

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 26, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

AISO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, Police Chief Tim Soular, Fire Chief Tony House, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt.

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

Councilor Scott arrives at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kramar supported by Grams to approve the following consent agenda items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – December 11, 2023.
- 4.2 Special City Council Meeting – December 11, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- 5.1 East Range Public Safety Board Minutes – November 2023.
- 5.2 East Range Joint Powers Board Minutes – November 2023.
- 5.3 Hoyt Lakes Fires Department Minutes – December 2023.
- 5.4 East Range Times – Notice of rate increase.
- 5.5 Minnesota Department of Health – Analysis results.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$142,122.59
- 6.2 Payroll - \$74,239.45
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$64,542.69
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$9,696.76
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$887.76

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi shared there are no applications for golf course manager at this time. She spoke with Al Marafiot regarding hockey fees. They can choose to pay the \$110 per hour but they will need to organize this. There have been no firm responses from the Council on Pickleball fees. The ambulance billing company, EMSMC, accounts were reviewed, and do not balance. The Council will need to determine how they would like the Clerk's Office to proceed.

Police Chief Soular stated St. Louis County has changed Highway 666 to 665 in number, but renamed to Kensington all the way to New Range. There was damage to the solar field at Minnesota Power. Please remember to slow down and treat the area with care.

Fire Chief House thanked Jer Dahmen for his years of service. He reviewed the fire calls for 2023.

City Attorney Brunfelt is working on the Floe Building closing and is hoping to complete it this Friday.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Zins shared that Carefree Assisted Living Facility is hoping to re-open at least one wing.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve Resolution 2023-037 updating part-time, temporary, and seasonal wages.

Yays: Zins, Kramar, Grams, Beauregard

Nays: None

Abstain: Scott

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Grams supported by Scott to approve Resolution 2023-038 appointing election judges for 2024 Presidential nomination primary, primary, and general elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Zins to approve Resolution 2023-039 accepting donation from the Water Carnival Committee for the Midway Shelter Renovation. Motion carried unanimously.

Thank you to the Water Carnival Committee!

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve East Range Police Department Joint Powers Agreement for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Scott to approve 2023 Mesabi Community TV Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar to approve 2024 Mesabi Community TV Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to accept resignation from the Hoyt Lakes Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Grams to accept retirement from the Hoyt Lakes Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Zins to call for letters of interest for the Assistant Chief position and direct Chief House to meet with the Personnel Committee and City Administrator Lammi to recommend a hiring process to the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar to approve 2024 Tobacco License Application for:

- a. JWAY LLC DBA Haven Bar & Grill
- b. Mudder's Market INC
- c. Edwards Oil Inc DBA Lucky Seven General Stores.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Scott to approve 2024 Cannabinoid License Application for:

- a. JWAY LLC DBA Haven Bar & Grill
- b. Mudder's Market INC
- c. Edwards Oil Inc DBA Lucky Seven General Stores.


Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve recommendation to hire Chad Olson & Kevin Lynch as seasonal Zamboni operators for the Hoyt Lakes Arena, pending background checks. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kramar supported by Grams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



David Zins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator