

Minutes of Special Council Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2020
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota
Amended

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in special session via Zoom/phone in due to COVID-19 on Thursday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland; Councilors: David Zins, Dan Popp, Christine Peterson. Absent: Councilor Brian Ceglar. City staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Burich, Supervisor Ken Snetsinger, Supervisor Jacob Berndt, Supervisor Wayne West, Director Susan Sowers, Director Melanie Olmstead, Assistant Director Cody Hanson. Also present: City Council Elect Deborah Kramar.
2. Director Olmstead advised of staffing shortages at the EMS department and requested an additional two full time employees. She shared run history, finances and future budgeting. There was lengthy discussion regarding scheduling, benefit packages, wages, our agreement with Biwabik and utilizing other city employees as ambulance drivers.

Moved by Councilor Vreeland, supported by Councilor Popp, to form a committee consisting of Councilors Popp and Zins, City Clerk Treasurer Burich and Ambulance Director Olmstead to further review and determine salary, benefit package and scheduling for two full time EMS positions. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried. The committee will meet later this week and present further information at the next regular City Council meeting for November 23, 2020.

There was further discussion on current Tri-City cooperative ambulance payments. Director Olmstead stated there will be a Tri-City Ambulance meeting in December.

3. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Popp, to amend the Minutes of Special City Council meeting of Thursday, November 12, 2020 with a revision to the motion for canvassing of the Special Election, Councilor Christine Peterson's term to be effective November 12, 2020. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk-Treasurer Burich advised that Councilor Peterson has been sworn in.
4. Councilor Popp discussed utilizing the storage area on County Road 666 for additional resident storage and blight confiscation. Concerns on liability were discussed and Mayor Vreeland suggested it be put on the November 23, 2020 City Council meeting agenda. There was also discussion on items left in some of the seasonal campsites at Fisherman's Point campground. Letters will be sent asking the site holder to remove their items as soon as possible. Popp suggested future verbiage on the seasonal rules to address this issue.
5. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Peterson, to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer