

Minutes of Special Council Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2021
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met in special session Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland; Councilors: David Zins, Dan Popp, Christine Peterson, Deborah Kramar. City staff present: EMS Director Melanie Olmstead, Assistant EMS Director Cody Hanson, City Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Burich. Also present: Becky Lammi.
2. Mayor Vreeland discussed a potential business agreement and draft memorandum of understanding between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and the City of Hoyt Lakes for the facility known as the Nott Building. No action was taken.
3. Councilor Popp discussed curb clean-up for 2021 with tentative dates set as Monday and Tuesday, May 3-4, 2021 with a possible extra curb pick up by East Mesabi Sanitation on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, as done last year. Councilor Popp discussed an option of placing some dumpsters in the arena parking lot versus having the garbage truck pick up; City Council had concerns of staff not being available to monitor dumpsters all day and the extra cost of having to dispose of items not meant to be placed in those dumpsters.

Councilor Popp moved, supported by Councilor Zins, to approve City Curb Clean-up on Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4, 2021, to include Wednesday, May 5 (once verified by East Mesabi Sanitation) as a special garbage pick-up day at the curb – no city bags needed with advertising in the East Range Shopper on April 26 and May 3, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Mayor Vreeland informed the City Council of a discussion with Representative Lislegard regarding beginning shut offs for non-paying City water bills (which haven't been done due to Covid-19) and requesting this to be placed on the April 26, 2021 City Council agenda for further discussion.
5. Councilor Popp discussed his concern and expectation of full-time paramedics that are scheduled to be at the EMS building while not on calls and not staying at home. EMS Director Olmstead discussed that these employees are working 12-hour shifts and while on shift they are engaged to wait and on the clock. Currently everything is getting done at the hall and sees no issue with employees going home on the night shift; EMTs are different because they are part-time and cannot be forced to work. Mayor Vreeland discussed current paramedic wages and the need to look at other options including possible full time EMTs. Councilor Popp stated no issue with paramedics going home for a while, but the need for better guidelines and rules.

Councilor Zins moved, supported by Councilor Peterson, to table further discussion on paramedic scheduling and directed incoming City Administrator Lammi and EMS Director Olmstead to research further and report back to the City Council. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Moved by Councilor Kramar, supported by Councilor Zins, to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer