

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Lammi, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Public Works Supervisor Ken Snetsinger, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Eckman.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES*

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – October 15, 2024.
- 4.2 City Council Public Hearing – October 15, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE*

- 5.1 St. Louis County Public Works – Notice of Temporary Easement Acquisition.
- 5.2 East Range Joint Powers Board Minutes – August 2024.

FINANCIALS – September 2024*

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS*

- 6.1 Disbursements -\$160,204.28
- 6.2 Payroll - \$83,947.48
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$73,406.83
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$10,540.65
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$2,284.08

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi – There is a potential meeting scheduled for Thursday with the East Range Joint Water Board to discuss the questions submitted by the council; scheduling has been difficult, especially with how busy we and the Township are with elections. Councilor Scott brought information forward regarding a DEED grant for main street revitalization. Eligible entities for this are foundations, community development institutions, and non-profits engaged in housing and commercial development in areas that there has been widespread arson and unrest, natural disasters, major closures, or COVID19 impacts. These grant dollars must be matched at 200% of DEED investment. ERJPB works with DEED to administer grants to local businesses.

Public Works Director Snetsinger – Docks on the lakes are still in, but will be removed prior to the end of the week. He has been getting a lot of questions regarding the construction in town – the City is not completing the construction. A contractor of the natural gas company has been doing repairs on the line and a fiber optic company has been doing installation.

Assistant Fire Chief Eckman – There have been two fire calls in October to date; 36 total for the year. Reminder to check your smoke detector. Please let the Fire Department know if a hydrant near you has a missing flag – they will replace them.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Beauregard thanked everyone involved in the forum, and thanks to the Council for allowing use of the arena.

Councilor Scott reported that a resident made him aware of the DEED grant, and for anyone who has information regarding grants or free money, to let a member of the council know.

Mayor Grams thanked the Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce for hosting the haunted trail; there were over 100 kids who participated.

OLD BUSINESS

The Council was informed that the zoning ordinance 152.090, regarding R-4 districts, was referred to the Zoning Commission to develop.

The Council was informed that the draft dangerous dog ordinance 90.22 was sent to the City of Aurora for consideration.

The Council discussed the draft ordinance regarding backyard chickens. They would like the topic to be discussed at a public forum, and to receive input from the community regarding backyard chickens.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve the council meeting rules of procedure and order. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jarvela supported by Scott to approve the council meeting rules of public form, and to call regular public forum meetings for 5:00 pm preceding the second Regular Council Meeting of the month (typically the 4th Monday, subject to change based on holidays). Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Jarvela supported by Kramar to approve Resolution 2024-026 to assess certain parcels of property within the City of Hoyt Lakes. Motion carried unanimously.

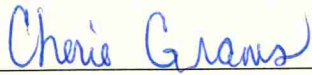
Moved by Kramar supported by Jarvela to approve Resolution 2024-027 to accept donation from the Ranger ATV Snowmobile Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Sue Lien spoke regarding damage done to her camper by a falling tree at Fisherman's Point Campground. Public Works Director Snetsinger requests anyone who has a dead or damaged tree, or who needs brush/branches trimmed, to contact the Public Works Garage or Campground Managers as soon as it is noticed so they can complete the work.

Discussion took place regarding the request from the East Range Joint Powers Board for East Range wide planning and consistency. Topics included adult-use cannabis, trails, and capital projects. Members of the public and Council are encouraged to contact the Clerk's Office or attend a public forum to present their thoughts on the topics.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Cherie Grams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator