

**Minutes of Adjourned Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in adjourned session via Zoom/electronic call in due to COVID-19 on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland; Councilors: David Zins, Brian Ceglar, Dan Popp, Christine Peterson. City staff also present: City Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Burich. The purpose of this meeting is to further discuss the 2021 preliminary City budget and levy.
2. The City Council reviewed service charges and fees effective January 1, 2021 at length with a few changes recommended for water, sewer and refuse charges. The formal Resolution will be reviewed and approved at the September 28, 2020 regular City Council meeting.
3. The City Council reviewed the part time wage schedule effective January 1, 2021 with discussion at length. Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve a 2% increase to all part time salaried, temporary and seasonal employee wage schedules. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Ceglar. Nays: Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Motion fails. Councilor Peterson moved, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve a one-time 5% increase to all part time salaried positions per month (Mayor, City Councilor, Animal Control Officer, Blight Officer, Zoning Officer, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Department Secretary, Fire Department Captain) to catch those positions up overall with no raises in many years, and approving a 2% increase to all other part time temporary and seasonal wage schedules. Roll Call: Ayes: Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Nays: Zins, Ceglar. Motion carried. The formal wage Resolution will be reviewed and approved at the September 28, 2020 regular City Council meeting.
4. The City Council discussed the proposed 2021 Capital Budget, directing the Clerk-Treasurer to add in \$50,000 for the Midway Shelter Project and to add the final capital budget to the September 28, 2020 regular City Council meeting agenda for approval.
5. The City Council discussed the preliminary levy with a recommendation to approve a zero percent levy increase for 2021. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Peterson, to adopt City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2020-030, "A Resolution Adopting a Proposed 2020 Annual Tax Levy Collectible in 2021 in the amount of \$1,544,598" (full Resolution on file with the City Clerk-Treasurer). Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Ceglar, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Motion carried.
6. The proposed 2021 city budget resolution was also discussed and it will be updated and formally approved at the September 28, 2020 regular City Council meeting.
7. Councilor Ceglar discussed communication with Mesabi East Youth Hockey regarding the opening of the Hockey Hut at the Arena on a limited basis and their intent to present their plan to the East Range Covid Team. Councilor Ceglar will meet with Public Works Supervisor Snetsinger regarding the timeframe for hiring an additional full-time equipment operator next year. Councilor Popp discussed unpaid utility bills and ways to recoup payment. Mayor Vreeland discussed his inability to attend a League of Minnesota Cities meeting in Biwabik; Councilor Zins will attend and report back to Council.

8. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Roll Call:
Ayes: Zins, Ceglar, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca J. Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer