

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Hoyt Lakes City Council
Hoyt Lakes City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, April 14, 2025
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott, Councilors Grams, Jarvela, Eckman, Mathison.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Weiberg, City Attorney Lewicki, Public Utilities Direct Berndt, Deputy Clerk Snetsinger, Public Works Director Snetsinger, Library Director Lammi, Assistant Fire Chief Eckman, Youth Recreation Director Goerd.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES*

- 4.1 City Council Public Forum – March 24, 2025.
- 4.2 Regular City Council Meeting – March 24, 2025.
- 4.3 Special City Council Meeting – April 7, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE*

- 5.1 Blight Officer Compliance Orders.
- 5.2 Arrowhead Transit Press Release.
- 5.3 Iron Range Economic Alliance March 5, 2025, minutes.
- 5.4 Library Annual Report
- 5.5 St. Louis County Environmental Services – Disposal Information.
- 5.6 St. Louis County Notice of Online Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited Lands, Adjoining Owner Notification, Parcel Code: 142-0026-00260
- 5.7 St. Louis County Notice of Online Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited Lands, Adjoining Owner Notification, Parcel Code: 142-0026-00250

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS*

- 6.1 Disbursements -\$263,475.32
- 6.2 Payroll - \$83,081.88
 - 6.2.1 Payroll - \$72,490.50
 - 6.2.2 Benefits - \$10,591.38
 - 6.2.3 Insurance - \$41,757.71

Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARANCES/PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator – Dean Weiberg – Nothing specific to report on. Thanked the council, staff, and community for the opportunity to work with all of them as their newest city administrator.

Recreation – No report

Library – Sue Sowers/Michele Lammi – Director Lammi recapped the successful “Library Week” activities of last week. Discussed the upcoming Northland volunteer event April 22nd and library services event on the 24th and numerous other upcoming events.

Public Works Director Snetsinger recapped the latest watermain breaks, informed the council and attendees of the street sweeper will commence this week and provided an update on the arena project. Councilor Jarvela questions regarding the change orders which were addressed by Director Snetsinger.

Public Utilities Director Berndt provides an update on price increases he is seeing regarding chemicals as much as \$0.10 per pound.

Ambulance -- Mel Olmstead - No report

Police Chief – Jorden Klovstad – No Report

Fire Chief -Assistant Fire Chief Eckman provided an update on fire calls and burning reminder with the fire danger until it greens up.

Mesabi East Youth Sports -- Mark Goerdts provided an update on the statuses of the ball leagues this coming year, the increase cost of supplies and uniforms. Councilor Jarvela requested information such as a statement of cashflows of the money parents are paying for their children to participate in sports. Mr. Goerdts did not have a report available but spent some time describing the costs and flow of the money.

Additionally, Mr. Goerdts briefed the council on the shortage of lifeguards for this summer and the age requirement of 16. He suggested an option to allow 15-year-olds to work with the lifeguards as playground attendants but not as a lifeguard or assist in any water type rescue. There was also a discussion on Lifeguard and helper wages. No actions were taken during the meeting.

City Attorney – Joel Lewicki - No Report

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Grams– Councilor Grams provided an update on the brown field event she attended in Virginia and the funding that can be available. And attended a meeting with “Hello Range” regarding marketing tourism in the community.

Jarvela- Councilor Jarvela provided a summary of the East Range Police Department meeting he attended.

Eckman- No Report

Mathison- Councilor Mathison provided an update on updating the tri-city ambulance service agreement.

Scott- Mayor Scott began the meeting to introduce and welcome the new city administrator. Mr. Scott also had a brief discussion on the Garden Club meeting and that they are looking for additional volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Jarvela supported by Mathison to approve Arts & Crafts Program for summer of 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Grams supported by Eckman to approve the Mosquito Control Contract with D&B Environmental Services and to authorize the City Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Hoyt Lakes Arena Improvement Change Order #2 Review: Withdrawn until there are additional details with firm costs associated with the change order.

Moved by Eckman supported by Grams to approve Go Ask Rob for City of Hoyt lakes website hosting and authorizing the City Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mathison supported by Jarvela to approve pay request No. 7 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$94,733.12 for the Hoyt Lakes Wellness and Recreation Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jarvela supported by Grams to approve posting internally, and then externally if no Letter of Interest is received, for the Heavy Equipment Operator vacancy in the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mathison supported by Eckman to approve Water Carnival Committee temporary liquor license application. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Carnival Committee President Dan Darbo was present to review this year's 70th Anniversary Water Carnival.

Moved by Eckman supported by Mathison to approve the Water Carnival Committee special event permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding Hoyt Lakes Garden Club annual funding.

Moved by Grams supported by Jarvela to approve Bolton & Menk Scope & fee – Water/Wastewater Project and Funding Assistance. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dean Weiberg, City Administrator