

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 11, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

Andy Arens, of Itasca Soil and Water Conservation District handed out the Itasca County Local Water Management Plan and described work that was being done at the headwaters of the Mississippi River. He informed on the "One Watershed One Plan for Upper Mississippi-Grand Rapids Watershed (1W1P) and explained that it will take 1 ½ years before the plan is done. He invited members of the Coleraine Council to be on the Advisory or Policy group Board. It will be two or three years before the 1st allocation of funds. Successful grants will require a 10% match and will be project based. Approval of the letter of support being requested is on the agenda.

REGULAR MEETING

4:01 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Pollard at 4:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk Anderson. **Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, Councilpersons Sobotzak, T. Troumbly, and Sertich.** Mayor Nielsen was absent with notice. Attorney Dimich was also present.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, supported by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the consent agenda which include approval of the minutes of 3.28.22, special meeting minutes of 4.1.22, correspondence, public utility claims of \$15,139.17, regular claims of \$21,475.14, and letter of support for SF 4052, HF 4423, and related bills to various members of the Legislature from the City of Coleraine.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly and Sobotzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, seconded by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Lloyd Anderson inquired if the fan that got destroyed last year during the power washing of the school could be repaired by the school. This will be checked in to.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police:

Interim Police Chief Mjolsness was not present but had provided a written report.

Public Works (Street):

Public Works Lead, Mike Anderson, had provided a brief written report that he went over. He informed that Clean-Up day has been scheduled for May 18th. An inquiry was made if the rural district could also participate in this, perhaps having a location where they could drop items off on May 19th. (9am to 12pm inside the

fence at city garage?). Mike will check into this. Clerk's office will get the date posted on the next Utility bills, get a list of unacceptable items and get a posting on the website and facebook page.

ATTORNEY:

Attorney Dimich indicated that Attorney Chad Sterle could do an agreement but explained the challenges he would have developed a Joint Power Agreement for the Police Departments without any direction or decisions being made. He stressed that there are many things to think about, like 'who would govern', 'who ultimately would be the decision makers', 'who would be negotiating contracts', would payroll be contracted out, what about paying bills, etc. He reiterated that there were other things that needed to be decided first. Dimich recommended the city reach out to one of the attorney's that he had provided quotes for and to start a conversation about what options are and he pros and cons to each.

Motion by Councilperson T. Troumbly, with the support of Sertich **to have the Clerk's office set up a consultation open meeting between Council and Scott Lepak of Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd. to get information regarding options for Council to consider along with pros and cons of merging two police departments and a direction in which to proceed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Supervisor position-determine hiring committee – Motion by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by T. Troumbly **to post Public Works Supervisor position externally to create a larger pool of applicants.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried. The hiring committee will consist of Councilpersons Pollard and T. Troumbly, Clerk Anderson, a community member, and a possibly a Public Works Supervisor from another entity. Clerk Anderson will reach out.

Approve recommended hire of Coleraine Police Chief – Motion by Councilperson T. Troumbly with the support of Sobtzak **to approve the recommendation of hiring committee to offer the police chief position to Jared Morse contingent upon checking references, an extensive background investigation, a police physical, and a psychological evaluation.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, Sertich, and Mayor Pro Tem Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance Agreement with Trout Lake Township – Motion made by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by Pollard **to approve the unchanged agreement.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Sobtzak, Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, and Councilpersons Sertich and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-3.14-Lib MDE revised—acknowledging terms of agreement -- Clerk Anderson indicated that the state would not accept the resolution without specific reference to the fund numbers and definition within the resolution. The only revision to the prior approved resolution was to add the fund numbers and description. **Motion** by Councilperson Sobtzak with support from T. Troumbly **to approve the revised resolution.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Pro Tem Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Resolution for One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) for the Upper Mississippi Grand Rapids watershed – This resolution is offering the City of Coleraine's support for the plan developed by Itasca Soil and Water conservation District as presented and explained in the work session. **Motion** by Councilperson T. Troumbly, supported by Sertich, **to approve the resolution in support of the 1W1P.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sertich, Sobtzak, and Mayor Pro Tem Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Audit Recommendations (9 items) -- Councilperson T. Troumbly wanted council to review the Auditor's recommendations and begin to take action when they are still fresh. The first item was what to do about the Golf Course debt. Councilperson Sobotzak requested that all of this be tabled for now. He indicated that most of the auditors suggestions are really housekeeping recommendations and could be done during the budget sessions. All tabled for now.

Speed and Stop signs in town – Councilperson T. Troumbly brought up that there is no speed or stop signs in the Birch and Bay area. Clerk Anderson indicated that Public Works orders the signs and that they and the Police Department generally work together to have the signs installed. **Motion** by Councilperson T. Troumbly supported by Sertich **to put up 20 mile per hour speed signs and stop signs in the Birch and Bay area.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sertich, Sobotzak, and Mayor Pro Tem Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

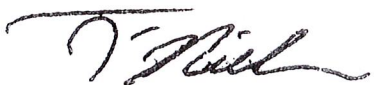
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approve ad with lower minimum bid for 2013 police truck – based information received by Interim Police Chief Mjolsness regarding the vehicle's condition, it has been requested that the minimum bid be lowered to \$9,000. **Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Pollard with the support of Sobotzak **to reduce the minimum bid to \$9000.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Pollard: None
Sobotzak: None
T Troumbly: None
Sertich: None
Nielsen: Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Pollard, supported by Councilperson Sertich, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer