

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL: Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Scott at 5:30 pm.

Councilors in attendance: Grams Jarvela Eckman Mathison Mayor Scott

Absent: Grams

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Weiberg, Directors: Snetsinger, Peterson, Olmstead, 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.

Motion by Jarvela, Supported by Mathison to approve the consent agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES *

4.1 Regular City Council Meeting – March 24, 2026

5. CORRESPONDENCE *

- 5.1 Wellness Center Renovation Fact Sheet
- 5.2 Letter to Legislators Resolution 140
- 5.3 Letters to Senators Smith and Klobuchar
- 5.4 Notice of Sale of Tax-Forfeited Lands
- 5.5 HLF D March 4th Monthly Meeting Minutes
- 5.6 MPCA Letter Boase School Site Notification
- 5.7 DNR Grant-in-Aid Workshop
- 5.8 East Range Summit 2026 Flyer
- 5.9 LBAE Certification Form

6. FINANCIALS -*

- 6.1 Reconciliation Reports
- 6.2 Approval for Payments – Claims
 - a. Disbursements - \$216,762.66
 - b. Payroll – \$90,783.56
 - Payroll - \$78,796.10
 - Benefits - \$11,987.46
 - Insurance – \$39,187.42

7. GUESTS/CITIZEN FORUM

7.1 Northspan Update - Ali Bilden Camps gave an update on Northspan activities and goals and objectives.

7.2 Mesabi Trail Update - Sarah Ciochetto provided an update on the trail development between Hoyt Lakes and Aurora. She also talked about the long-term vision of the trail system.

7.3 New Range Copper Nickel - Johnny Eloranta gave a statement on the opportunity of partnering with Hoyt Lakes and the Arena naming and signage.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

City Administrator Weiberg – No Report

Recreation Director Peterson gave an update on the Arena remaining work for the wheelchair elevators and the Golf Course.

Public Works Director Snetsinger reported on the street sweeping progress and the campground will be opening with seasonal allowed in starting this week.

Public Utilities Director Benda reported the Water Treatment Plant has been performing well as the snow melt has been gradual.

EMS Director Olmstead had no report until the action items.

City Attorney Joel Lewicki reported on the Leeds lots and is working with Bolten and Menk on the final paperwork.

9. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilor Grams – Absent

Councilor Jarvela reported on the Joint Powers Agreement meeting with Bolten and Menk last week, and the upcoming meetings. Also, provided an update on the East Range Police Department regarding the K9 dog (Taconite) and the potential of Aurora cutting the School Resource Officer position due to the lack of funding.

Councilor Eckman gave an update on next week being National Library Week and all the activities they have planned.

Councilor Mathison had no report.

Mayor Scott announce the Garden Club meetings kick off this week and are on the second Tuesday of the month and the RAMs group traveling down to the capital.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Arts & Crafts Program Notification

11.2 Mosquito Control Contract with D&B Environmental Services.

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to table until the next regular Council meeting. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.3 Cemetery Caretaker/Recycle Driver Hiring Committee Recommendation

Motion by Mathison; Supported by Scott to follow the hiring committee's recommendation and offer the Cemetery Caretaker/Recycle Driver position to Shane Stewart. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.4 Community Volunteer Clean-up Notice – May 6th (Information only)

11.5 East Range Water Project Labor Agreement

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman to include a project labor agreement for Hoyt Lakes's portion of the Joint Water System construction. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.6 East Range Water Board Conflict of Interest Waiver

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Mathison to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Waiver Request with Fryberger Law Firm in regard to the Joint Water Project. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.7 New Range Area Center Sign Sponsorship

Sponsorship Agreement was not ready so was information only provided by Mayor Scott, Director Peterson and Johnny Eloranta on the proposed Arena Sponsorship.

11.8 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Mayor Proclamation

Motion by Scott; Supported by Eckman supporting the Mayors Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.9 Water Carnival 2026

a. 2026 In-Kind Service Estimates (Based on 2025)

b. In Kind Service Request

Motion by Mathison; Supported by Eckman to approve Hoyt Lakes to provide In-Kind services for the 2026 Water Carnival. All in favor; Motion carried.

c. On-Sale Temporary Liquor License Application

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Mathison to approve the On-Sale Temporary Liquor License Application. All in favor; Motion carried.

d. Bingo Application

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela to approve the Water Carnival Bingo Application. All in favor; Motion carried.

e. Special Event Permit Application

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Mathison to approve the Water Carnival Committee's Special Event Permit Application. All in favor; Motion carried.

11.10 Skyler Webb Request to Allow Campers in the Arena Parking Lot

Motion by Eckman; Supported by Jarvela to table the request to allow overnight camping in the arena parking lot for the Webb wedding until more research can be done.

For: Eckman, Jarvela, Scott

Abstained: Mathison who's officiating the wedding.

Motion Carried

11.11 Ambulance Billing Service Contract and Vendor Change

Motion by Mathison; Supported by Jarvela to approve entering into an Ambulance Billing Service Contract with ECP Services.

For: Mathison, Jarvela

Abstained: Eckman, Scott

Motion Carried. Councilor Eckman and Mayor Scott were deemed not to have a conflict of interest as they serve on the ambulance but are not involved with billing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jarvela; Supported by Eckman for Adjournment. All in favor; Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Council Meetings:

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm – Public Forum

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting

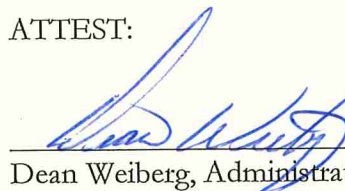
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm - St. Louis County LBAE

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 pm – Regular Meeting



Brennan Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dean Weiberg, Administrator