

Regular City of Hoyt Lakes Council Meeting City Hall Council Chambers

Monday, December 22, 2025

5:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Scott, Councilors Grams, Jarvela, Eckman

Absent: Mathison

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.

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

All in favor, Motion carried.

Absent: Mathison

4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES *

4.1 Public Forum Meeting – November 24, 2025

4.2 Regular City Council Meeting – November 24, 2025

4.3 Special City Council Meeting – December 1, 2025

4.4 Regular City Council Meeting – December 8, 2025

4.5 Truth in Taxation Meeting – December 8, 2025

5. CORRESPONDENCE *

5.1 St. Louis County proposed 2026 Solid Waste Disposal Fees

5.2 MN Dept. of Health Inspection Report

5.3 Hello Range Volunteer Fair

5.4 December 2025 Status Report

5.5 Hoyt Lakes Fire Department November Meeting Minutes

6. FINANCIALS -*

Approval for Payment – Claims

6.1 Disbursements – \$312,860.62

6.2 Payroll - \$89,914.14

6.2.1 Payroll - \$78,522.58

6.2.2 Benefits - \$11,391.56

6.2.3 Insurance - \$38,325.55

7. GUESTS/CITIZEN FORUM

7.1 None

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Weiberg – Reported that Council Chambers were rearranged back to the way it was originally designed and we have resumed broadcasting the meetings with Mesabi Community Television.

Recreation Director Peterson provided an update on the Arena project and electrical work being done. There are change orders to address later in the meeting.

EMS Director Olmstead - Nothing to Report.

City Attorney Joel Lewicki advised they are merging with another law firm. Their name will be changing to the Cope Law Group. Services will remain the same. Offices will be moving to another Virginia location starting the first of the year. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

9. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Grams - Nothing to Report.

Councilor Jarvela discussed logging being done at the CCC Pavilion and progress on the Boase School demolition.

Councilor Eckman shared the Fire Department Christmas party was a great success with lots of smiling faces.

Councilor Mathison was absent.

Mayor Scott - Nothing to Report.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Resolution 2025-036, Adoption of the City of Hoyt Lakes 2026 Final Levy approval.

Mayor Scott discussed prior meetings regarding the levy and shared approximately \$90,000 to \$95,000 in cuts were made bringing it to about a 9% increase vs. the 12 to 15% originally proposed. Utility rates will remain the same with no increase.

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela to approve Resolution 2025-036.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Absent: Mathison

11.2 Resolution 2025-038, Adoption of the City of Hoyt Lakes 2026 Final Budget approval.

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Grams to approve Resolution 2025-038.

All in favor, Motion carried.

Absent: Mathison

- 11.3 Resolution 2025-037, Acceptance of \$5,000 Tourism donation from the Hoyt Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Grams explained the purpose of the donation was for upgrades and needed repairs to lighting, painting, and decorations in the shopping center area.

The shopping center owners discussed future plans.

**Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to approve Resolution 2025-037.
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

- 11.4 Max Gray Pay Application #15 in the amount of \$91,322.40.

**Motion by Grams; Supported by Eckman to approve Max Gray Pay Application #15.
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

- 11.5 Max Gray Change Order #05 includes:
a. \$4,725 request for addition of access door section on the dasher board and replacement.
b. \$4,939 structural steel required for a tie in point for the 2 platform lifts.

Recreation Director Peterson explained the reason for the change orders. Administrator Weiberg advised there are plenty of contingencies to cover this.

**Motion by Eckman; Supported by Grams to approve Max Gray Change Order #05.
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

- 11.6 2026 City Council Committee Assignments.

**Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to approve 2026 City Council Committee Assignments.
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

- 11.7 Walker, Giroux, & Hahne 2025 Audit Agreement.

**Motion by Grams; Supported by Jarvela to approve 2025 Audit Agreement.
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

11.8 Resolution 2025-039 Authorizing the City Administrator to File and Emergency Medical Services Grant with the State of Minnesota.

EMS Director Peterson explained the grant in the amount of \$19,010.11 to be used for operating expenses.

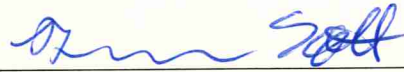
**Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Grams to approve Resolution 2025-039
All in favor, Motion carried.
Absent: Mathison**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela to adjourn; All in favor, Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 pm.

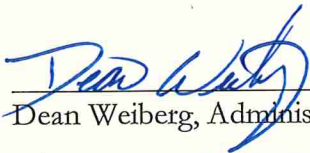
Next Council Meetings:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm – Public Forum
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting



Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dean Weiberg, Administrator