

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A special meeting of the Coleraine and Bovey City Councils was held on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bovey City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Bovey Mayor Stein and Coleraine Mayor Nielsen. Bovey Roll call: Mayor Stein, Councilpersons Trbojevich, Meyer-Nail, and Lawson. Councilperson Guyer was absent. Coleraine Roll Call: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, T. Troumbly, and Sertich. Councilperson Sobtzak was absent with notice. Also present were Bovey Clerk DeGuiseppe, Police Chief Hussman, Coleraine Clerk Anderson, and Interim Police Chief Grossell.

The meeting began with the handouts that had been provided in advance to all. The handouts were spreadsheets on budget and actual expenditures for 2019 through 2021, including to date for 2022. Both clerks indicated what were on the sheets and were asked questions which they answered.

A review of the numbers indicated that the metric for operations would be 45% Bovey funded and 55% Coleraine funded. Mayor Nielsen indicated he was comfortable with the numbers.

There was much discussion again relating to why members felt it was good to combine the departments into one. Part of the discussion also centered around asking the County for more support for the police department(s). Other alternatives to combining were also discussed.

It was noted again by both Clerks that a combination might only see negligible savings on budget line items and increases on others, but ultimately it would actually cost both cities more due to having someone do the accounting piece for the entity.

Coleraine Mayor Nielsen and Councilperson Sertich reminded everyone that the purpose of the meeting was to come up with a metric to give to Attorney Lepak before any kind of agreement could be drawn up or alternatives explored so that talks could move forward instead of spinning like they have been.

**Coleraine Mayor Nielsen motioned to move forward providing a 45% Bovey, 55% Coleraine metric to Attorney Lepak for drafting of a proposal and for the attorney fees being split equally (50/50) between the two cities.** The motion was seconded by Councilperson Pollard. Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Pollard, Sertich, and T. Troumbly. Nays: none. **Motion carried.**

**Bovey Councilperson Lawson made the same motion** which was seconded by Meyer-Nail. Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Lawson, Meyer-Nail. Nays: Trbojevich. **Mayor Stein stated that the motion carried.**

Coleraine Mayor Nielsen will reach out to Attorney Lepak.

**Motions to adjourn at 5:48p.m.** made by Nielsen and Stein, seconded by Pollard and Trbojevich. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Coleraine Mayor



Briana Anderson, Coleraine Clerk-Treasurer