

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chamber.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Pete Hyduke, Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, and Councilor John Schweiberger. Councilor Jay Hildenbrand and Councilor Chris Whitney were absent. Also present were City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala, Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner, Chief of Police Steve Estey, City Attorney Andy Borland, and City Engineer Jesse Story.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ADDs/DELETES:

- **ADD:** **CONSENT AGENDA #12-17**
- **ADD:** **DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS #2b, #4a, & #5a**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Agenda.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the minutes of the Hibbing City Council Meeting of August 6, 2025.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Minutes of the Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting of August 6, 2025.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-39

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated August 14, 2025, checks #180708-180826 and drafts in the amount of \$3,661,174.41
2. Approve City Payroll ending August 8, 2025, in the amount of \$709,327.72
3. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the public meeting for U.S. Steel Corp.
-- Keetac draft permits and variance request at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center (ITMEC) on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m,
4. Authorize the hire of Adam Holm for the Full-Time Investigator II position effective September 22, 2025.
5. Authorize the posting of three Temporary Library Aides for the Hibbing Public Library.
6. Authorize the hire of Timothy Stauty for Full-Time Commander with the Hibbing Police Department effective August 25, 2025.
7. Authorize the hire of Mikalia Sherer for Temporary Animal Care Attendant pending pre-employment contingencies.
8. Authorize the Mayor to sign and send the Northeastern Mayors letter in support of Keetac's site-specific standard and variance.
9. Approve Resolution 25-08-10 CALLING ON NORTHERN NATURAL GAS TO
EMPLOY MINNESOTA WORKERS AND OPPOSE RATE INCREASES
RESULTING FROM OUT-OF-STATE CONTRACTING
10. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of Hibbing Chisholm Youth Hockey to hold their raffle on Friday, February 6, 2026 at Palmers of Hibbing Raffle # - 25-08-04
11. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Hibbing College Foundation to hold their raffle on Friday, December 19, 2025 at MN -North College - Hibbing Campus
Raffle Permit # - 25-08-05
12. Approve the Raffle Permit Application request of the MN Deer Hunters Association to hold their raffle at the Hibbing Memorial Building on Wednesday, October 1, 2025 Raffle Permit #25-08-06
13. Approve the Off-Sale and Sunday Liquor License Applications of Station 73, 2612 Highway 73, Hibbing
14. Approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Hibbing Chisholm Hat-Trick Hustle 5k on Saturday, October 11, 2025 Starting at the Fairgrounds Arena
15. Approve the Hibbing Police Department's July 2025 Activity Report

16. Approve the Special Event Permit of Hibbing Bar Owners to hold Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 20, 2025
17. Approve the Temporary on-sale liquor licenses of the following establishments to sell alcohol during Oktoberfest in downtown Hibbing:
 - 1) Sammy's Pizza
 - 2) The Iron House
 - 3) The Do You
 - 4) Checco's
 - 5) Palmer's of Hibbing
 - 6) Mike's Pub
 - 7) Sportsmen's Restaurant
 - 8) Boomtown Restaurant
18. Set the next Hibbing City Council Meeting for Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at **3:00** p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber
19. Set the next Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting following the Regular City Council Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber

PUBLIC FORUM:**Orin Popelka**

1833 East 27th Street
Hibbing, Minnesota

Discussed the Police Department's Facebook Page that they don't allow public comments on their page. Would like the comments section to be reinstated.

Jeremy Theisen

4149 12th Avenue East
Hibbing, MN 55746

Spoke in the past about the flooding issues on 41st Street. Discussed that he recently spoke with the League of MN Cities about denial of his insurance claims and handed out a letter regarding the sewer system being maintained.

Jay Haapala

Works for AARP

Discussed and presented at the Council Meeting on the benefits of this status and the road ahead. The City of Hibbing was accepted as a member of the AARP network of age friendly states and communities.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske didn't have anything to report.

Motion CARRIED

Approve transfer of \$500,000 from undesignated general fund to land acquisition fund for purchase of Dolence Property.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from undesignated general fund to land acquisition fund for the purchase of the Dolence Property.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-11 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 3911 DILLON ROAD, HIBBING, MN 55746 AND ADJOINING PARCELS: 139-0050-04362 AND 139-0050-04330

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-11 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 3911 DILLON ROAD, HIBBING, MN 55746 AND ADJOINING PARCELS: 139-0050-04362 AND 139-0050-04330.

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that along with the provision in the purchase of the Dillon Road Property, there is also a provision in there that the City Council would be waiving this issue with the Planning Commission's review of the Hibbing Economic Development Authority's sale of real property at 1111 7th Ave East per the Comprehensive Plan, instead, that would be waived, and the City could just proceed with it because this would be commercially developed. It would need to be a 2/3 vote so all 5 Councilors would need to vote for it.

Betsy Olivanti stated that the closing would be on September 8th.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-12 FOR MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE HIBBING PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT

Finance Director - Treasurer Sheena Mulner stated that we are working with the Department of Public Safety on entering into our grant agreement as they will be administering our \$10 million cash allocation grant from the 2023 legislative session for the construction of the Hibbing Public Safety Center. In order for the State to encumber the funds and authorize the grant agreement, we need to provide proof that the project is fully funded. The Finance Committee recommends to use the \$10 million dollars towards construction of the building which aligns with the GMP bid package #2 in the amount of

\$29,829,266. \$19,600,000 will come directly from the Local Sales Tax authorization, \$10 million from the state appropriation, and per this Resolution, we would be committing \$229,266 from the General Fund. We would have the option to issue General Obligation Funds if the Council chooses.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-12 FOR MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE HIBBING PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-13 WAIVING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE HIBBING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S (HEDA) SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1111 7TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MINNESOTA

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that there has been a purchase agreement with Yoder. Because of our Comprehensive Plan, conveyances and purchases need to be approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council could waive the Planning Commission's review of the Hibbing Economic Development Authority's sale of the property. We have an anticipated closing date at the end of August.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-13 WAIVING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE HIBBING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S (HEDA) SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1111 7TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MINNESOTA.

Motion CARRIED

Approve an interim Use Permit request of Cole Scovill to allow for the operation of a Home Powersports Business in the S-R, Suburban Residential District, and the Hibbing City Code of Ordinances, on the subject property, 11907 Townline Road, Hibbing, MN 55746

Building Official Pat Green explained that this is an interim request for a home business. A home business is a minor commercial use and it has to be on the property that you live at. It must be zoned correctly, which it is. All parts and material will be stored in a building on the property. The Planning Commission recommended this to the City Council.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve an interim use permit request of Cole Scovill to allow for the operation of a Home Powersports Business in the S-R Suburban Residential District, and the Hibbing City Code of Ordinances, on the subject property, 11907 Townline Road, Hibbing, MN 55746.

Motion CARRIED

BIDS AND QUOTES:**Approve the proposal from BARR Engineering to prepare plans and specifications to clean out the ditch that is south of 41st Street in the amount of \$36,000**

City Engineer Jesse Story stated that the proposal is from Barr Engineering to clean the storm water contain system out south of 41st Street. This includes about 3,500 feet of ditching just past Jack & Dons. The proposal includes a wetland delineation permitting assistance, post storm water model, plan specs, and bidding assistance in the amount of \$36,000 and they are hoping to do this work this coming winter.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the proposal from BARR Engineering to prepare plans and specifications to clean out the ditch that is south of 41st Street in the amount of \$36,000.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for the South Hughes Road Lift Station Check

City Engineer Jesse Story stated that the check valves failed on South Hughes Road which caused the pumps to run continuously which caused a pump to fail. We put in a spare pump in there. We need to change both check valves and belts. He asked for approval for the invoice to Electric Pump in the amount of \$25,216.00

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the quote for the South Huges Road Lift Station Check.

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by Councilor Bayliss and supported by Councilor Schweiberger.

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor



ATTEST:

Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator