

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020  
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session via Zoom/phone in due to COVID-19 on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland. Councilors: David Zins, Brian Ceglar, Daniel Popp, Christine Peterson. City staff also present: City Attorney Mitchell Brunfelt, City Clerk-Treasurer Burich, Library Director Sowers, Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt, Ambulance Director Olmstead, Public Works Supervisor Snetsinger, Recreation/Golf/Arena Supervisor West, ERPD Chief Soular, and Campground Managers Al and Patti Rhode.
2. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve the amended agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Peterson, approving the following items from the consent agenda. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item 3 Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 11, 2020.  
Special City Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2020.

Item 7 Filing of correspondence:  
St. Louis County 2020 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Community Collection Schedule;  
Blight Report – May 2020;  
SEH – May 12, 2020 Street/Infrastructure Improvement Project preconstruction meeting minutes;  
Bolton & Menk – MPCA Hg and Phase 3 comments dated May 20, 2020.

Item 10 Receipts, claims and payroll:  
Claims: \$142,267.81  
Payroll Earnings: \$53,854.85  
Payroll Employer Costs: \$7,311.93  
Payroll Total: \$61,166.78  
Total Claims & Payroll: \$203,434.59  
Motion Carried.

4. Guests and Citizens Forum:  
None.

5. Department Reports:  
Library Director Sowers provided updates on the Summer Reading Program to begin on June 1, 2020, Curbside pick-up and grant for mobile hotspots.

Public Works Supervisor Snetsinger had a meeting last week with Bolten and Menk on the campground project and he also met with SEH regarding the street projects. He advised further electrical work will be required for the new electronic sign at the Arena.

Public Utilities Supervisor Berndt shared that the hydrant flushing has been completed and he has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for next week regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Ambulance Director Olmstead shared updates on grants and the Smartboard. An AED has been installed in the campground office.

ERPD Chief Soular provided updates on higher call volume and transports due to COVID-19 related issues.

City Clerk-Treasurer Burich reminded the Council and audience that the regular City Council meeting summer schedule is one meeting per month on the fourth Monday at 6:30 pm for the months of June, July and August.

6. Emily Major, SEH, provided updates on the 2020 Street and Infrastructure Project Change Order.

Moved by Councilor Peterson, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve Change Order No. One (1) Wyandotte Road storm sewer and Arlington Road sanitary sewer layouts in the amount of \$41,075.35. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. The City Council discussed the reopening of restaurants and bars for June 1, 2020. Wayne and Toni Thuringer, Haven Bar and Grill, were present on the Zoom call to request the use of City picnic tables and garbage cans to provide outdoor service in accordance with Governor Walz' Executive Order.

Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Peterson, to allow local restaurants and bars to use city owned picnic tables to assist with outdoor seating requirements. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried. The Public Works Department will assist with transporting.

The following items were tabled until further clarification from the COVID-19 response team and/or the Governor: beach, youth recreation, softball league, Community Building, Youth Center, Senior Center, craft fairs, golf tournaments/leagues, skateboard park, tennis courts, pickleball. Rummage sales would not be regulated by the city.

Reopening the campground was extensively discussed by the City Council and campground managers in order to be compliant with COVID-19 guidelines.

Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to open Fisherman's Point Campground on June 5, 2020, for regular camping and accept reservations via campground phone number beginning June 1, 2020, with limit of two reservations per person/per day and limited to residents residing within the Mesabi East School District. State guidelines will be implemented prior to opening and compliance will be required. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to hold the City Curb Clean-up June 8, 9, 10, 11, 2020, with information being posted in the East Range Shopper and on the City website. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Special City Council meeting for 2019 Audit Review with Tom Kelly of Walker, Giroux will be determined at the Regular City Council meeting June 26, 2020.
10. Brian Guldán of Bolten & Menk was present to provide an update on grants and funding package for the Wastewater Treatment Facility project. He provided options for changing the bid dates. It was determined by the Council to proceed with the previously approved bid date of June 11, 2020.
11. The City Council discussed the request of Alan Mugge, DBA East Mesabi Sanitation, for approval to assign the current contract for Solid Waste Removal Service, which commenced on August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2024, to a responsible buyer (Plaisted Companies) with a local manager.

Moved by Councilor Zins, supported by Councilor Peterson, to approve the request of Alan Mugge with no contingencies. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve the Listing Contract of Northwoods Land Office, with Rachel LaCount, to June 1, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Roll Call: Ayes: Vreeland, Zins, Popp, Ceglar, Peterson; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Chris J. Vreeland  
Mayor

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