

### 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 4:07 p.m., **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023** in the Council Chambers of Coleraine City Hall.

### WORK SESSION

**3:30 p.m.**

Public Works Supervisor Rogich explained two requests. One request was for an upgrade - a larger water service line (from 1 inch to 1 ½ inch) at the Stone Church. The second was a request for an additional sewer service line for Home and Comfort. Rogich explained the current service, the challenges, and a rough estimate of the costs. He inquired as to who should be paying for the upgrades. These two items are on the agenda.

A resident inquired on the franchise agreement with SCI and why consumers couldn't get Paul Bunyan as their internet provider and stated council needs to look into this. Attorney Dimich has reached out and found an attorney who specializes in these kinds of agreements and will send all information to him for review and to see what options may be available.

Another individual inquired on the covenants in the original PriMac area and how they relate to zoning ordinances and setbacks. His concern was that what he wanted to do would be allowed by the city, but not by the covenants. Attorney Dimich informed that the city enforces Ordinances, but covenants are part of the original plat and are enforced by a Homeowners group. Mr. Herdman would like the covenants changed. He was informed that the covenants do not get changed by or through the city and he will have to deal with the homeowners group.

### REGULAR MEETING

**4:07 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, Soltzak, T. Troumbly, Sertich, and Mayor Nielsen.** City Attorney Dimich was also present.

**Moved** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Sertich, **to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of 7.24.23, correspondence, PU claims sent of \$19,075.07 and claims of \$24,801.74.** Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Nielsen, Councilpersons Sertich, T. Troumbly, Soltzak, and Dreher. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident Holly Guyer stated concern that the city website is not up to date and volunteered to provide new pictures and lists.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **Police:**

A written report was included in Council packets. Police Chief Johnson indicated that Bovey is losing their only officer October 1<sup>st</sup> and that meetings need to commence to decide what to do to move forward.

### **Public Works (Street):**

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

## **ATTORNEY:**

Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Memorial Bench – Motion** by Councilperson Sertich, with the support of Sobtzak, **to approve the work towards a memorial bench between Mr. Slaubaugh and Public Works Supervisor Rogich.** Ayes: all. Nays: None. Motion carried. The actual placement and resolution accepting memorial donation will occur after everything has been worked out.

**City Facebook page** – Discussion surrounded current Facebook policy and the not allowing of comments. No action taken as council wishes it to remain the same.

**Attorney – civil/criminal** – Attorney Dimich provided a letter that he would be retiring at the end of 2024. Options to look into for replacement(s) were provided. No action was necessary.

**Minnesota Association of Small Cities Membership** – tabled until a later date where benefit of joining group can be presented.

**Fireworks application** – discussion surrounded concern with the staging area and the short notice in not being able to properly inform residents in the area; council wants a 30-day notice. **Motion** by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by Mayor Nielsen, **to deny the application.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Stone Church Water line – Motion** by Councilperson Dreher with the support of Mayor Nielsen **to allow the upgrade at the Stone Church owners' expense.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Home & Comfort Sewer line – Motion** by Councilperson Sobtzak, supported by Mayor Nielsen, **to allow an additional sewer service line according to Rogich's direction at Home & Comfort's expense.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Interim Ordinance 2023-1—Moratorium on cannabis sales DRAFT – Motion** by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Sertich, **to set public hearing date of August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for discussion and consideration.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance amending Chapter 5; enactment of Section 5.17 prohibiting cannabis use within public property DRAFT – Motion** by Mayor Nielsen with support by Councilperson Sertich **to set public hearing date of August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for discussion and consideration.** Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

**Sobtzak:** None  
**T Troumbly:** None  
**Sertich:** None  
**Dreher:** Suggested a community wide garage sale perhaps prior to Community Clean-Up Days.  
**Nielsen:** Suggested working on a Christmas lighting contest.

**Motion at 5:41 p.m.** by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson Sobtzak **to recess the regular meeting and go into closed session for review of medical records that is not public data governed by MN Statute § 13D.05, Subd. 2, sections 144.291 to 144.298.** Ayes: all. Nays: none.

**Closed session opened at 5:56 p.m.** by Mayor Nielsen.

**Motion to adjourn closed session at 6:21 p.m. and return to regular meeting** made by Mayor Nielsen, supported by Councilperson Sertich. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried; closed session adjourned.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.** by Mayor Nielsen with support from Councilperson Sertich. Ayes: all. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.



Thomas Nielsen, Mayor



Briana Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer