

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, June 24, 2024
5:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Becky Lammi, City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Public Works Director Ken Snetsinger, Public Utilities Director Jake Berndt.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

- 4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – June 10, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- 5.1 Hoyt Lakes Public Library Meeting Minutes – March 2024.
- 5.2 Hoyt Lakes Public Library Meeting Minutes – April 2024.
- 5.3 Hoyt Lakes Fire Department Meeting Minutes – May 2024.
- 5.4 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Hoyt Lakes WWTP NPDES/SDS Permit letter.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS

- 6.1 Disbursements - \$135,289.61
- 6.2 Payroll - \$90,723.19
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$79,707.37
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$11,015.82
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$725.58

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Lammi shared St. Louis County has resources for homeowners who have suffered damage from flooding. FEMA Grants are typically only for underinsurance or uninsured properties.

Public Works Director Snetsinger provided an update regarding the storm from last Tuesday: the city had some wash outs and storm drains collapsed; please notify public works if there are any collapsed storm drains in your area; Westover, a main outfall, has collapsed. Public works will meet with an engineering firm regarding the Westover collapse. Water levels are up and down, so docks will be re-installed once they stabilize. The Midway Shelter project was blacktopped last week and sod should be laid this week.

The basketball hoops will be installed at the new courts on Westover. The Kensington (Hwy 665) project may be completed in 2025 by St. Louis County due to storm damage to storm drains.

Public Utilities Director Jake Berndt reminded homeowners the lead service line inventory is taking place by Bolton and Menk, who will be sending representatives out to inspect homes. The Waste Water Treatment Facility had an overflow due to the storm. The plant is rated to take 680,000 gallons of inflow, and due to the careful preparation of Operator Benda, the plant took on 1.2 million gallons before it overflowed at the EQ tank. The MPCA has been notified, and notices to the public regarding the bypass have been issued. The Water Treatment Facility had to be sandbagged to protect the raw water intake. It's important for homeowners to make sure their sump pump is discharging outside and they reduce water usage during large storms to help reduce the inflow at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Grams outlined that it was a very busy June, and it is nice to see residents and employees working together.

Councilor Beauregard stated: I would like to thank our former Mayor, Dave Zins. Mayor Zins has served this community for many years. His historical knowledge of past council discussions and decisions will be greatly missed. I would personally like to thank him for the time he spent welcoming me to the council and encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and to make the most of my role. Many people say being on the city council is a thankless job, and it can be at times. There are many difficult decisions that must be made, and they tend to leave citizens and employees torn in support or discontent. Those of us who choose to serve the community on the council will get the occasional comment of support while out in the community, but it's the personal attacks and criticism that seems to stay with us. It is sad to see Mayor Zins step down. I personally will miss seeing him in the council meetings. Thank you, Mayor Zins for all your years spent serving Hoyt Lakes.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the Fire Department. There have been a number of events recently that have required the firefighters to step up and I am grateful to have community members that are willing to serve as an emergency responder. Additionally, I would like to thank all the employees of the city. The city is a machine that requires all the pieces to run. The city of Hoyt Lakes is grateful to have dedicated employees at all levels. It is work and dedication from all city departments that get us through weather events like the flooding last week and the windstorm last year. While most of us are seeking shelter during the storm, we have public works, public utilities, police, fire and EMS employees out in the elements serving our community. Thank you all for your continued service and dedication to your jobs.

Finally, I would like to thank the ERPD, MN DNR, City Staff, and all the Ranger Snowmobile and ATV Club volunteers that helped make the youth training happen this weekend. 23 kids completed the training and I look forward to seeing them enjoy the sport safely and responsibly in the future.

Councilor Scott thanked Jake, Kenny, fire, staff, and community members for helping.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Beauregard supported by Grams to approve the facilities use agreement with the Ranger ATV Snowmobile Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard to table the Birchwood Terrace Park discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve the temporary access road agreement with Northern Natural Gas in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Grams to approve resolution 2024-012 governing the counting of write-in votes for local elective offices. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Scott supported by Kramar approve resolution 2024-013 appointing election judges for 2024 primary and general elections. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beauregard supported by Kramar to appoint Cherie Grams to the vacant position of Mayor.

Ayes: Scott, Beauregard, Kramar

Nays: None

Abstain: Grams

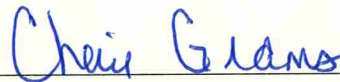
Motion carried.

Moved by Kramar supported by Beauregard to approve resolution 2024-014 accepting resignation and declaring a vacancy on the Hoyt Lakes City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Cherie Grams, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Lammi, City Administrator