference.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

Karin Grandia was unable to attend due to a last-minute conflict. Rian Reed attended and gave a brief overview of the project coming for the US Hwy 169 & CSAH 61 intersection. The project is currently out for bids and will not be completed prior to the school year starting but they are hopeful that it will be done by late fall. A handout which included various options that were considered and the logic behind the one chosen had been included in Council packets. The crosswalks will be enhanced by placing pedestrian activated flashing 'pedestrian crossing' (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System or RRFBs) signs on large overhead poles. There will be one in each direction so they can easily be seen by highway travelers. There will also be RRFB's flashing signs placed approximately 650 feet before the crosswalks. Finally, the right-hand turn lane from Bovey turning west on the highway will be removed. The project is being funded entirely by state aid.

Debbie Maki addressed the Council regarding the speed limits on Autumn Lane. She indicated that there are at least two different speeds on the road – a different one depending on the direction one is coming from. Her feeling is the current posted speed limit of 45 is too high and pedestrians and bikers are not able to use the road with this high speed limit on the narrow road. Council concurred and there was some discussion. Autumn Lane speed limit is on the agenda.

Harold Hannay was not present to address the Council.

George Delich and Ann Vidovic addressed the Council regarding the letter they had received and the situation with their parking lot. They expressed displeasure and disappointment in how the issue was handled. A copy of their response letter and easement to the City had been included in Council packets. Mayor Mandich verbalized that this could have been handled differently. The issue regarding what can be done to prevent the sinking of the property on the easement will be looked into.

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 Pollard, Stish and Mayor Mandich. Attorney Dimich was also present. Councilpersons Sutherland and Troumbly were absent with notice.

Moved by Councilperson Stish, supported by Pollard, **to approve the consent agenda which included Council meeting minutes of 5.26.20, correspondence, regular claims of \$62,716.25 and public utility claims of \$15,512.52.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sarah Carling, CEDA, provided an update on the Days of Action for the City. Currently 13 individual properties have signed up for projects; three of those are businesses. There are potentially three projects for the city that will be done. ASV will come in and remove the pavement surface at the ice rink. The warming shack may get stained and if there is time, volunteers may work on replacing the boards that need it. The new swing set will also be installed at Longyear Park. Harry will make sure curbs and crosswalks get done. Sarah also inquired on the possibility of putting up corrugated plastic signs in places that are participating and where activities would be going on. Council saw no issue. The kick off for the Days of Action will be Friday, June 19th beginning at 9:00 am with a blood drive; registration will be done at the Nyberg Community Center. Last, Sarah made a plea for Council to be involved that day and to extend an invitation and pass along information to their personal networks.

Ken Smith from the Coleraine Centennial Committee stated that the committee is meeting and intends to formulate a plan for working on some much-needed TLC to the pavilion in Longyear Park. He mentioned that the restrooms need upgrading, painting needs to be done, the front door needs to be replaced as well as some ADA cement work. They will formulate a plan and potentially donate funds and services to get some of this accomplished. He will be presenting a plan for Council approval at a later date -- prior to any work being done.

DEPARTMENT HEADS Police Department

Police Chief Mjolsness had presented a written report for Council packets. He also spoke to the quotes received (\$30,483 and \$30,683) for a new squad mentioning that once ordered it will take several months to be outfitted with the proper equipment and put into use. He also declared that citations had been issued for blight but the court is backed up for months.

Public Works (Street):

Public Works Supervisor Bertram had provided a brief written report. In addition, he noted that the bill for street sweeping had come in for \$10,525. He stated that the time spent was more than originally anticipated but the streets looked good and they did a good job. **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Pollard, **to pay the \$10,525 bill to Commercial Asphalt Repair for street sweeping.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A quote from Casper Construction was received for some sanitary sewer service work on Mitchell Street. Bertram conveyed that the work was necessary as the City Engineer confirmed that two households should not be sharing a sewer line. The work is necessary to add a line for a residence

that just got purchased. He also indicated that the ordinance in public utilities may need to be reviewed and updated with the state code requirements. **Motion** by Councilperson Pollard with the support of Stish **to approve the \$10,500 proposal and have Casper Construction do the work.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY:

Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cotton Park Renovation – Clerk Anderson explained work that has been planned for Cotton Park by the Parks, Trails and Landscaping Committee. \$1100 in cash donations had been received last year for this specific purpose, but much of the labor, equipment uses, and additional landscaping items will be donated. **Motion** by Councilperson Pollard, supported by Stish, **to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations for Cotton Park Renovations/Restoration as written and approve the work.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Autumn Lane speed limit – **Motion** by councilperson Pollard with the support of Stish **to change the speed limit on Autumn Lane to 30 miles per hour the entire distance of the roadway and to direct the Public Works Department to put up the signs.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cotton Beach – Clerk Anderson relayed her conversation with Councilperson Sutherland. Discussion followed regarding safety precautions, sanitization, and signage due to Covid. **Motion** by Councilperson Pollard, supported by Stish, **to hire Libby Vekich as the Head Lifeguard and open the Beach on June 15th with no deployment of the raft this season.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Opening of facilities – There was a lengthy discussion about a myriad of items relating to various venues: the cost of services, renting the pavilion and the gazebo in Longyear park separately, deposits, the cost of rentals, sanitization of equipment and buildings, signage that could be put up, sanitization products, and the Governor's turning of the dial and opening up of various activities, businesses and group gathering limitations. A number of motions were made.

Motion by Councilperson Pollard, supported by Stish **to open all facilities to the public for rental, with conditions of following social distancing and gathering guidelines on June 15th.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Facilities will be posted with appropriate signage.

Motion by Councilperson Pollard with the support of Stish **to**

- 1) **change the rental fees for Longyear Park Pavilion to \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents, and \$150 for weddings;**
- 2) **to clarify that the refund of the \$100 deposit will be adjusted should the facility(s) not be cleaned up afterwards;**

- 3) Have a separate rental of the Gazebo in Longyear park of \$50 for residents, \$75 for non-residents and \$125 for weddings (same as the Log Church);
- 4) Should two facilities be rented for a wedding, only one flat fee of \$150 would be charged.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Pollard, supported by Stish **to open the Nyberg Community Center and allow rental of the facility beginning June 15th**. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

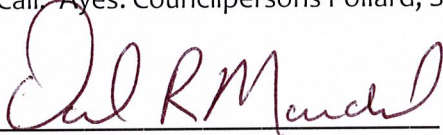
During the conversation it was also recommended that the City post the facilities when they have been rented for an event. The Clerk will work on this.

PD vehicle – Motion by Councilperson Pollard with the support of Stish **to approve the purchase of a vehicle and accept the quote from Lake Woods Chrysler for \$30,483 and for the Clerk to procure a loan with the bank**. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

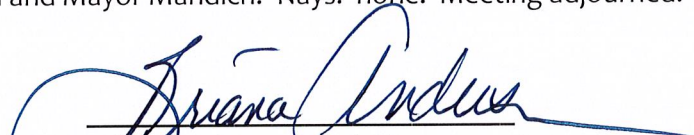
COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Stish: None
Troumbly: Absent
Pollard: None
Sutherland: Absent
Mandich: None

Motion by Councilperson Pollard with the support of Stish **to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Stish and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned.



Dan Mandich, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer