

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Zins, Councilors Kramar, Grams, Beauregard, Scott

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, Public Utilities Director Ken Jake Berndt, Chief Tim Soular, Blight Officer Jordan Hronoski, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt (remote).

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Zins at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to approve the following consent agenda items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – September 25, 2023.
- 4.2 Special City Council Meeting – September 25, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE –

None

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$128,325.69
- 6.2 Payroll - \$88,832.30
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$76,919.91
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$11,912.39
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$1,814.90

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

A resident brought in and read a definition of council member.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi shared the arena has been repaired and they are working at getting the ice back on. St. Louis County is looking to change the number of HWY 666. This is okay with the Council.

Public Works Director Snetsinger provided updates on the arena ice plant (Public Works provided 80 to 90 hours over the past few weeks), street sweeping, and winterizing at the campground and golf course.

Public Utilities Director Berndt stated it is safe to go in Whitewater Lake now. Hydrant flushing is about 50% complete. Construction will be coming back to the Waste Water Treatment Facility to fix new filter building, and 60 feet of fence was already repaired.

Police Chief Tim Soular shared Jordan Klovstad has resigned and will be replaced by Cody Seibert and K9 Taconite (Tac) with a start date of October 19, 2023. Officer Garrick is the new School Resource Officer. A School Resource Officer agreement was signed for 3 years.

City Attorney Brunfelt will present a final reading of ordinance tonight with carve outs for campsites at Fisherman's Point and at the Hoyt Lakes Golf Course.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Grams supported by Kramar to approve Ordinance no. 242 prohibiting use of cannabis in public places. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Scott supported by Grams to approve Ranger ATV Snowmobile Club invoice in the amount of \$3,270.00 for the Moose Trail – Biwabik to Skibo Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to approve LG230 Application to conduct off-site gambling by the Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce on October 11, 2023 at the Hoyt Lakes Arena. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Zins to approve call for applications for Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen request regarding water bills: water on/off fees questions were discussed. The Council will discuss the 2024 fee ordinance in upcoming meetings.

Citizen request regarding blight: citizen had no questions/concerns. Fifteen notices were sent in September, with \$3,590 in blight fines or fees being issued to date. The City has collected \$1,313.25 on auctioned vehicles to date.

Citizen request regarding animal control: animal control process was discussed. Two tickets have been issued and there are 90 current licenses.

Citizen request regarding agenda order: citizen requested public forum to be later in agenda. The council reviewed nearby community agenda order, and all communities have the public forum at the beginning. Additionally, one community does not allow public comment at all.

Moved by Grams supported by Kramar to approve Resolution 2023-029 assessing delinquent service charges to property owners. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kramar supported by Zins to approve pay request no. 37 from Gridor Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$41,978.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Ayes: Zins, Kramar, Grams, Scott.

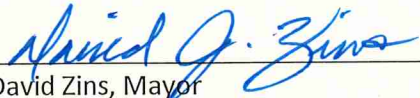
Nays: None

Abstain: Beauregard.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kramar supported by Grams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



David Zins, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator