

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A work session was held beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Coleraine City Council began at 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 14th, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

David Storrs addressed the Council and was requesting what was being done about slowing the speeders down on Midway Lane. There was some discussion between Interim Police Chief Hussman, Storrs, and Council.

Debbie Maki was not present. City Clerk Anderson relayed information regarding her request and prior discussion regarding the speed limit on Autumn Lane which previous Council approved to change to 30 mph in both directions. Public Works Supervisor Bertram said he would get some signs up.

An e-mail had been received by resident Pat Dolensek. He believed something became broken during the snow removal season by his home on Hartley. Bertram said he would go and look at it.

REGULAR MEETING

4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Nielsen at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk Anderson. Members present: Councilpersons Pollard, Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen. Attorney Dimich was also present.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Pollard, **to approve the consent agenda which included Council meeting minutes of 5.24.21, correspondence, regular claims of \$64,669.29, \$401.09 already sent, and Public Utility Claims of \$33,770.20.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, and Sertich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Sertich **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police:

Interim Chief of Police Hussman had provided a list of calls for council packets. He stated that there have been lots of calls and lots of big calls. He indicated he is making contacts to dispose of the old

squad and that the contract with ISD 316 for an SRO has been reviewed; the contract it will be presented the way it is now but he will be meeting with the school board requesting a different wage for the SRO.

Hussman handed out communication he was having with AFSCME business agent Stoll regarding an officer filling in. After some discussion, there was a **motion** made by Councilperson T. Troumbly and supported by Mayor Nielsen **to**:

- 1. Compensate officer McCartney at a rate of \$27.56 (new hire officer rate) for the remainder of his temporary placement.**
- 2. That officer McCartney would accrue seniority within the bargaining unit effective 6/7/2021.**
- 3. Officer McCartney would receive 25 hours of sick time.**
- 4. Officer McCartney will receive reimbursement for enrollment in MPPOA.**

It is also stated that this is a one-time, temporary agreement.

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson T. Troumbly, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, Sobtzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Hussman informed Council of his efforts in working with the County and putting Coleraine (and Bovey) officers through a 12-week rigorous field training officer program at no cost to the City.

Lastly, Hussman explained the challenges there will be with staffing in the very near future and informed of the resignation of a Bovey officer. His plea was that the two Councils continue to meet for discussions. A doodle calendar will be sent out for Coleraine Council availability.

Public Works (Street):

A written report was handed out by Public Works Supervisor Bertram. He stated that the new electronic components for the lift stations and the booster plant have been installed and are working wonderfully. These components should extend the life by 10 years and control and trouble shooting can be done by phone.

When asked whose responsibility is the lower parking lot by the dentist's office, Bertram stated it was privately owned. He also said that his vacation time will begin on June 30th.

Councilperson T. Troumbly inquired on City-wide clean-up day and asked whether the rural district can participate. Bertram stated that he drives around the rural area and looks for anything left out, but that residents haven't put anything out in years. Clerk Anderson stated that she thought the service only applied to those within the urban district who receive water and sewer services from the City and that is what the office tells residents. Troumbly inquired if there could be a central location where rural residents could drop their items off within the City. This will be checked in to.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Dimich had nothing to report on City business at this time. He stated that he attended the WMMPB meeting where there was discussion on the Hwy 169 corridor and constructing four lanes between Taconite and Pengilly. Congressman Stauber only had five shovel ready projects. Dimich requested that everyone fill out a survey on their thoughts on expanding that section of highway.

NEW BUSINESS:

CBT Makeup Replacement Fund--\$28,535.67 – Motion by Councilperson Pollard with the support of T. Troumbly **to pay Coleraine’s annual portion of the CBT Makeup replacement fund in the amount of \$28,535.67.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, T. Troumbly, Sobotzak, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Status of Bovey Police Department and Joint Powers Agreement – representation was not present; Council informed of status and there was some discussion during the Police Department report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Itasca Ski & Outing Club – additional support of \$5,000? -- additional support request tabled. Clerk Anderson requested Itasca Ski & Outing Club provide invoice for budgeted City Support of \$10,000.

ARP-LFR funds—resolution -- Motion by Councilperson Sertich, supported by Mayor Nielsen, **to approve Resolution No. 2021-06.14 ARPA Funds—A resolution to apply for and accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established under the American Rescue Plan Act.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Sertich, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sobotzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Social Media Policy and public notice – Motion by Mayor Nielsen with support of Councilperson Sertich **to accept the revisions to the policy and the public notice as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobotzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Log Church Maintenance – Mayor Nielsen has been in contact with Nelson Log Homes in Grand Rapids; he indicated they are booked and probably cannot be contracted for this year.

Stormwater Retrofit Project—Kerr Avenue Rain Gardens – Andy Arens from Itasca Soil and Water explained that the cost overruns were a result of ADA compliance in tying into the old sidewalk. The cost overrun is \$6,549.49. Should the City pay this overrun it would be considered part of the cash match for the overall Stormwater Retrofit Project. Councilperson Pollard asked for a detail of the cost overruns. Arens also indicated that the specifications called for ½ felt between the sidewalk and the curb. This was not done. In negotiating with the contractor Arens would like to suggest a warranty for any cracks occurring within a year. He informed that this is simply an option. **Motion** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Pollard, **to pay the cost overruns of \$6500.00.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, Sobotzak, T. Troumbly, and Sertich.

Another **motion** made by Mayor Nielsen, with support of Councilperson Sertich, **to have Arens work with Attorney Dimich should the contractor agree to a warranty on the sidewalk.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobotzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Pollard: None
T. Troumbly: None
Sobtzak: None
Sertich: None
Nielsen: None

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Nielsen at 5:19 p.m.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer