



HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
5:00 PM

Councilor Jay Hildenbrand
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman
Councilor Chris Whitney
Councilor Justin Fosso
Councilor John Schweiberger
Councilor James Bayliss
Mayor Pete Hyduke

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske
City Clerk-Dep Admin Candie Seppala
Finance Dir - Treasurer Sheena Mulner
City Attorney Andy Borland
Chief of Police Steve Estey
City Engineer Jesse Story

Members may participate through remote technology

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. ADDS AND DELETES:

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Hibbing City Council Meeting of December 17, 2025
2. Approve the Minutes of the Hibbing City Council Workshop of December 17, 2025

VI. REORGANIZATION MEETING:

1. Mayor Hyduke to designate Acting Mayor for 2026 to act in the absence of the Mayor when he is not able to be present to perform his duties
2. Designate the Mesabi Daily News as the newspaper for City Business for 2026
3. Designate Depositories for 2026: Park State Bank, US Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Security State Bank, National Bank of Commerce, 4M Fund, Wells Fargo Advisors, US Bank Investment Services, Inc., Wells Fargo Investment Services, Pershing Advisor Solutions, Ehlers Investment Services, and Moreton Capital Markets
4. Approve the respective depositories designated safekeeping entities
5. Designate Andy Borland of Sellman Borland and Simon Law Offices as the City of Hibbing's Attorney for 2026
6. Set the Mayor's Contingency Fund for 2025 at \$5,000 as set forth by State Law
7. Appointments of Councilors to City Boards and Commissions
 - o Safety Committee

- Insurance Committee
 - Council Representative to Chisholm Hibbing Airport Authority
 - Council Representatives to Hibbing Economic Development Authority
 - Council Representative to Hibbing Public Utilities Commission
8. Appoint the Mayor and City Engineer as the City's Weed Inspector and Assistant Weed Inspector for 2026, as set forth by State Law
 9. City Clerk's Appointment of Sheena Mulner as the Deputy Clerk for 2026
 10. Treasurer's Appointment of Erin Schirmer as the Deputy Treasurer for 2026
 11. Set bond for the City Administrator, City Clerk/Deputy Administrator, and Treasurer/Finance Director, for 2026 at \$500,000
 12. Set the Regular Meetings of the Hibbing City Council for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the City Hall Council Chamber, with exceptions due to scheduling conflicts
 13. Set the Workshop Meetings of the Hibbing City Council following the Regular City Council Meetings which will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the City Hall Council Chamber, with exceptions due to scheduling conflicts
 14. Designate the 2026 appointments to the Northeast Minnesota Emergency Communications Board (ECB) and Northeast Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
 - Regional Advisory Committee:
 - Fire Chief Erik Jankila - Primary
 - Captain/EMS Director Kristi McCormick - Alternate
 - Emergency Communications Board (ECB)
 - James Bayliss - Primary
 - Fire Chief Erik Jankila - Alternate
 - Radio Users Committee Appointment
 - Captain/EMS Director Kristi McCormick- Primary
 - Commander Tim Stauty - Alternate
 - Owner & Operators Committee
 - Commander Tim Stauty - Primary
 - Deputy Chief Tyler Schwerzler - Alternate

VII. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated December 23, 2025, checks numbered 181725-181789 in the amount of \$1,242,441.66 and drafts \$50,340.61 for a total of \$1,292,782.27
2. Approve Accounts Payable dated December 31, 2025, checks numbered 181790-181838 in the amount of \$327,455.63 and drafts \$33,639.69 for a total of

\$361,095.32

3. PLACEHOLDER: Approve Accounts Payable dated January 7, 2026
4. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending December 12, 2025 in the amount of \$657,856.89
5. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending December 26, 2025 in the amount of \$646,697.71
6. Authorize Mayor to sign a letter of support RE: Participation in the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission's Brownfield Assessment Coalition and Support for the FY2026 Application for a U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant
7. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the updated Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Cook
8. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Floodwood EMS
9. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Agreement with North Memorial Health Care
10. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Life Link III Alr Medical Collaboration Agreement
11. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for Mesabi Metallica
12. Approve Resolution No. 26-01-03 Approving Labor Agreement, and Memorandums of Understanding between the City of Hibbing and IAFF Firefighters, Local 173.
13. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the City of Hibbing and ESI Employee Assistance Group in the amount of \$3,700 for the 2026 Total Care & Public Safety Employee Assistance Program services.
14. Authorize the hire of Kristen Kenjalo for the Temporary Recreation Instructor position pending pre-employment contingencies.
15. Authorize the creation and posting of one Full-Time Recreation Programmer position.
16. Approve the hire of Robert Kobal for the Full-Time Public Works Foreman position effective January 10, 2026.
17. Approve the modified position classifications and grades effective January 1, 2026.
18. Approve the elimination of one Full-Time Skilled Labor Position.
19. Approve the creation and posting of one Full-Time Equipment Operator I position.
20. Offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-04 accepting the donation of \$5,000 from the Blandin Foundation towards programming. \$2500 will go towards programming at the Hibbing Public Library and \$2500 will go towards Parks & Recreation

programming.

21. Offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-05 ACCEPTING \$357,107.86 AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
22. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Environmental Assessment Determination and Compliance finding as required under 24 CFR Part 58 for Cobb Cook. The Mayor's signature certifies that the City of Hibbing has reviewed the Environmental Assessment, agrees with its findings, and authorizes submission of the environmental review to HUD as part of the Section 18 application process for Haven Courts.
23. Approve the hire of Cory Nelson for the Full-Time Equipment Operator I position pending pre-employment contingencies.
24. Place a hold on one Full-Time Automatic Truck Driver position.
25. Place a hold on two Full-Time Skilled Labor positions.
26. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the American Legion Post 452 to hold Bingo on January 24, 2026 at the National Guard Armory
Raffle Permit #26-01-01
27. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Hibbing JO Volleyball to hold its raffle on February 22, 2026 at the Hibbing High School
Raffle Permit #26-01-02
28. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Russo Golob to hold Bingo at the Elk's Hibbing Lodge on February 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2026
Raffle Permit #26-01-03
29. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of Hibbing Little League Inc to hold their raffle on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at the Hibbing Little League Field
Raffle Permit #26-01-04
30. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association to hold their raffle on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Hibbing Memorial Building
Raffle Permit #25-01-05
31. Approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License of the Keewatin American Legion Post 452 on January 24, 2026 at the National Guard Armory
32. Approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License of the Keewatin American Legion to dispense alcohol on March 21, 2026 at the Hibbing Memorial building
33. Approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Hibbing Police Department to hold the Polar Plunge on March 21, 2026 at Carey Lake
34. Approve the Special Event Permit Application of Victory Christian Academy to hold

their 5k on Saturday, April 25, 2026 in Hibbing

35. Set the next Hibbing City Council Meeting for Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber
36. Set the next Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, January 21, 2026 following the Regular Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber
37. Approve the Special Event Permit Application of Washington Early Learning Center to hold In Your Neighborhood in Bryan Park on February 23, 2026

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Light After Loss

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. Mayor Hyduke: Update from the Closed Session of December 17, 2025

X. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti

- a. Approve the release of the request for proposals for expansion of the abandoned farmstead wetland bank in the city of Hibbing.

2. City Services Director Nick Arola

- a. Approve the professional services agreement with Widseth for the Hibbing Public Library Tech Center and Restrooms Renovation.

3. City Attorney Andy Borland

- a. Offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-01-06 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF A HAZARDOUS CONDITION LOCATED AT LOTS 17, 18, AND 19, BLOCK 7 SUNNYSIDE
- b. Offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-07 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF A HAZARDOUS CONDITION LOCATED AT LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 7, KITZVILLE
- c. Approve Ordinance No. XXX, 2nd Series AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIBBING, MINNESOTA, AMENDING HIBBING CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 ENTITLED "PUBLIC PROTECTION, CRIMES AND OFFENSES" , BY REVISING SECTIO 10.22 'CAT REGULATION'; AND, BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, HIBBING CITY CODE CHAPTER 1 AND SECTION 10.99 WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS.
- d. Approve Ordinance No. XXX, 2nd Series an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIBBING, MINNESOTA, AMENDING HIBBING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2

ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT", BY REVISING SECTION 2.16 'LIBRARY BOARD'; AND BY ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, HIBBING CITY CODE CHAPTER 1 AND SECTION 2.99 WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS.

4. City Administrator Greg Pruszinske

- a. City Administrator's Report

XI. BIDS AND QUOTES:

1. Fleet Manager Joe McKenney

- a. Approve the Sourcewell quote to Sanitation Products for the Falcon Road Patch Trailer in the amount of \$44,034.00
- b. Approve the quote from Towmaster Truck Equipment for the Skid Water Tank Unit for the Plow Truck in the amount of \$46,161.00

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

XIII. CLOSED SESSION: FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY PARCELS 139-0180-02570 PURSUANT TO MN ST SECTION 13D.05SUB.3(C3)