

Minutes
Regular City of Hoyt Lakes Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

5:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Councilors in attendance: Grams Jarvela Eckman Mathison Mayor Scott

Absent: Mathison

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Weiberg, Directors: Benda

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CONSENT AGENDA

*Consent Agenda: asterisked items are routine, non-controversial, and/or have been discussed at a previous Council meeting. These items will be approved in one motion unless discussion is requested in which case the item will be considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Moved by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES *

4.1 Public Forum Minutes – April 28, 2026

4.2 Regular City Council Meeting – April 28, 2026

4.3 LBAE Meeting Minutes - April 30, 2026

5. CORRESPONDENCE *

5.1 MN Department of Revenue Annual Mineral Hearing

5.2 Focus on Small Cities Draft Article

6. FINANCIALS -*

6.1 Reconciliation Report

6.2 Approval for Payments – Claims

a. Disbursements - \$111,397.44

b. Payroll – \$88,872.48

Payroll - \$77,127.11

Benefits - \$11,745.37

Insurance – \$1,235.75

7. GUESTS/CITIZEN FORUM

7.1 Bolton and Menk – Sarah Swedburg Water Project Marketing Update

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Weiberg had nothing new to report.

Public Utilities Director Benda reported on the ditch cleaning progress currently on going behind Malvern and the current lift station annual inspection which has just been completed.

City Attorney Joel Lewicki had nothing new to report.

9. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Grams had nothing to report.

Councilor Jarvela reported on the East Range Safety Board meeting and updated on a recent interview for the current opening. He also talked about the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting next week and a Superior National Forest Scenic Byway Council Meeting on Wednesday May 13th.

Councilor Eckman shared that the city-wide garage sale is this weekend. You can still sign up for Arts and Crafts.

Mayor Scott announced National EMS week and wanted to take time to thank all our EMS in town and the Fire Department is hiring EMT's and Fire Fighters.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Garbage Bag Sticker Project Update

Administrator Weiberg provided an update on the garbage bag sticker progress and is proposing a three-month trial. Still needs a roll out plan and will present to Council again.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution 2026-011 To Accept a Donation from the Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$17,750.00 to be distributed as follows:

- a. \$15,000 For the Hoyt Lakes Arena/Recreation Department
- b. \$750.00 For the Hoyt Lakes Library
- c. \$2,000.00 For the Hoyt Lakes Garden Club

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela to approve Resolution 2026-011 and accept the donation from the Chamber which will be distributed as requested. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 City Wide Clean-up Notice – Information Only

11.3 Aurora Main Street Market Liquor License Application for the HL Bowling Alley

Following a lengthy discussion, it was motioned by Grams; Supported by Eckman to approve the liquor license application for Aurora Main Street Market for the Hoyt Lakes Bowling Alley.

For: Eckman, Grams, Scott

Nay: Jarvela

Absent: Mathison

Motion Carried.

11.4 Farmers Market Discussion

Mayor Scott and Councilor Eckman will be working together with the intention of having a Farmers Market this summer in town and potentially in the new pavilion. Mayor Scott has been investigating them and will reach out to the Town of White as they currently have one at the Loon Lake Community Center.

11.5 Resolution 2026-010 Ranger Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant Sponsorship

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Grams to approve Resolution 2026-010 for the Ranger Snowmobile and ATV Trail Maintenance Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

11.6 Resolution 2026-009 Support for the SLC Aurora Railroad Crossing Overpass

**Motion by Grams; Supported by Eckman to approve Resolution 2026-009 Supporting the Saint Louis County Aurora Railroad crossing overpass.
For: Grams, Scott, Eckman
Nay: Jarvela
Absent: Mathison
Motion Carried.**

11.7 Lease for Lawful Gambling and Premises Permit Application – Ranger Snowmobile ATV at The Broken Putter Lounge, 4099 Allen Junction Road, Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750.

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to approve the Lease for Lawful Gambling and Premises Permit Application for Ranger Snowmobile ATV at The Broken Putter Lounge, 4099 Allen Junction Road, Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750, pending City Attorney confirmation that it can be performed in a City owned premises. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela for adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Next Council Meetings:

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:00 pm – Public Forum

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting



Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dean Weiberg, Administrator