

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Monday November 27, 2023
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Grams; Councilors Kramar, Beauregard, Scott

ABSENT: Mayor Zins

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, ERPD Chief Tim Soular, Public Works Director Ken Snetsinger, EMS Director Mel Omstead, Public Utilities Director Jake Berndt, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Zins at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Scott supported by Beauregard to approve the following consent agenda items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – November 13, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE –

- 5.1 Hoyt Lakes Public Library Board Minutes – September 2023.
- 5.2 Hoyt Lakes Public Library Board Minutes – October 2023.
- 5.3 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Compliance Inspection Report.
- 5.4 Mediacom – Notice of Rate Increase.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$573,148.65
- 6.2 Payroll - \$76,601.91
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$66,666.01
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$9,935.90
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$819.44

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

A resident had concerns regarding house evaluations, estimated market value, homestead credit and utility rate increases. City Attorney Brunfelt indicated the public hearing for Truth in Taxation would take place after this regular business meeting. A resident discussed garbage bag quality concerns. The council will look in to garbage bag vendors when next purchasing. A resident had concerns about water/waste water issues and if there were grants available; the Council explained several members of City Staff and the East Range Joint Powers Board writes grants and grants are not awarded for operating costs of departments. Mr. Marafiat on behalf of Men's No Check discussed nightly fee, number of players, and charging per hour instead of per person. The Council will consider additional paths of charging for Men's No Check.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Administrator Lammi shared the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust is considering no longer covering the Arena due to significant disbursements over the past several years.

Public Works Director Snetsinger provided update on the water main break, sewer and water leak repairs and stated maps for Colby are site plans as builds. Hope to get these updated.

Public Utilities Director Berndt stated the homeowners will be able to move into Colby Ridge soon. Waste Water Treatment Facility is winterized.

EMS Director Olmstead shared updates to the EMS Driver positions at the state level. EMS Conference will be in January. Ambulance to be in Holiday Heritage parade. Palo 1st Responder is restocked. Colvin Township meeting took place and are willing to attend Tri-City Ambulance Meetings. Critical incident debrief regarding fatality took place.. St. Louis County to do a review next Tuesday.

ERPD Chief Soular provided staffing updates and discussed a critical accident on Highway 100.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Vice Mayor Grams attended the library board meeting. There are good programs coming up in the future.

Councilor Beauregard provided updates on Ranger Club clearing trails.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve Ordinance no. 243 regarding 2024 fee schedule:

Yays: Kramar, Grams, Beauregard

Nays: Scott

Absent: Zins

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fisherman's Point early reservation policy: Administrator Lammi to make changes and bring to next meeting.

Moved by Scott supported by Beauregard to approve recommendation to hire Nicole Hale for the position of regular part-time Library Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to approve Resolution 2023-032 equipment lease for Hoyt Lakes Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve Resolution 2023-033 to apply to the United Stated Department of Agriculture for the East Range Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve pay request no. 2 from Lenci Enterprises in the amount of \$48,260.00 for the Midway Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Cherie Grams, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator