

**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota**

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland, Councilors: Roald Chip Holter, Daniel Popp, Brian Ceglar. Absent: Councilor David Zins. City staff also present: City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Rebecca Burich, Josh Petersen, Susan Sowers, Jake Berndt.
2. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, approving the following items from the consent agenda:
 - Item 4 Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 24 and July 22 (corrected) and August 26, 2019; Adjourned City Council meeting minutes of August 27, 2019.
 - Item 8 Filing of correspondence:
East Range Joint Powers Board – August 27, 2019 meeting packet;
Saint Louis County – Notification dated August 26, 2019 – Proposed Sale of State Tax Forfeited Land; Hoyt Lakes Fire Department – meeting minutes of September 4, 2019.
 - Item 9A Liquor license transfer request of Haven Bar & Grill to the Hoyt Lakes Arena on September 14, 2019.
 - Item 9B Liquor license transfer request of North Star Lanes to the Hoyt Lakes Community Building on September 28, 2019.
 - Item 10A Travel/Training Requests:
City Council, City Clerk-Treasurer, League of Minnesota Cities Regional Meeting October 3, 2019, Chisholm (mileage).
 - Item 11 Receipts, claims and payroll:
Receipts: \$437,268.24
Claims: \$52,099.47
Total Claims: \$52,099.47
Motion Carried.
3. Guests and Citizens Forum:
Roy Beauregard, Bob Turk, Ranger Snowmobile/ATV Club were present to ask for City Council approval to relocate the existing ATV trail closer to Colby Lake by the beach parking lot to Stevens Chambers; they are also working with Minnesota Power in relocating the existing trail through the industrial park. The City Council stated no issue with this request.

Shannon Sweeny, David Drown Associates was present to discuss and provide preliminary financing information regarding a proposed street and utility reconstruction project for 2020 with a total project cost of \$1,525,812. Options discussed included: General Obligation Tax Abatement & Utility Revenue Bonds, Special Assessments and Rural Development programs.
4. Department Reports:
Blight Officer Klovstad provided the City Council with an updated blight report with 6-7 properties not yet in compliance and with some residents given extensions to get into compliance. Councilor Popp discussed sending letters to homeowners that can benefit from the free City garbage pick up on September 18 to avoid being cited. Mayor Vreeland thanked Officer Klovstad and Councilor Popp for their diligence on addressing blight for the City of Hoyt Lakes. Library Director Sowers updated the City Council on upcoming programs at the Library, on recent training in Vermont from the National Association of Rural and Small Libraries and thanked Council for the opportunity. Sowers also discussed the Little Free Pantry to be located outside of City Hall in October which will include kid friendly snacks, diapers, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. for people in need. Ambulance

5. Director Petersen reported there were over 80 ambulance runs in the month of August, scheduling going well and maintenance issues on medics at a minimum lately. Jake Berndt, Public Utilities reported on pressure testing and repainting work of the secondary digester at the waste water treatment facility.
6. Council Reports:
Councilor Ceglar reported on the Arena Committee meeting of September 5, 2019 and upcoming events scheduled at the Arena which include wrestling on October 12, 2019 from 2:00-6:00 pm and another craft fair on November 23, 2019 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. He encouraged the public to join the committee as they are in dire need of new active members. Other things the committee has discussed is having open gym during the winter months, a father/daughter ball and mother/son ball and a chili or wing cook off. The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Arena. Councilor Ceglar also discussed the September monthly report from Mesabi East Youth Sports Coordinator Collin Luke and a request from Mesabi East Youth Hockey for a half door by the concession stand at the arena. Mayor Vreeland discussed the 50-year ice arena celebration, Polymet advertising for management positions, Polymet tour next week, and attending the State Bonding committee meeting September 18, 2019 to replace the existing refrigeration system and bleachers at the Arena.
7. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Popp, to approve the request of Bolten & Menk for an increase in approved fees for the mercury related improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Facility; additional amount if \$24,500 which represents engineering and technical staff time of approximately 150 hours. Motion carried.
8. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Holter, to adopt City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2019-025, "Application by Minnesota Power for a Conditional Use Permit to Authorize the Construction of a 115 Kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line, Substation and Associated Facilities ("Mesaba Junction 115 KV Project") on Property Zoned for Mining and Owned by Polymet Mining, Inc. (full Resolution on file with the City Clerk). Resolution adopted.
9. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Holter, to approve a letter of support drafted by Steve Giorgi, RAMS to be included in the grant application by the Northeast Service Coop (NESC) to the MN Border to Border Broadband grant program which would enhance the broadband currently provided by NESC to all subscribers with the potential for lower costs to all users. Motion carried.
10. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to award Fisherman's Point Campground Project No. U14.119375 to Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$98,643.75 (other bids: Hammerlund/TNT Aggregates \$138,500; Casper Construction \$147,450; Utility Systems of America \$155,930). Motion carried.
11. Moved by Mayor Vreeland, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to accept with regret the retirement letter of Floyd Nelson effective March, 27, 2020 with a letter sent thanking him for his years of service to the City of Hoyt Lakes. Motion carried.
12. Councilor Ceglar moved, supported by Councilor Popp, to table an action for a possible hiring process for Public Works Director to the Monday, September 16, 2019 special budget council meeting for further discussion. Motion carried.
13. Councilor Popp moved, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to approve the Agreement between the City of Biwabik and the City of Hoyt Lakes for ambulance coverage, with the City of Hoyt Lakes covering all calls in the City of Biwabik's PSA 6:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday with coverage beginning on September 14, 2019 and to continue for a period of twelve (12) months; authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk-Treasurer and Ambulance Director to execute Agreement (full agreement on file with the City Clerk-Treasurer). Motion carried. Mayor Vreeland requested Councilors Zins and Popp and Ambulance Director Petersen attending monthly meetings with regard to this agreement.

14. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Ceglar, to adopt City of Hoyt Lakes Resolution 2019-026, "A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hoyt Lakes to make application to and accept funds from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (DIRRR) Development Grant Program (full Resolution on file with the City Clerk). Resolution adopted.
15. Moved by Councilor Ceglar, supported by Councilor Holter, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca J. Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer