

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 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28th, 2019 in the council chambers. Members present: Mayor Mandich and Councilpersons Troumbly, Sutherland and Pollard. Councilperson Stish gave notice that he will be arriving late.

WORK SESSION

3:30 P.M.

Simone Fillbrandt addressed the Council indicating that Rapid Rooter is very happy leasing the old fire hall and reiterated that they would be interested in continuing the lease and/or purchasing the building depending on the direction the City goes. The current lease is up in May.

Matt Stephens of Experienced Insurance Advisors where the PEIP insurance goes through also addressed the Council. He wanted to bring attention to a couple issues. He provided a brief history of the process leading to the relationship between AFSCME represented employees and PEIP. One of the hiccups that has arisen is in relation to the employee/retiree being able to use a debit card for pharmacy expenses. The way it is set up, the employee/retiree cannot use a debit card per IRS regulations. Stephens indicated simplest fix is to put HSA/HRA funds all into one bucket. Stephens also stated employees/retirees have access to all funds, they just have to submit pharmacy expenses for reimbursement. Clerk asked to place this on agenda for the next meeting.

The rest of the work session was used by Public Works Supervisor Bertram explaining issues with the 2014 plow truck with a discussion around options, cost, and moving forward.

REGULAR MEETING

4:02 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Councilperson Sutherland and supported by Pollard **to approve consent agenda which included the Council meeting minutes of 1.14.19.** Ayes: all, Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve claims totaling \$125,440.78 made by Councilperson Pollard with the support of Sutherland. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Pollard, Sutherland, Troumbly, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Troumbly with the support of Pollard **to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of fixing the plow truck first under new business.** Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Library

A written report along with Library Board minutes were included in Council Packets.

Clerk's Report

A written report was handed out. Clerk Anderson verbally went through the report highlighting where expenses wound up for 2018 (unaudited), changes still being made to properly charge expenses to their proper place, a required change in reporting of the Public Utilities fund for 2019 by the State of MN, a brief explanation of other activities, and a statement that the Auditors started their review today.

Golf Course

Representation was not present. Clerk Anderson reported that the City has received zero dollars from the Golf Course for 2018.

Planning

Lloyd Anderson indicated that there was nothing substantial to report at this time.

Greenway Joint Recreation Board

Minutes from the last board meeting were included in Council correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fixing of plow truck – Motion made by Councilperson Troumbly with the support of Pollard **to have the plow truck towed to Virginia to see what necessary repairs need to be made and to give Public Works Supervisor Bertram authority to authorize whatever needs to be done as long as it is within the budget.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Troumbly, Pollard, Sutherland, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Engineering Contract Amendment No. 01 on CBT Forcemain Project – Motion by Sutherland, supported by Pollard to accept the Engineering Contract Amendment No. 01. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Elected Official training with LMC – A brief discussion ensued as to who may be going and the process to register. Clerk Anderson was requested to register Mayor Mandich; others can let her know and she will register them as well.

Report on Study of TIF # 4 by Financial Consultant David Drown – Mr. Drown explained that he had been hired by the City to do some forensic accounting on TIF #4 – Wildwood. He first reviewed the basics of how and why TIF districts are set up – the property tax system is used as an economic development tool. Mr. Drown had provided a written report of the history of TIF #4 and his findings. He verbally went over this with those present. After review of the written report, Mr. Drown expressed that there is a common misconception that taxes will go down after the TIF is done. They do not; the same taxes are charged, they are diverted differently. Charlie Loegering, the developer, was also present and said a few words. A short Q & A ensued. It was requested by Councilperson Sutherland that this TIF report be added to the City website. The council expressed appreciation to both Mr. Drown and Mr. Loegering for attending and providing information.

Councilperson Stish arrived at 5:17 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Formal acceptance of Mayoral appointments – Clerk Anderson reported that there is one recommended change to the Library Board appointments as Meagan Hannah has resigned. Theresa Savich has been selected by the Board to fill that opening provided the Council agrees. **Motion** by Councilperson Stish, supported by Pollard **to formally accept the mayoral appointments as listed from the January 14th Council meeting with the change of removing Meagan Hannah and replacing with Theresa Savich on the Library Board.** Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Stish, Pollard, Troumbly, and Mayor Mandich. Nays: None. (Councilperson Sutherland had to step out for a moment.) Motion carried.

Council concerns/comments


Stish: None.

Troumbly: None.

Pollard: None.

Sutherland: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stish at 5:42 p.m., supported by Troumbly. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Dan Mandich, Mayor


Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer