

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2016
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Vice Mayor David Zins, Councilors: Chris Vreeland, Brian Ceglar, Roald Chip Holter. Absent: Mayor Mark Skelton. City staff also present: Michael Patchin.
2. Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to approve the following items from the consent agenda:
 - Item 3 Approval of City Council meeting minutes of October 11, 2016
 - Item 7 Filing of correspondence:
MN Department of Natural Resources – deer harvest total 17 as of October 17, 2016.
Animal Control Officer – September report.
Polymet Mining – Open House, Wednesday, October 26, 2016; 2:00-7:00 pm at Giants Ridge.
Minnesota Power – letter dated October 5, 2016; Laskin Energy Center industrial wastewater discharge.
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – letter dated October 17, 2016; snowmobile trail funding/increase in registration fees.
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota – 2017 renewal information.
Minnesota Power – news release dated October 19, 2016; decision to retire two small coal units at Boswell Energy Center.
 - Item 8D To approve the Agreement for Joint Ambulance Services between the City of Hoyt Lakes, City of Aurora, and Town of White effective the first day of January 2017 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute.
 - Item 9B To approve the service application with Lake Connections for a three (3) year contract for internet service at the following City facilities: City Hall, Arena, Water Treatment Plant, Sewage Treatment Plant, Community Building, Public Works Garage, Golf Course, Fisherman’s Point Campground and to authorize the City Clerk to execute.
 - Item 10 Approval of the following receipts, claims and payroll:
Claims: \$228,984.00
Payroll Earnings: \$28,891.80
Payroll Employer Costs: \$4,568.70
Payroll Total: \$33,460.50
Total Claims & Payroll: \$262,444.50
Motion carried unanimously.
3. Guests and Citizens Forum:
Brian Harp, resident of Hoyt Lakes, addressed the City Council as a student of Vermilion College present to take part in a City Council meeting for a local government class.
4. Department Reports:
City Clerk Burich reported on the Iron Range Tourism Bureau Spirit of Hospitality Awards held on Sunday, October 16, 2016; Dennis and Karen Doyea, Garden Club volunteers in Hoyt Lakes, won an award in the Hall of Fame Category. Clerk Burich also reported City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2016 for Veteran’s Day.
5. Council Reports:
Councilor Holter inquired about the procedure for payment of off season camping on weekends and the City Clerk explained campers need to place their payment into the drop box located outside of City Hall; during

regular business hours Monday through Friday payment can be made at City Hall. Councilor Vreeland presented a check from Mesabi East Blueline Club in the amount of \$2,500 to put towards the purchase of a new scoreboard for the Arena and also reported on six yards cleaned to date by the volunteer committee; Vreeland asked if elderly people in Hoyt Lakes need yard work assistance to call City Hall and also reminded residents to attend the Polymet open house on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Giants Ridge. Councilor Ceglar informed the City Council of a second joint meeting with the cities of Aurora, Biwabik, Hoyt Lakes, Town of White, and Mesabi East School on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 1:00 pm in Hoyt Lakes to continue discussion of recreation programs and possible collaboration.

6. Vice Mayor Zins opened the hearing on proposed special assessments for unpaid City services. No one was present and no written comments were received by the City Clerk to object to the special assessments.

Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Vreeland, to adopt City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2016-016, "A Resolution Placing Certain Parcels of Property Within the City of Hoyt Lakes on an Assessment Roll for Current Services" (full Resolution on file with the City Clerk). Resolution adopted unanimously.

7. Councilor Holter moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the appointment of Tasha Moller and Cody Hanson as Firefighter/Ambulance Technician with an approximate starting employment date of December 1, 2016 contingent on the successful completion of the required City physical examination, drug testing and background check. City Clerk informed the Council that the start date for Hanson could be earlier with successful testing as he is currently EMT certified. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to approve the 2017 Fisherman's Point Campground seasonal sites per the drawing on Friday, October 14, 2016 with 25 sites filled with a fee of \$2,000 per site. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to schedule an adjourned City Council work meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm with agenda to include: Updates on Golf Course Clubhouse and Midway Committees, Tri-City Ambulance Proposed Changes, Fisherman's Point Campground, Arena scheduling and health insurance. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Councilor Vreeland discussed a Memorandum of Agreement that documents the roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved in the Central Iron Range Brownfield Coalition and requested approval of said Agreement. Activities funded through the cooperative agreement may include inventory preparation, site selection criteria development, assessments, planning (including cleanup planning) relating to brownfield sites and the Boase School could possibly be a project for Hoyt Lakes for an environmental assessment. The City of Virginia is the Lead Coalition Member and the grant period is October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019.

Councilor Vreeland moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Virginia and the Central Iron Range Brownfield Coalition for the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2019 and to authorize the Vice Mayor and City Clerk to execute. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Holter, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Zins
Vice Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca J. Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer