

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 2017  
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Mark Skelton, Councilors: David Zins, Chris Vreeland, Brian Ceglar, Roald Chip Holter. City staff also present: Michael Patchin, Rebecca Burich.
2. Councilor Zins moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
  - Item 3 Approval of City Council meeting minutes of September 11, 2017
  - Item 7 Filing of correspondence:
    - Animal Control Officer – August report
    - St. Louis County – Notice dated September 15, 2017 Regarding Production Tax Distributions
    - Coalition of Greater MN Cities – Email dated September 8, 2017-Wild Rice Sulfate Rule Making
    - Mesabi Regional Safety Group – Meeting minutes of August 23, 2017
    - MN Public Facilities Authority – Letter dated September 8, 2017
    - Michael J. Miller – Letter to MPCA dated September 11, 2017-Phase 1 Wastewater Rehabilitation
    - Laskin Energy Center- Letter dated August 29, 2017-Updated Pretreatment Agreement
    - East Range Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Project dated August 7, 2017
    - MN DNR – Notification dated September 15, 2017 – Opening 30-day Public Comment Opportunity
    - on Draft Polymet Dam Safety and Public Waters Work Permits
  - Item 10 Approval of the following receipts, claims and payroll:
    - Claims: \$148,175.70
    - Payroll Earnings: \$31,077.78
    - Payroll Employer Costs: \$4,906.93
    - Payroll Total: \$35,984.71
    - Total Claims & Payroll: \$184,160.41
    - Motion carried unanimously.
3. Guests and Citizens Forum:

None.
4. Department Reports:

None.
5. Council Reports:

Councilor Vreeland: encouraged residents to attend the St. Louis County Watershed meeting at the Hoyt Lakes Community Building on October 3; discussed a meeting on October 24, 2017 in Virginia that he will attend to participate in wild rice sulfate rule making stating preliminary analysis demonstrates that future compliance with the sulfate standard could require expensive treatment upgrades such as reverse osmosis, membrane filtration, and/or crystallization and evaporation costing individual cities \$10-\$20 million or more depending upon site specific information; discussed Golf Course expenditures and he will bring actual costs to the next City Council meeting. Councilor Zins: discussed concerns of Colby Ridge residents with the City deer hunt within that area and requested a notification be sent to hunters not allowing the Colby Ridge area in the deer hunt due to liability issues; concerns of Colby Ridge residents, since we do not have a City Building Inspector, of the overseeing of new construction to make sure it is done properly and Councilor Zins will bring to the Planning Commission for further discussion in October. Mayor Skelton: discussed

a proposal dated September 19, 2017 from Mesabi Bituminous for removal of the Boase School building, including the foundations, in the amount of \$550,000 which does not include asbestos survey or abatement, hazardous waste survey or removal and forwarded this information to the owners of the property.

6. Councilor Zins moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to table any action on the request of Iron Range Historical Society and the Minnesota Discovery Center for village records from Old Mesaba, Minnesota pending direction from the State. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
7. Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve Change Order Number 5, Shank Constructors, Inc. Phase 1 Facility Rehabilitation, Wastewater Treatment Facility, in the amount of \$5,988 which includes a credit of \$4,900 for elimination of HDPE piping in secondary clarifiers and \$10,888 to replace digester gas piping and to authorize the Mayor to execute. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to approve Jola & Sopp Excavating of Virginia, Minnesota as successful bidder for the Dorchester/Suffolk Project in the amount of \$133,288 (other bids: Casper Construction \$154,448.95; Utility Systems of America \$177,763.50; Wagner Construction \$187,670; George Bougalis & Sons \$218,112). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to schedule a special City Council meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the Fire Department. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Mayor Skelton discussed City organization with discussion to place the City Clerk position to oversee the Fire/Ambulance Department. Mayor Skelton moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to approve placing the City Clerk position to oversee the Fire/Ambulance Department effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
11. Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Zins, to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Mark Skelton  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca J. Burich  
City Clerk-Treasurer