

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council**  
**Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, Public Utilities Director Jake Berndt, Library Director Sue Sowers, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt.

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by Grams supported by Beauregard to approve the following consent agenda items:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – February 12, 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

- 5.1 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities – Request to Join.
- 5.2 Minnesota Department of Health – Drinking Water Summary of Detection Monitoring.

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS**

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$370,667.92
- 6.2 Payroll - \$77,625.10
  - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$67,496.15
  - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$10,128.95
  - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$889.68

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilor Deb Kramar arrives at 5:35 p.m.

**APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM**

A resident inquired about St. Louis County having the Boase school and asked what is the city's plan? Administrator Lammi advised she has spoken to St. Louis County Community Development and Land & Minerals regarding the building. They are waiting on litigation and legislation regarding tax forfeit properties. St. Louis County will work with the City of Hoyt Lakes regarding the building.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

City Administrator Lammi shared a reminder that the presidential primary election is next Tuesday, March 5; voters are required to declare a party to receive a ballot and vote.

Library Director Sowers provided update on the winter reading challenge, with 55 participating and a 95% success rate. Inventory is in process and she is working on the annual report.

Public Utilities Director Berndt shared the Wastewater Treatment Facility lost its last working boiler fan. The construction company repaired it the same day. Everything is going well at the Water Plant. Chemicals dropped in price. If this decrease is not permanent another pilot study will be done. He is also working on reports.

City Attorney Brunfelt provided an update on the Floe Building. Final closing will hopefully happen in the next few days and then documents will be recorded.

**REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor Zins attended the Range Mayors meeting. Hot topic with rural EMS situation; \$120,000,000 is in the legislature for helping rural EMS with one-time payment. Senator Tina Smith is looking to update Federal reimbursements.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved by Beaugard supported by Kramar to approve Bolton & Menk scope and fee letter for County Road 665 reconstruction, not to exceed \$55,400.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Scott supported by Grams to approve Ranger ATV and Snowmobile Club invoice for SEH in the amount of \$7,806.32 for the Moose Seven Beavers Trail project. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Kramar supported by Scott to approve Ranger ATV and Snowmobile Club invoice for SEH in the amount of \$9,222.50 for the Moose Seven Beavers Trail project. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Grams supported by Kramar to approve Parker Lehti's resignation from the Hoyt Lakes Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Scott supported by Grams to approve Jordan Hronoski's retirement from the Hoyt Lakes Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Scott supported by Zins to approve recommendation to hire Kevin Eckman for Assistant Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Kramar supported by Grams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

  
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David Zins, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Becky Lammi, City Administrator