

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2020  
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland. Councilors: Daniel Popp, Brian Ceglar, David Zins. Absent: Councilor Roald Chip Holter. City staff also present: City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Rebecca Burich, Wayde West, Sue Sowers, Jake Berndt.
2. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Ceglar, approving the following items from the consent agenda:
  - Item 4 Adjourned City Council meeting minutes of January 13 and 14, 2020;  
Regular City Council meeting minutes of January 13, 2020.
  - Item 8 Filing of correspondence:  
Minnesota Department of Health – Quarterly Water Report;  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Permit Application complete enough for processing;  
St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office – Public comment sought for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan;  
Animal Control Officer Report – December 2019
  - Item 9D Reminder – Adjourned City Council Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM, AFSCME  
Basic Unit Labor Negotiations.
  - Item 10A Travel and Training Requests:  
Becky Burich, 2020 Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota Annual  
Conference, March 16-19, 2020, St. Cloud (registration, mileage, accommodations, meals)
  - Item 11 Receipts, claims and payroll:  
Claims: \$268,273.43  
Payroll Earnings: \$49,035.83  
Payroll Employer Costs: \$7025.63  
Payroll Total: \$56,061.46  
Total Claims & Payroll: \$324,334.89  
Motion Carried.
3. Guests and Citizens Forum:  
Ken Corbett was in attendance to provide an update on the 50<sup>th</sup> Arena Anniversary that took place over Thanksgiving weekend 2019. The events were well attended. He presented a \$1,688.64 check to the Council for the Arena fund. There were also \$500 donations made to both Mesabi East Schools and the Wounded Warrior Organization. Councilor Ceglar thanked Ken for his contribution to the success of this event.
4. Department Reports:

Golf/Arena Supervisor West: Arena is still going full speed. The last High School game of the year will be tomorrow night. Pickleball started last week and has new participants.

Library Director Sowers: The adult winter reading challenge has 73 people. This year added walking/skiing/snowshoeing along with reading. Everyone is having fun! Other current and upcoming events include: Blind date with a book, a program with Mary Mulari next Tuesday, and a family game night on February 24. She also advised that after the last broadband meeting that grant funds are still available and she will assist the City if they would like to apply.

Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt: Updates were provided on the secondary digester and other repairs. Logging around the Waste Water Plant will begin soon to clear out for the new construction. The control panel and lift station pump have been replaced at the Public Works garage.

Mesabi East Youth Sports Coordinator Goerd: First day in his new position was January 2. He provided updates on Winter sports. Spring and Summer sign ups will begin soon and he is hopeful on bringing back youth softball. He invited questions and looks forward to working with the communities.

5. Council Reports:

Councilor Zins: Attended RAMS meeting last week. Discussion was on upcoming legislative session. He also thanked the City for the opportunity to attend last weekends League of MN Cities Conference, which provided very useful content.

Councilor Popp: Met with the new Blight Officer, Sandy Schumacher last week. He also met with Chief Soular. He will be looking into getting vehicle placards and either a vest or name tag so she can be easily identified when working Blight situations.

Councilor Ceglar: The Arena Committee met on the January 21 with only four people in attendance. They will continue with the craft fairs and may plan a father/daughter dance, however, the committee may fold if there is not enough interest/help.

Mayor Vreeland: Current numbers in response to the survey for the new electronic sign indicate the highest response in favor of keeping the Arena location. Library Director Sowers will continue to keep the survey open for a little while longer.

6. 2020 Street & Infrastructure Improvements:

A representative from SEH was present to provide information indicated in a letter for additional services needed at the Wyandotte/Suffolk intersection. Mayor Vreeland advised that the Council and staff have recently met to discuss this and all are in agreement that this area has major flooding during storm activity. A motion was made by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve the additional work included in the supplemental letter dated January 15, 2020 regarding a section of Wyandotte Road of approximately 500 feet in the amount of \$4,600 and authorized signatures. Motion carried.

7. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve the quote of Premier Specialty Vehicles dated January 9, 2020 in the amount of \$31,925 for a Stryker Power Load System for the Ambulance Department; 2020 budget item. Motion carried.

8. Fisherman's Point Campground:

Campground Liaison Popp indicated the need to set firm boundaries on the regular camping season after having an incident this past season with someone wanting to camp for an off-season extended stay over the winter. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported Councilor Zins, to set the camping season from April 1 through October 31, with no camping allowed outside of these dates. Motion carried.

There was also discussion on having handicap accessible sites. At this time there is an email, but no formal engineering estimate from Bolten & Menk. City Clerk-Treasurer Burich will reach out to them on this matter.

9. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, authorizing a letter to the DNR on behalf of the Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club requesting an extension to the grant awarded for the Biwabik to Gilbert ATV Trail, #0036-19-2B, to June 30, 2020 to accurately complete necessary work and documentation. Motion carried.
10. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Ceglar to draft a letter to the DNR requesting an extension to the grant. Motion carried.
11. Dewey Prinzing with KLM Engineering gave a presentation on future recommendations for the water tower being reconditioned. A video presentation was also recently shown to Public Utility employees. Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt agrees to some of the recommendations with the exception of not having

them put mixers in at this time. Discussion amongst Councilors was that this is not a budgeted expense. A motion was made by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to table the proposal until budget meetings in August. Motion carried.

12. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to schedule adjourned City Council meetings for the purpose of negotiations with the Supervisory Group on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM and with the Confidential Group on same date at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.
13. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve City of Hoyt Lakes Resolutions 2020-002 and 2020-003, Resolutions Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Daniel D. Stauber and Julie A. Stauber, Lot 8 Block 3; Timothy W. Sundstrom and Cynthia A. Sundstrom, Lot 9, Block 3; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to execute Warranty Deeds and all other necessary and appropriate documents to effectuate such conveyance. Resolution adopted.
14. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Chris J. Vreeland  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Burich  
City Clerk-Treasurer