

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, May 28, 2024
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Blight Officer Jordan Hronoski.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – May 13, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- 5.1 St. Louis County Environmental Services – Disposal Information.
- 5.2 Mediacom – Notice of Local TV Changes.
- 5.3 HF5247 – Unsigned Legislation regarding Former School Property owned by St. Louis County.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$172,364.68
- 6.2 Payroll - \$75,692.47
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$65,898.91
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$9,793.56
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$1,918.90

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi stated that the Governor has signed the \$500,000 bill to St. Louis County for the former Boase School into law. She will be meeting with the County to review their plan for the property. We have been awarded \$37,600 for the paved trails from DIRRR for the Midway area project. East Range Police Department is now able to accept donations from the public to a restricted fund dedicated to expenses for K9 Officer Siebert and K9 Taconite. Anyone interested in donating can make checks payable to East Range Police Department and drop them off at the Department or City Hall. Officer Siebert and Tac have plans to do demonstrations during the Aurora 3rd of July celebration and Water Carnival. Thanks to Larry Olmstead for ensuring the cemetery was looking good for Memorial Day, despite the weather. Thanks to the Fire/EMS staff for a successful bill signing with Governor Walz last week.

Blight Officer Hronoski provided information about the City-wide cleanup next month.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Grams has been attending MN Housing Partnership meetings and is hoping to have more information to share in the future.

Councilor Beauregard thanked the Fire/EMS staff for a successful event with the Governor. The Ranger ATV/Snowmobile Club will have a ride to Gilbert OHV Park June 15.

Mayor Zins thanked Councilor Grams for stepping in at the meeting with the Governor. He's aware of the hard work and meetings that went into it and it's a starting point. Citizens should address our State Senators for federal funding. Reimbursement is a major issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Scott supported by Beauregard to approve plan as presented for Mesabi Trail between Aurora and Hoyt Lakes. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to table anti-neoptism policy and refer to the Personnel Committee to review and finalize with recommendation to the full council. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Kramar supported by Grams to approve Ranger ATV/Snowmobile Club request for city land use. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Scott to approve Ranger ATV/Snowmobile Club request regarding trail improvements.

Aye: Scott, Grams, Kramar, Zins

Nay: None

Abstain: Beauregard

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar to approve Ranger ATV/Snowmobile Club invoice to SEH in the amount of \$1,487.50 for the Moose Seven Beavers Trail from Biwabik to Skibo. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Zins to approve Ranger ATV/Snowmobile club invoice to SEH in the amount of \$7,637.95 for the Moose Seven Beavers Trail from Biwabik to Skibo. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim McGauley presented information on behalf of the 1st Families Recognition Project. He discussed financial support, advertising, mapping, historical phone books and having a booth at the Water Carnival. He was advised by the City Council that financial support cannot be given with taxpayer money and he should work with the Hoyt Lakes Chamber and Water Carnival Committee.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve SEH request to release Hoyt Lakes Wellness Center project for bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Beauregard to approve Resolution 2024-007 donation from the Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve Resolution 2024-008 grant application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Emergency Communication Network. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to approve Resolution 2024-009 donation from the Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar to approve Fire Department recommendation to hire Kyle Leffel as casual part-time firefighter. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Kramar to approve Resolution 2024-010 payment of real estate taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

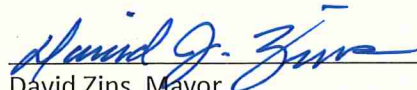
Discussion on facilities use agreement with Ranger ATV/Snowmobile Club. It is being amended to include additional parcels as discussed for training. The Club will discuss the fee at their June 12 meeting.

Mayor Zins advised he will be resigning from the City Council effective June 1, 2024, and read a letter.

ADJOURNMENT


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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



David Zins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator