

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. on **Monday, July 25th, 2022** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall and via TEAMS meeting.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

Interim Police Chief Grossell suggested to Council that they consider a new scheduling for the police department. He relayed that moving to a two on, two off, five on, five off schedule would be beneficial for consistency for those officers with children who need to schedule childcare in advance and would reduce the amount of overtime needed in the case of vacations and/or sick time. Hours worked in a pay period would not change and remain at 80 hours. He also indicated that this would benefit police officers in investigative cases. He stated that the Bovey Police Department agrees with this proposal. The scheduling change is on the agenda.

Time was also spent discussing a potential date for a special joint council meeting. Ultimately, August 3rd at 5pm was determined because its prior Bovey Council's work session. Clerk Anderson will reach out to Bovey and see if this is satisfactory.

Resident and Parks and Recreation volunteer, Mary Troumbly, spoke of the work that has been done at Longyear Park and her concern about replacing one of the large trees that came down. She was suggesting the placement of three new flowering crab trees near the site since they are discounted items right now. She will also be putting in some new pavers. A request was made by Council to add 'trees for Longyear Park' to the agenda.

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, Soltzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Sertich **to approve the consent agenda which included Council meeting minutes of 7.11.2022, claims of \$114,419.49 and TIF developer shares of \$128,055.46.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Nielsen with the support of Councilperson Soltzak **to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 'trees at Longyear Park' under new business.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Holly Guyer indicated that she heard the community event was wonderful and she hopes it continues. She inquired on speed limit signs and 'slow, watch for children' signs on Mesabi Ave. Lastly, she inquired on how the City gets Seniors 55 and older living in the area. She stated that most don't want to move but that there is nothing available as a Senior Living complex.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Library

Reports were not yet provided and should be available at the next Council meeting.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Anderson had provided a written report. She added that the reserve had not been met on the old PD squad put out on K-bid and council will need to decide what to do next. She stated that the closing was complete on the sale of the old fire hall building but that Council will have to extend dates for progress on the project due to the lengthy delay by the title company to close the deal.

Committee/Commission/Other Public Utilities Commission & CBT

CBT meeting minutes were included in Council packets. No minutes were available for the Public Utilities Commission meeting; first meeting since Rick has arrived on staff. Everything is going well.

Trout Lake Fire Department

They will be looking for a second quote for tables and chairs for the training room, they are still looking into internet options.

Eagle Ridge Golf Course

Gary Gustason could not be present but provided a short, e-mailed report that was included in Council packets. Councilperson Pollard indicated Tanner Hansen, Gustason, Councilperson Sertich and himself were working on a new agreement between the City and the Eagle Ridge Management Group going forward.

Zoning & Planning

Minutes from the last meeting were included in Council packets. Mayor Nielsen said he had an inquiry about putting in a modular home in the golf course area. Zoning Officer Anderson said that he wasn't sure if that would be covered by the covenants that are set in part of the area.

Greenway Joint Recreation Board

Minutes from the last meeting were included in Council packets.

Cotton Beach

In regard to a question, it was stated that it was thought that tests for water quality are done every two weeks. All tests have come back fine.

Mt. Itasca Ski Hill

Councilperson Pollard indicated Itasca Ski and Outing Club was again asking the City of Grand Rapids for funding; Grand Rapids has denied them in the past.

Police Merger Committee

Any further meetings have been suspended until the two cities come up with a metric or formula for department funding. It is hoped a Special Joint Council meeting will be held Wednesday, August 3rd for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Second line and cell phone for Public Works Department – It was stated that an additional line would cost \$45 per month. **Motion** by Councilperson Sertich, supported by T. Troumbly **to approve a second line for the Public Works Department.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, Pollard, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Coleraine PD scheduling – This was explained during the work session. **Motion** by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson Sertich **to approve the two on, two off, five on, five off scheduling for the department.** Ayes: all. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Agreement with Northern Drug Screening, Inc. – It was explained that the City has an agreement with the entity for random testing and new hire drug screenings and that the revised agreement is due to a slight increase in costs. **Motion** by Councilperson Sertich, supported by Mayor Nielsen, **to approve the revised agreement.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Sertich, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Offer for PD pickup – tabled.

Trees for Longyear Park – **Motion** by Councilperson Sobtzak with support of Mayor Nielsen **for volunteer Mary Troumbly to purchase the trees up to \$200.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilperson Sobtzak, Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, and Pollard. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Log Church exterior restoration – Grant from IRRR has been approved pending SHPO finishing their review and approval.

Brock Lane – this was covered in the Clerk's report.

City-wide infrastructure project, Street lighting project, and Autumn Lane Project – Clerk Anderson noted that City Engineer Major, Rick, and her would be meeting on Tuesday morning to get some clarifications and get everyone up to speed on all three projects. Clerk Anderson informed Council that she had asked Major to provide an update at the next Council meeting on August 8th.

Council concerns/comments

Pollard: None
Sertich: Has had a request for an Autistic Child sign at the end of Gayley Ave.; Inquired on what the process was.
Sobtzak: None

T. Troumbly: Inquired on a meeting debrief on the Picnic in the Park event. She would like to start the process and get things going for next year. There was some discussion about getting people off the lake and a potential place to park boats for the day. **A date was set for next years event: July 15th, 2023.** It was also suggested to look at 'save the date' cards being mailed to residents and to get the golf course more involved in the event.

Mayor Nielsen: None

Mayor Nielsen **motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.** Motion supported by Councilperson Sertich. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer