

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, September 9, 2024
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Public Utilities Director Jake Berndt, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Scott supported by Jarvela to pull minutes from August 12, 2024 from the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES*

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting - August 26, 2024.
- 4.2 Special City Council Meeting – August 26, 2024.
- 4.3 Special City Council Meeting – September 4, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE*

- 5.1 East Range Public Safety Board Minutes – July 2024.
- 5.2 East Range Joint Powers Board Minutes – July 2024.
- 5.3 Hoyt Lakes Fire Department Minutes – August 2024.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS*

- 6.1 Disbursements -\$172,670.74
- 6.2 Payroll - \$85,798.21
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$75,081.79
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$10,716.42
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$27,611.71

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

Mitzi Moe – 321 Fairfax: questioned why she must announce her address on the internet when addressing the council. Attorney Brunfelt stated this is not a legal requirement and the council can choose to change this. It is being put on the next meeting agenda.

Tom Erickson – 313 Andover: asked the council to raise their hands if they want and support Mudder’s Market. He stated currently only 10% of city residents support Mudder’s Market and their projections were 40% support is needed. Mudder’s Market is really struggling, and he doesn’t know why the community isn’t supporting the store. Mudder’s has done a lot to support the community. Their meat cutter is 2nd to none, and they’ve cleaned out the store. They intend to make more improvements like the flooring. They also plan to clean and update the east end of the store and see if it is viable. The community needs to support them. They would like to bring in a deli and make sausage. He would like the council to

reach out and support them and stated the council hasn't welcomed them as new business owners. He would like to thank the board and the city for basketball court getting done.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi reminded the council they should submit their questions to her for the ER Water Board by Thursday. Fisherman's Point seasonal applications are due next Friday at 11:30 p.m.; the City must receive both the application and payment by the deadline.

Public Utilities Director Berndt shared they are hauling sludge and hope to be finished by the time the snow flies. We should have seen a big improvement in water quality.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Beauregard thanked Jake and his crew for their hard work with the chemists regarding the water.

Councilor Scott shared the last Garden Club meeting of the season is tomorrow. They have put in a lot of hard work.

Mayor Grams wished her mother a Happy Birthday.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Jarvela supported by Beauregard to approve the proclamation regarding settlement of Hoyt Lakes. Motin carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar to approve Mesabi East Youth Hockey Association Concession Stand Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to write off utility bill for account number 1011-32301-00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve request by JWAYLLC (d/b/a The Haven) to transfer liquor license to the Hoyt Lakes arena on September 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.



Cherie Grams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becky Lammi, City Administrator