

**Regular Hoyt Lakes City Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers**  
**May 12, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

**1. ROLL CALL**

Councilors: ☒ Grams ☒ Jarvela ☒ Eckman ☒ Mathison ☒ Mayor Scott

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Weiberg, Rick Adams, Jacob Crispo (Bolton and Menk)

**2. 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.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES \***

4.1 4/24/2025 LBAE Meeting Minutes

4.2 4/28/2025 City Council Public Forum Meeting Minutes

4.3 4/28/2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

**5. CORRESPONDENCE \***

5.1 January-March 2025 Library Board Meeting Minutes.

5.2 Hoyt Lakes Garden Club donation appreciation letter.

5.3 Westover Project update.

**6. FINANCIALS –\***

a. **April 2025**

b. **Approval for Payment – Claims**

6.1 Disbursements – \$166,310.97

6.2 Payroll - \$87,454.98

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6.2.2 Benefits - \$11,117.23

6.2.3 Insurance - \$24,730.98

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Jarvela and supported by Grams to approve the consent agenda: approval of minutes, approval or receipts, approval for payment, correspondence, travel and training requests, community comments, reports from boards and commissions. ☒ Motion Carried

## **7. GUESTS/CITIZEN FORUM**

### **APPEARANCES / PUBLIC FORUM**

Jim Koepke spoke on opportunities for the city to better exploit the Laskin Energy Park and the potential of increasing the ease of access to the city for industrial transportation and vehicles by avoiding traveling through Biwabik and Aurora. Jim also presented an idea of updating existing trails and creating additional ones for mountain bikes behind Steven Chambers and the hotel.

## **8. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

City Administrator – Dean Weiberg reported on the Arena grant process primarily the Mighty Ducks grant. He also noted that he will be meeting with Tom Kelly to review the draft audit and action items. Dean will also be reaching out to Shannon Sweeny to begin the bonding process for the 110 and 665 road reconstruction projects for Hoyt Lake's portion of the project.

Public Utilities – Jake Berndt provided an update on the water plant and are staying on top of the changes in the Partridge River intake typical spring challenges.

## **9. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Grams will be attending the annual league conference this year which will be in Duluth in June and provided an update on the Chamber of Commerce activities.

Jarvela attended the Business Advisory Panel meeting at MP's Laskin's conference room and toured the facility.

Eckman wanted to thank everyone who helped with the community wide clean-up.

Mathison updated on the next steps on the heavy equipment operator hiring process.

Scott provided an update on the upcoming Garden Club meeting.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 Recommendation to hire the Arts & Crafts Instructor.

**Motion to hire Jill Eckman as Arts & Crafts Instructor.**

**Moved by Jarvela Supported by Grams ☒ Motion Carried**

**Abstained: Eckman**

11.2. Recommendation to hire for the Arts & Crafts Helper.

**Motion to hire Alexee Jaskuloski as Arts & Crafts Helper.**

**Moved by Grams Supported by Mathison ☑ Motion Carried**

**Abstained: Eckman**

11.3. Recommendation to hire for summer seasonal positions in Public Works, Public Utilities, Recreation, and Golf Course.

**Motion to approve recommendations to hire the following persons for summer seasonal positions in Public Works, Public Utilities, Recreation, and Golf Course:**

**Recreation – Ryan Latola, Cole Palmi**

**Golf Course – Paul Thies, Doug Ross, Jared Snetsinger**

**Public Utilities – Reese Heikkila, Cole Meyer**

**Public Works – Alex Polla, Brady Alaspa, Kyra Skelton, Addisyn Lesnau, Gracie Haynes, Adeline Butzke, Ashley Fossell**

**Moved by Mathison Supported by Jarvela ☑ Motion Carried**

11.4. Recommendation to hire Golf Course Assistant Greenskeeper.

**Motion to hire Wayde West as Golf Course Assistant Greenskeeper.**

**Moved by Grams Supported by Mathison ☑ Motion Carried**

11.5. LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by the Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival Committee on July 26 & 27, 2025 at the Hoyt Lakes Community Building.

**Motion to approve LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by the Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival Committee on July 26 & 27, 2025 at the Hoyt Lakes Community Building.**

**Moved by Jarvela Supported by Eckman ☑ Motion Carried**

11.6. LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by the Timothy Robinson Auxiliary #8144 on July 19, November 15 and November 22, 2025, at the Timothy Robinson VFW #8144.

**Motion to approve LG240B Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by Timothy Robinson Auxiliary #8144 on July 19, November 15, and November 22, 2025, at the Timothy Robinson VFW #8144.**

**Moved by Mathison Supported by Eckman ☑ Motion Carried**

11.7. Iron Range Historical Society update and maintenance request approval per Memorandum of Understanding.

**Motion to approve the Iron Range Historical Society maintenance request at Longyear Drill Site to include installing a cable railing on one side of the bridge and to repair/replace the timbers at the top of the tripod.**

**Moved by Eckman Supported by Jarvela ☑ Motion Carried**



11.8. Rick Adams provided information regarding Verizon's interest in leasing a site for a free-standing cell tower. This was for informational purposes not requiring a vote by the council at this time.

11.9. Resolution 2025-010 Grant Funding Assistance for Hoyt Lakes Ice System Replacement.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2025-010 Grant Funding Assistance for Hoyt Lakes Ice System Replacement.**

**Moved by Jarvela Supported by Eckman ☒ Motion Carried**

11.10. Award CSAH 110 and DR665 Utilities Reconstruction Bid of \$860,777.71 to Northland Constructors.

**Motion to accept the bid of \$860,777.71 for the CSAH 110 and CR665 Utilities Reconstruction and move forward with Northland Constructors completing the work on the project.**

**Moved by Grams Supported by Jarvela ☒ Motion Carried**

11.11. Resignation from EMS Department

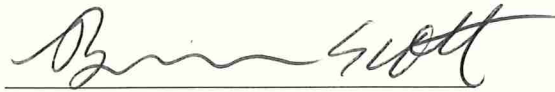
**Motion to accept Nikka Hietala's resignation from the EMS Department effective 5/6/2025.**

**Moved by Eckman Supported by Jarvela ☒ Motion Carried**

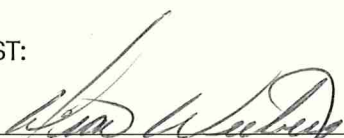
#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Grams and supported by Jarvela to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. ☒ Motion Carried**

  
Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dean Weiberg, City Administrator