

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A work session was held beginning at 3:36 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Coleraine City Council was held at 4:10 p.m., **Monday, March 13th, 2023** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

The work session consisted of an introduction of Lisa Randall, new CEDA staff who will be working with Sarah Carling one day a week (primarily Monday's) in Coleraine. After introducing herself, she stated that they were wanting to do another brain storming session with the council and community on projects/priorities. She spoke of six buckets: 1) city projects/city wide, 2) Eagle Ridge Golf Course, 3) Greenway Joint Recreation Association and the Arena, 4) Mt. Itasca, 5) business outreach, and 6) getting kids involved. She stated that their role is to bring resources, remove obstacles, and to find ways to bridge gaps. Council indicated having another brain storming session would be welcome.

REGULAR MEETING

4:01 p.m.

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

Moved by Mayor pro Tem Sobotzak, supported by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 2.27.23, correspondence, demo grant pass through of \$16,625.00, PU claims sent of \$18,310.32, and claims of \$40,956.46.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor pro Tem Sobotzak, Councilpersons Sertich, Dreher, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor pro Tem Sobotzak, seconded by Councilperson Dreher, **to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Greenway Area Community Foundation Grant under new business.** Roll Call: Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Drewes, former Coleraine resident, indicated she was on the TEAMS meeting last time and the sound and everything worked wonderfully. Council indicated they appreciated the positive feedback. She also recommended that the Council read an article in the Star Tribune about Greater Minnesota that was recently published and contact their local legislators.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police:

No report.

Public Works (Street):

Public Works Supervisor Rogich had provided a written report where he expounded on each of the eight bullet points. He did add that the skating rink is now closed for the season and that he will not be present at the April meeting.

Committees and Commissions Infrastructure Committee

No meeting held due to lack of a quorum.

ATTORNEY:

Not present; no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Correction to minutes of 1.9.23 – transfer of \$28,013.34 (not \$11,567.13) to debt service fund – Motion to correct the minutes and list the correct amount made by Mayor pro Tem Sobtzak which was supported by Councilperson Sertich. Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor pro Tem Sobtzak, Councilpersons Sertich, Dreher, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Road Maintenance agreement with Itasca County – Public Works Supervisor Rogich recommended approving the agreement with the **addition of grading 0.1 miles of gravel on Hakala Lane once a month.** **Motion** by Councilperson Sertich, supported by Dreher, **to approve the agreement with the suggested addition.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sertich, Dreher, T. Troumbly, and Mayor pro Tem Sobtzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jess Harry Road – MN Dot wants to realign Jess Harry Road to line up better with Gunn Road for a project that they are doing. They have reached out to Public Works Supervisor Rogich to inquire about purchasing the Right Of Way for the project. An inquiry was made as to why the City needs to purchase a section of property for the right of way. With the answer being unknown, this has been **tabled** until more information can be provided.

Greenway Area Community Foundation Grant – Motion to approve Councilperson T. Troumbly to move forward with the application process made by Mayor pro Tem Sobtzak with the support of Councilperson Sertich. A formal resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Laborer/Janitor position – Motion by Councilperson Sertich, supported by Dreher, **to approve the hire of Jeff Seibert as the short-term Laborer/Janitor.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sertich, Dreher, T. Troumbly, and Mayor pro Tem Sobtzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Police Chief position – Clerk Anderson reported that a conditional offer had been extended to Bryan Johnson and he has accepted. Now it's just a matter of time for the conditions to be met – the extensive background check can take more than a month. Preliminary anticipated start date would be around the middle of April.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Sobtzak: None
T Troumbly: None
Sertich: Inquired on the status of survey of city property on Powell Avenue.
Dreher: None
Nielsen: Absent

Motion by Mayor Pro tem Sobtzak with the support of Sertich **to adjourn the meeting at 4:42p.m.** Ayes: All.
Nays: none. Motion carried.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer