

Emergency Hoyt Lakes City Council Meeting
Brimson Complex Fire
Council Chambers
May 16, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Emergency meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Scott.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Grams

ALSO PRESENT: Dean Weiberg, Tony House, Kenny Snetsinger, Steve Peterson, Tammy Snetsinger, Jorden Klovstad, Jake Berndt, Mel Olmstead, Michele Lammi

Departmental Update:

Fire Chief House provided an update on the wildfire and what the city's resources have been focusing on and how they have engaging with the county, state, and federal agencies.

Police Chief Klovstad provided an update on the ERPD and their coordination with the county and state agencies. He also reviewed the evacuation plans with the councilors in the event the town will need to be evacuated. The point of when to start evacuation was set at approximately three miles from the edge of town with the current weather conditions. Evacuation timelines were discussed based on the flyers handed out, responses from the citizens and how long it took going door to door.

EMS Director Mel Olmstead provided an update on the ambulance services and their partnerships in the event of a full evacuation which would include the hospital and any related calls. They are providing ambulance services stationed out in the field for fire fighter support.

Directors Brandt, Snetsinger, and Peterson provided updates on the city's' utilities, public works, and the golf course which will be a fire break. This included keeping the water tower and standpipe full, coordinating Minnesota power and the natural gas provider in the event we lose power and natural gas, and keeping the golf course saturated with water.

Mayoral Update:

Mayor Scott provided an overview of the enactment of the Proclamation of Local Emergency. By doing so, enacts certain authorities for the mayor, city staff, and department directors. Primarily, this allows for decisions to be made immediately to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community in events such as wildfires. By statute, this proclamation may not exceed three days without a council resolution. It is expected the wildfire is going to exceed the three days and a resolution will be needed if the council agrees to adoption of an extension.

Resolution: To extend emergency powers until terminated by a subsequent resolution of the City Council;
Moved by Jarvela, Supported by Mathison. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion by Mathison supported by Jarvela to adjourn meeting; All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dean Weiberg, City Administrator