

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland. Councilors: Daniel Popp, David Zins, Brian Ceglar, Christine Peterson. City staff also present: Rebecca Burich, Jake Berndt, Wayde West. City Attorney: Joel Lewicki.

2. Christine Peterson sworn in as City Councilor by City Clerk-Treasurer Burich.

3. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, approving the following items from the consent agenda:

Item 4 Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 24 and March 5, 2020.

Item 8 Filing of correspondence:
Hoyt Lakes Fire Department – February 5 and March 4, 2020 meeting minutes and financial report;
RAMS – January 23, 2020 meeting minutes;
Animal Control Officer – January report;
David Drown Associates, Inc. – Letter dated March 2, 2020 regarding \$326,000 Temporary G.O. Utility Revenue Note, Series 2020A (Rural Water Midi-Loan with State Guarantee).

Item 10A Travel and Training Requests:
None

Item 11 Receipts, claims and payroll:
Receipts: \$430,201.55
Claims: \$78,747.00
Payroll Earnings: \$54,895.62
Payroll Employer Costs: \$7,690.45
Payroll Total: \$62,586.07
Total Claims & Payroll: \$141,333.07
Motion Carried.

4. Guests and Citizens Forum:

St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald provided an update on several items that he worked with during his first year as a commissioner. Projects included: public works equipment, gravel road improvements, task force subcommittee working with mental health and a new ordinance on short term rentals. He recently attended the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament and commended Polymet on their support of it. He will be in St. Paul next week attending St. Louis County Days at the State Capital. He advised the Council and audience to contact him anytime with questions or concerns.

Jerome Garvis inquired about problems in his yard on Arlington after work performed last year with storm sewers. He was advised by the Mayor, along with Emily Major from SEH, that completion of this area was approved with the Suffolk project and will be fixed this year.

Greg Knutson presented concerns and suggested future changes for resolutions from the Republican party determined at the February 25th, 2020 Precinct Caucus.

5. Department Reports:

Golf/Arena Supervisor West stated the hockey season is winding down and shared that the girls U12 team is going to state. Ice was kept on a few additional days to allow them practice time. Year end maintenance and cleaning has begun at the arena.

Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt shared that the logging project is in the final stages at the Wastewater plant and that both plants are running well at this time.

6. Council Reports:

Councilor Zins presented the February EMS report: sixty calls, eighteen transports, forty-two 911 calls. Updates were provided on ambulance status, personnel and training.

Councilor Ceglar gave congratulations to the girls U12 team on making it to state. He recently attended the Mesabi East Youth Hockey board meeting and said they would like to do the concessions at the arena again next season and inquired about early ice. This will be coordinated through Supervisor West.

Councilor Popp thanked the council for being able to attend the 2020 Elected Leaders Institute the last weekend of February 2020. The event included great topics and speakers. The new Blight Officer is doing a great job and is currently focusing on inoperative and unlicensed vehicles.

7. Storage Parcel County Road 666, Tract A

It was the professional opinion of City Attorney Brunfelt that the city should not proceed with the land transaction of Matt Royseth dated February 24, 2020. Minnesota State Statutes prohibit a public officer of a City from having personal financial interest in a sale, lease or contract with the City, which also includes appointed officers or employees of a city who may have influence over the decision-making process. A City Zoning Officer would fall within this category.

8. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve the Agreement between the City of Hoyt Lakes and the City Clerk-Treasurer for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023 and to authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to execute. Motion carried.
9. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the Agreement between the City of Hoyt Lakes and AFSCME Local Union No. 2780 for the period March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2023 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to execute. Motion carried.
10. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve Resolution 2020-007, "A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hoyt Lakes to Make Application to, Accept Funds from and Act as Legal Sponsor to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2020 Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for the Fisherman's Point Restroom Facility and Playground Project." Resolution adopted.
11. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve Resolution 2020-008, Declaration of Easement under and across out lot E, Patriots Point and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to execute all other necessary and appropriate documents to activate such easement. Resolution adopted.
12. Emily Major from SEH provided updates on the changes discussed at the last council meeting regarding the 2020 Street and Utility Reconstruction Project. She advised we can begin advertising this week for bids. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve advertising for the 2020 Street and Utility Reconstruction Project. Motion carried.
13. Mayor Vreeland and Councilor Ceglar attended a Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. There was further discussion on the location for the electronic sign. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to locate the new electronic sign at the arena. Motion carried.
14. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve request for payment of Scot Swan Logging in the amount of \$1,040 for Phase III Wastewater Facility Rehabilitation (can be reimbursed in mercury phase). Motion carried.
15. Mayor Proclamation – Recognition Day for Arleigh Birk – February 27.
16. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the quote of MTI in the amount of \$18,516.37 for municipal finance option through TCF Equipment Finance, 5-year with annual payments of \$4,391.13 (budget item; National IPA contracting pricing). Motion carried.
17. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the resignation letter of Kaylee Fallos dated January 24, 2020 from the Hoyt Lakes Ambulance Service effective February 7, 2020. Motion carried.

18. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer