

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, June 12th, 2023** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

WORK SESSION

3:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Jensen went over proposal for PSN to provide robo calls for those utility bills that are more than one month overdue. Councilperson Dreher went over newsletter that has been put together and provided a slight timeline. Clerk Anderson will order 10 rolls of stamps.

Mayor Nielsen expressed that he wishes to tighten up meetings and get back to not calling on people in the gallery during the council meeting. No public input during the regular agenda --- when on the agenda it's Council's time to discuss and not for public input. Should the public have things to say, they should say them during the public comment section of 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 Dreher, Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen.** City Attorney Dimich was also present.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Sobtzak, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 4.22.23, correspondence, claims of \$24,291.13, Resolution No. 2023-06.12—Greenway Area Community Fund accepting a donation of \$3,000 for Cotton Park playground equipment, and Resolution No. 2023-06.12—Pengilly Booster Club accepting up to \$2,000 for Picnic in Park Community Event.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich and Dreher. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Nielsen, seconded by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mari Sloan, owner of Roosevelt Square, inquired if the cotton beach area could be marked off for swimming to prevent boats from entering the swimming area. She also inquired if passing some kind of ordinance could be done to prevent the first floor of buildings being turned into apartments and kept as storefronts. Council took both comments under advisement.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police:

A written report had been included in Council packets that Chief Johnson briefly went over. He indicated that there have been lots of kids out and about between 11pm and 3am causing mischief.

Public Works (Street):

Public Works Supervisor Rogich went over the written report that was provided in Council packets.

Committees and Commissions

Infrastructure Committee

Minutes from the last committee meeting will be provided at the next council meeting.

ATTORNEY:

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2023-06.12—Holiday – Motion by Mayor Nielsen, with support of Councilperson Sertich **to approve the resolution establishing Juneteenth recognizing the end of slavery as a city Holiday.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Sobtzak, and Dreher. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MOU between City and TEAMSTERS Local Union #320 AND LOU between City and AFSCME, Council 65, Local No. 456 – Motion by Mayor Nielsen with the support of Councilperson Dreher **to approve respective agreements presented and to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday to both collective bargaining agreements effective in June of this year.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Dreher, Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, and Sertich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mt Itasca Lease – Bob Cozenius informed council that the lease between the city and the Itasca Ski and Outing Club that they have been operating under expired on July 31, 2021. He is requesting a 20 year extension to the lease beginning now with a new expiration date of July 31, 2043. **Motion** by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by T. Troumbly **to extend the lease until 2043 at a rate of \$1 per year.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobtzak, T. Troumbly, Dreher, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Unpaid Leave of Absence request – Motion by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson T. Troumbly **to approve the unpaid leave of absence request up to 12 weeks with employee keeping supervisor informed of status and providing a ‘fitness for duty’ statement from doctor prior to return to work.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Dreher, Sobtzak, and Sertich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

TJs Auto Repair bill--\$5,800 from restricted forfeiture savings; \$1,066.60 from PD. Motion by Councilperson T. Troumbly, supported by Sertich, **to approve and pay the TJs Auto Repair bill with \$5,800 coming from the restricted forfeiture savings account and \$1,066.60 from the general fund-PD.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sertich, Sobtzak, Dreher, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PSN Auto Calls contract – Motion to approve the PSN Auto Calls contract as recommended made by Councilperson Sobtzak with the support of Dreher. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Sobtzak, Dreher, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling tax – Clerk Anderson informed Council that it has been discovered that gambling operations at Eagle Ridge Golf Course by Community Charities of Minnesota has been properly licensed but the 10% gambling tax payable to the city required by ordinance has not been done. She indicated that this was probably an oversight when the city approved the license in 2017. The only payout has been \$2,482.50 to the Eagle Ridge Management Group for a junior golfing program. Now that discovered, the tax will get caught up for 2023. Discussion and inquiry ensued. Council directed Anderson to get a statement of gambling revenues for the years 2017-2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Four Season Market sinking pavement – George Delich has indicated that something needs to be done to permanently correct the problem. Some discussion was held regarding the issue and what steps need to be taken to correct it. No formal action taken.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Sobtzak: None

T Troumbly: None

Sertich: None

Dreher: None

Nielsen: Indicated that radio ads to promote the Picnic in the Park community event can be done again this year for \$501.50. Clerk Anderson indicated that this would be considered an acceptable expense of public funds. Motion by Councilperson T. Troumbly, with the support of Sertich to schedule and pay for the radio ads from the general fund. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons T. Troumbly, Sertich, Sobtzak, Dreher, and Mayor Nielsen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayor Nielsen supported by Councilperson Sertich **to go into recess for a closed session at 4:48 p.m. and for the gallery to be cleared.** Ayes: all.

At **5:00 p.m.** the council meeting was reconvened in closed session to discuss non-public data as it relates to medical records pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2 and Minn. Stat. § 144.291-.298.

Motion made by Mayor Nielsen **to come out of closed session and reconvene regular meeting at 5:11 p.m.** which was supported by Councilperson Sobtzak. Ayes: all.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson Sobtzak. Ayes: all. Motion carried; meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer