

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A work session was held at 3:30 p.m. and the regular meeting of the Coleraine City Council was held at 4:01 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2018, in the council chambers of Coleraine City Hall. Members present: Mayor Hagen, Councilpersons Peggy Smith, Mary Drewes, Ryan Stish, and Jeff Troumbly.

WORK SESSION

3:30 P.M.

BJ Hanson, Realtor and Coleraine resident, expressed concern that the Council is not considering selling the property to get it on the tax rolls. Hanson indicated that she was not representing her company but she is opposed to selling or giving space (the old fire hall) to a non-profit; she would prefer it be sold and put the property on the tax rolls. She suggested that the city see if there is somebody out there who would be interested in purchasing the property for a business, perhaps for \$1.00. Mayor Hagen thanked her for input, informed that there has been a lot of community input with a variety of ideas for the buildings use prior to today, and that currently there are plans for use of the building and irons in the fire. Those things will be given priority at the present time.

REGULAR MEETING

4:01 P.M.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councilperson Drewes and supported by Stish to approve the consent agenda, with claims totaling \$20,023.83. Roll Call: Ayes: Drewes, Stish, Troumbly, Smith, Mayor Hagen. Nays: none. Motion carried. Councilperson Smith, with support by Troumbly, motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lloyd Anderson expressed concern about the garbage trucks current process. He was wondering if the garbage truck could be rerouted to better accommodate residents. Mayor Hagen will make the appropriate contacts.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Street:

Interim Public Works Supervisor, Harry Bartram, was unavailable to provide a report. Councilperson Drewes indicated she has been approached by the Ski Hill to have 5 loads of gravel brought in for the entrance road with an estimated cost of \$700. A slight discussion ensued. Councilperson Drewes was asked to get a firm bid to present to the Council.

Police:

Interim Police Chief, Lonnie Mjolsness, provided a written report and went over its highlights, including the potential of providing some contracted service to Marble.

At this time Councilperson Drewes indicated she had had a conversation with Dean Scherf and possessed information on how the City of Cohasset has handled things utilizing contracted services with Mr. Scherf as a Security Officer. She explained that he handles blight issues, nuisance complaints, the issuance of parking tickets, and provides a presence to the community. He makes no arrests; if he sees something he call the Sheriff's Department. It was further reported that the squad used was donated by the Sheriff's Department and that the Security Officer is self-insured. Drewes reported that the burglary rate in Cohasset has dropped by 80% and the contract employee is paid \$30/hr. Some discussion ensued. Mayor Hagen requested a copy of everything that Councilperson Drewes had for a meeting with Marble's Mayor as they are waiting for us to provide some information.

Councilperson Drewes expressed concern. Her position is that the Joint Powers Agreement with Bovey would be in jeopardy should the City continue to pursue extending police coverage to Marble. She feels the City would be liable in the event of an accident or injury while working in Marble, would be providing a squad car, and any overtime would reflect back on the City's schedule. She stated that even at the rate of \$58/hr, her feeling was that this plan would not be economically advantageous.

Fire Department:

Chief Mjolsness gave an oral report. They would like to see a total of at least 30 volunteer firefighters; currently there are 24 with 2 currently testing. He reported that when a call comes in everybody who is available comes. They have answered 129 calls so far this year.

Mjolsness also reported that Hammerlund was requesting final payment although there are still some unresolved issues and fixes that need to be made to the Trout Lake Emergency Services Building. The Fire Board was informed by Hammerlund that they would not be fixing anything else so it appears that they will be keeping the last retainage – approximately \$22,000. Chief Mjolsness is still looking into this. It was suggested that he look into the language in the performance bond.

Committees and Commissions

Zoning and Planning

Duane Ranger reported that he attended an excellent presentation on Broadband. He suggested that if anyone had the opportunity that they attend. He also attended a presentation by Art England on strategic and critical metals. This is another he would recommend be attended should the opportunity arise.

Police Merger and Consolidation Committee

Councilperson Drewes reported that she had met with Mike Bibich and Debbie Trobojevich as a potential joint powers commission. She reported that one of their concerns was the communication during the transition period of shift change. A discussion ensued where Mjolsness explained how the transition period works.

During the discussion, it was brought up that the Coleraine City Council has already set policy regarding the Police Department. Drewes indicated she would take care of handing out copies of the revised draft done by Stein, Trobojevich, Hagen, and Smith.

Attorney

The City Attorney was not available. Clerk Anderson reported he called and would be tied up in court so would not make it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Smith moved, supported by Drewes, that we pay \$10,000 by June 1st, of the CBT apportionment early to be deducted from the total amount that will be due in December. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Smith, Drewes, Stish, Troumbly, and Mayor Hagen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Drewes, supported by Stish, to accept the 9'7" x 4'10" American Flag donation by Lloyd Anderson. Ayes: All, Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Smith, supported by Drewes, to adopt the resolution of knowledge and support of funding for a Trout Lake Outdoor Education and Activity Center by Christa Berg. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Smith, Drewes, Stish, Troumbly, and Mayor Hagen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Councilperson Troumbly, supported by Smith, moved to set the lease agreement with Rapid Rooter at \$500 per month plus utilities. In addition, the renter must provide proof of insurance. Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried. Mayor Hagen will contact Damien Fillbrandt.

Councilperson Smith brought up the invoice provided by Clerk Anderson in correspondence. Anderson wants to pursue doing some of the website maintenance herself due to the high cost of having the contractor doing it. Discussion ensued regarding developing and maintaining websites. Consensus was that the Clerk pursue an evaluation of what she could do and potential training.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Teamsters Local #320 Labor Agreement was discussed. There was much confusion over an addition of a "Me Too" Memorandum of Understanding, item 26.2 language, retiree insurance for Mary Roy, and the composite rate for health insurance. This has been tabled until Councilperson Smith can contact the Business Agent.

Funding for playground equipment/raft at Cotton Beach. Mayor Hagen indicated he received a call and we will be receiving \$1000 from the Beefy Lawson fund. We will also be receiving money from the Eagles and Eagles Auxiliary but he was not told how much. Mayor Hagen will be contacting the Bovey Lions Club to see if they can provide some funds as well.

Old Fire Hall – this was discussed earlier in the resolution and lease agreement.

Fire suppression system – Clerk Anderson knows that the issue with the system has been fixed. She was told a report would be given to Bertram who was not available to relay the report.

Solar Power – Mayor Hagen knows the entity was looking at property. He drafted and sent out a letter regarding proceeding with the process that council approved but not binding in any way.

Public Works Supervisor position – Applications have been reviewed, two applicants have withdrawn. At the request of the interview committee, the job has been reposted in the hopes of creating a larger pool of applicants. The new deadline for applications to be received is May 31st at 4:30p.m.

City petition to have employee change unions – this has been tabled until other issues regarding health insurance and the Teamster contract have been resolved.

A special meeting to hear a presentation from Bill Singer regarding health insurance needs to be posted immediately. The meeting is Wednesday, May 16th at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers.

A reminder was given that the training gathering on roles and governance as presented by LMC research attorney is set for Monday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Council concerns/comments

Stish: Concerned about the status of fixing the Pear Lake Road culvert. Are we waiting on the DNR? Something needs done to temporarily fix the bumps until a permanent fix to the road is done. Hagen will talk to Bertram.

Smith: The picture in the council chambers needs to get put up before it gets damaged. Hagen will contact the Public Works Department.

Still waiting to do a sit down with the Golf Course people. Hagen will get a hold of Mike Barle.

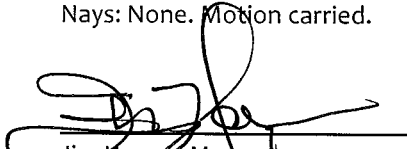
Drewes: None

Troumbly: None

**ASSIGN TO NEXT AGENDA: PD Joint Powers Agreement
Funding for playground equipment (swing set)**

**Funding for new raft at Cotton Beach
Old Fire Hall
Fire suppression system
Solar Power
Public Works Supervisor position
Police Department Joint Powers Agreement**

Moved by councilperson Smith, supported by Drewes to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M. Ayes: All.
Nays: None. Motion carried.



Jim Hagen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer