

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 12th, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

David Storrs, resident of Midway Lane addressed the Council regarding issues on Midway Lane. First, he stated that he felt the monies spent to fix all the cracks on Midway Lane were well spent; the roadway has held up good this year. Next he brought up two issues that needed addressing: 1) there are blight issues that have to be irradiated and 2) a speeding issue. He presented a letter to Council requesting that speed bumps be put on Midway Lane. He also requested a flashing speed sign. **Council asked for Midway Lane speed bumps be placed the next agenda.**

George Rauzi addressed the Council with his concerns on use of Cotton Beach this summer. He wanted to know whether the Council intends to open the beach given all the problems with the covid 19 crisis. He personally feels uneasy opening the beach. He stated that if the beach does not open that people come to use it anyway and that individuals would need to be hired just to keep the beach clean. He also felt that two signs be put up with proper language, should the beach not open.

Mr. Rauzi's second issue was that he did not feel that the old fire hall should be sold for any reason and that perhaps the Council does more thinking around that. Perhaps the building could be demolished, and a partial roof could be put up with picnic tables. He feels the Council should preserve what the City has down there and should make it better.

REGULAR MEETING

4:01 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Nielsen at 4:07 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk Anderson. Members present: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Soltzak, Pollard, and Mayor Nielsen. Councilperson Sertich was absent with notice.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Pollard, **to approve the consent agenda which included Council meeting minutes of 3.22.21, special council meeting minutes of 3.29.21, correspondence, and claims totaling \$14,890.12.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard T. Troumbly and Soltzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Councilperson Troumbly with support of Mayor Nielsen **to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of discussion about the old firehall under unfinished business.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Troumbly, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, and Soltzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Mary Drewes addressed the Council providing a brief synopsis of prior discussions of joining police departments and revising the current joint powers agreement.

Ken Smith addressed the Council regarding review of the Comprehensive Plan especially as it relates to the enhancement and preservation of all city facilities, especially community parks. He also stated that he didn't want the old fire hall building sold and that the City should not throw away what they have.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police:

Interim Chief of Police Hussman was not able to attend but had provided a written report in Council packets. His report included his department addressing blight, speeding issues, and the radar trailer. It also included his position on who was entitled to and should be hired for the full time Police Officer position and why. Attorney Dimich was asked and concurred with the recommendation. **Motion** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Pollard, **to hire Nathaniel Grossell as the full-time police officer.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, T. Troumbly, and Soltzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Works (Street):

Public Works Supervisor Bertram had provided a written report for Council packets. Bertram reiterated what was on the report in more detail with a request that the City review what to do about the old street sweeper that is jointly owned.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Dimich had no issues at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2021-04.12-Lib Roof-Blandin Foundation grant – A resolution was presented to Council to apply for and accept funding from the Blandin Foundation for the Library Roof project. **Motion** by Mayor Nielsen, with support from T. Troumbly, **to approve said resolution.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons T. Troumbly, and Soltzak. Momentarily absent: Councilperson Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Greenway High School-Prom request – a letter requesting support for advertising for the GHS Prom was presented to Council. **Motion** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Soltzak **to support advertising for the Greenway High School Prom for \$250.00.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Soltzak, Pollard, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Amending Rental Inspection Checklist – Councilperson T. Troumbly presented revisions being suggested to the rental housing inspection checklist for the City's rental inspector. **Approval of the final checklist will be added to the next agenda under unfinished business.**

Review of Coleraine page on Mesabi Trail website – Motion by Mayor Nielsen supported by Pollard **to approve the planned page on the Mesabi Trail website with a fix to the directions to the entry point from Coleraine.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, T. Troumbly, and Soltzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.


UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old fire hall – A discussion on what to do with the old fire hall ensued. It was stated that decisions on how to move forward would have to wait until after then ending date of the Request for Proposals from any real estate agencies was up. Should there be none, then the Council would need to decide how and what direction to move forward.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Pollard: None
T. Troumbly: None
Soltzak: None
Sertich: Absent
Nielsen: Mayor Nielsen indicated that he has had a meeting with Sarah Carling, CEDA, regarding the newsletter and the creating of a facebook page. He requested discussion of a City facebook page be added to the next agenda.

Motion by Mayor Nielsen with the support of Councilperson Pollard **to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, T. Troumbly, and Soltzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.


Thomas Nielsen, Mayor
Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer