

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session via Zoom/phone-in due to COVID-19 on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland; Councilors: David Zins, Daniel Popp, Christine Peterson, Deborah Kramar. City staff also present: City Attorney Mitchell Brunfelt, City Clerk-Treasurer Burich, EMS Director Olmstead, Public Works Supervisor Snetsinger, Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt, Fire Chief Tony House, Mesabi East Youth Sports Coordinator Mark Goerd.
2. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Peterson, approving the following items from the consent agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 3 City Council meeting minutes of January 25, 2021.

Item 7 Filing of correspondence:
Blight Report – January 2021;
RAMS – 2021 Resolution and election of new officers; December 10, 2020 meeting minutes;
Hoyt Lakes Library Board – December 16, 2020 meeting minutes;
DNR invites public input on deer population goals on the Range February 8-28, 2021 (added to website);
Bolton & Menk – Hoyt Lakes WWTF Improvements update dated February 3, 2021;
Hoyt Lakes Fire Department – February 3, 2021 meeting minutes.

Item 10 Receipts, claims and payroll:
Claims: \$320,569.79
Payroll Earnings: \$49,641.95
Payroll Employer Costs: \$6,951.17
Payroll Total: \$56,593.12
Total Claims & Payroll: \$377,162.91
3. Guests and Citizens Forum:
Matt Reid, SEH, discussed the letter request of Mesabi Bituminous dated January 28, 2021 regarding the Hoyt Lakes street project and concrete crushing which was bid at a lump sum unit. In the letter, Tom Nemanich, President, states that the crushing total was \$11,434.55 more than what will be paid in the lump sum item and requested the City Council consider paying for the entire volume crushed at \$41,484.55. The City Council discussed and took no action.

Marilyn Ocepek, AEOA, discussed having a free food distribution event in Hoyt Lakes as is being done in other area cities. The event will take place at the Arena parking lot on February 25, March 11 and March 25, 2021 at approximately 2:00 pm. Mayor Vreeland and Councilor Popp volunteered to help and coordinate the event. Approximately 140 food boxes and 140 gallons of milk will be provided.
4. Department Reports:
Library Director Sowers, Public Works Supervisor Snetsinger, Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt, EMS Director Olmstead and Mesabi East Youth Sports Coordinator Mark Goerd were present and gave updates for their departments.
5. City Council Reports:
Councilor Kramar advised of her attendance at the Hoyt Lakes Chamber meeting and discussion of another Easter Parade to be held in the City. Mayor Vreeland reminded the City Council to be sure to review the meeting packet for the special meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm; this meeting will be held via Zoom meeting technology.
6. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Peterson, to approve the City of Hoyt Lakes Ambulance Tuition Assistance Agreement. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Peterson, to Adopt Ordinance 222 (after 10-day posting requirement) "An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing the Definition of Vehicle in Section 91.02 of the Hoyt Lakes City Code. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.
8. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve an expenditure of \$1,500 toward advertising/marketing efforts for the Mississippi to the Iron Range Historical Mine Tour. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Moved by Councilor Peterson, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve Application for Payment #6 – Gridor Construction, Inc. \$145,802.00 for the WWTF Improvement Project. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
10. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Kramar, to approve NTS invoice dated January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$418 for material testing for the WWTF. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Moved by Councilor Peterson, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve the quote of Walker Process Equipment dated January 27, 2021 for a gear box to be mounted on existing mixer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,640.00 Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Kramar, to approve the quote of USA Bluebook dated February 3, 2021 in the amount of \$3,469.00 for a portable parallel analyzer (2021 Budget item) Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
13. Moved by Mayor Vreeland, supported by Councilor Peterson, to accept the following resignation letters: Katherine Carlson, Firefighter/EMT effective immediately; Shannon Helander, EMT effective immediately; Scott Garrick, Firefighter effective January 21, 2021 (will remain EMS only); Mark Goerdts, Firefighter/EMT effective immediately. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
14. Fire Chief House discussed his concern of decreasing members on the Fire Department and with the possibility of upcoming retirements, etc. the need to increase members, as the department cannot drop to 10 employees and continue to operate. Advertising is currently taking place in the East Range Shopper, Arena sign and Facebook and he encouraged anyone in the public interested to please apply. Chief House discussed continued interest in a Firefighter only position; currently the firefighter position is combined with that of EMT.
15. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to schedule the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization with St. Louis County on Tuesday, April 20, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 pm via Zoom meeting technology. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Motion carried.
16. Moved by Councilor Peterson, supported by Councilor Zins, to adopt City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2021-0001, "A Resolution in Support of Local Government Aid." Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Nays: None. Resolution adopted.
17. The City Council took no action on the American Tower offer dated January 19, 2021, Site No. 311211, 756 Kennedy Memorial Drive.

18. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Kramar, to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer