

### 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, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

### WORK SESSION

**3:30 p.m.**

The work session consisted of Council setting a date for a special closed meeting to discuss negotiation strategy for upcoming negotiations with the Teamster represented employees. The date was set for Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. Clerk Anderson explained financing options for the Street Lighting project.

### REGULAR MEETING

**4:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Sobotzak at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was done by Clerk Anderson. **Members present: Councilpersons Giving, T. Troumbly and Mayor Pro tem Sobotzak.** Councilperson Sertich and Mayor Nielsen were absent with notice.

**Moved** by Mayor pro tem Sobotzak, supported by Councilperson Giving, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 1.8.24, correspondence, PU claims sent of \$27,887.27 and claims of \$133,777.97.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor pro tem Sobotzak, Councilpersons Giving, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Moved** by Mayor pro tem Sobotzak, seconded by Councilperson Giving, **to approve the meeting agenda as presented.** Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

### DEPARTMENT HEADS

#### Library:

A packet of financial reports covering October 2023 through January 2024 and Library Board minutes of 8.16.23 and 9.13.23 were included in Council packets.

#### Clerk's Report

Clerk-Treasurer Anderson went over the written report that had been included in council packets.

#### Committee/Commission/Other Public Utilities Commission & CBT

Minutes from the last meetings were included in Council packets. A rate increase in Public Utilities was briefly discussed; information will be presented at the next Council meeting.

### **Trout Lake Fire Department**

Minutes were included in Council packets.

### **Eagle Ridge Golf Course**

Gary Gustason stated that a committee had just met discussing options for the installation of a maintenance building. They will be working closely Mike Andrews and are trying to figure things out. The Christmas party was a success; a lot of annual memberships came in at that time. They are working on setting up social media and doing something with their website. Not much else going on due to it being winter.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Zoning Officer Anderson stated that Trika Smith has been helping him and he is trying to recruit her to be on the commission to fill a vacancy.

### **Greenway Joint Recreation Board**

Minutes of their last meeting were included in council packets.

### **Cotton Beach & Mt. Itasca Ski Hill**

Nothing to report.

### **Infrastructure Committee**

Minutes from the last meeting were included in Council packets.

### **CEDA**

Lisa Randall reported that she and Sarah Carling spent the last week organizing and categorizing projects across all communities in the county. CEDA would like to engage a park committee to determine what play equipment families would like to have in the Cotton Park playground. CEDA will be working towards coordinating a group of volunteers to oversee the planning for the Picnic in the Park event, and exploring funding options to expand the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approve Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Labor Agreement 1.1.23 to 12.31.26 – Motion to formally approve the LELS Labor Agreement 1.1.23 to 12.31.26** made by Councilperson T. Troumbly with support from Giving. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Troumbly, Giving, and Mayor Pro tem Sobotzak. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2024-01.22 – P&F PERA Fund** – tabled due to the lack of a supermajority in attendance. Will be placed on the next agenda.

**Street Lighting project – funding** – Clerk Anderson explained the two options recommended by the city's financial advisor. 1) stay with a micro loan (over 10 years) with MNRW and pay \$64,000 in cash to buy down to the micro loan level which would hit cash reserves OR 2) finance the entire project which would mean roughly an additional \$1,000 per year for the payment. Option two was strongly recommended. **Motion** by Mayor Pro tem Sobotzak, supported by Councilperson Giving, **to proceed with Option #2 and finance the entire project.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Sobotzak, Councilpersons Giving, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**School parking on Roosevelt on business block** -- There have been reported issues regarding students parking in front of businesses on one block of Roosevelt. There was discussion on what could be done. There are signs there but they are being ignored. An inquiry was made if warning tickets could be issued. No action was taken.

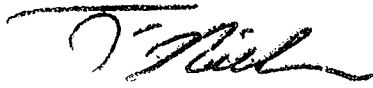
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

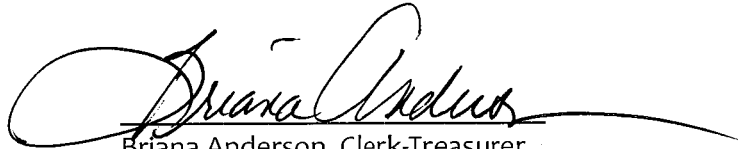
**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

**Sobtzak:** None  
**T Troumbly:** Inquired about putting up street signs (stop, speed limit, children at play) on Birch and Bay loop.  
**Sertich:** Absent  
**Dreher:** None  
**Nielsen:** Absent

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.** by Mayor Pro tem Sobtzak with support from Councilperson T. Troumbly. Ayes: all. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer