

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 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 Jay Hildenbrand, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor Justin Fosso, and Councilor John Schweiberger. Councilor Chris Whitney was 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:

- **ADDs: CONSENT AGENDA #s 17-20**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of July 1, 2026.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-22

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated June 25, 2026 checks #183063-183147 and drafts totaling \$1,005,507.43

2. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending June 12, 2026 in the amount of \$667,621.22
3. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending June 26, 2026, in the amount of \$681,793.48
4. Authorize the hire of Jedediah Holewa for the Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic position pending pre-employment contingencies.
5. Authorize the hire of Elias Hill for the Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic position pending pre-employment contingencies.
6. Approve the Senior Executive Assistant job description, pay grade classification, and authorization to post the position.
7. Offer Resolution 26-07-01 accepting the donation from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation from the Life Enrichment for the Elderly General Endowment Fund in the amount of \$8,918.34
8. Approve the updated Pricing Proposal from US Bank for service fees and authorize the additional services of Positive Pay (ACH and check), ACH Origination for A/P Vendor Payments, Account Validation services, and SinglePoint Wire Transfer.
9. Approve resolution 26-06-02, authorizing city staff to apply for and acceptance of a Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Public Works Grant for the Hibbing Public Safety Building and the Central Range Public Works Facility.
10. Authorize the posting of one full-time City Services Maintenance position.
11. Approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of Run-A-Muck to hold their raffle on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Toivo's
Raffle Permit # 26-07-01
12. Approve the Hibbing Police Department Activity Report for May, 2026
13. Approve the Special Event Permit of the downtown Restaurant and Bar Owners to host Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 19, 2026 on Howard Street, 1st Avenue, and 3rd Avenue
14. Authorize waiving the permit fees for the North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity homes located at 1914 and 1916 7th Avenue East, Hibbing
15. Authorize the hire of Election Judges.
16. Approval to Eliminate the Vacant Skilled Laborer/Auto Truck Driver Position and Authorize Posting of an Equipment Operator I Position.

17. Approve the Transient Merchant Permit Application of Northern Lights Ice LLC Kona Ice of Itasca County for July 11, 2026
Permit #001481
18. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the 4th Annual AEOA Block Party on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at AEOA, 702 3rd Avenue South, Virginia, MN 55792
19. Approve the Hibbing Bluejackets Tennis Booster Club to hold their raffle on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at the Hibbing Tennis Courts Raffle #26-07-02
20. Approve the Bingo Permit Application form for the Hibbing Bluejackets Tennis Booster Club to hold Bingo at the Elks Lodge August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2026 Raffle Permit #26-07-05
21. Set the next Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting for Wednesday, July 17, 2026 in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
22. Set the next Hibbing City Council Workshop meeting for Wednesday, July 17, 2026 following the Regular City Council Meeting at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Authorize the sale of parcels 140-0250-00930 and 140-0250-00920 to Joseph Meyers, 2917 5th Avenue East, Hibbing, in the amount of \$1,000 plus fees associated with the sale.

City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala explained that at the previous workshop meeting, it was discussed to sell two small irregular lots to Joseph Meyers. They are located next to his property at 2917 5th Avenue East. They are contiguous to Mr. Meyer's Property. He has been taking care of them for a few years and asked if he could purchase them. These properties would go back on the tax role.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-05 WAIVING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE CITY OF HIBBING'S CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO JOSEPH MEYERS.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to Offer RESOLUTION 26-07-06 APPROVING RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-06 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO JOSEPH MEYERS.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved Offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-03 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION TO SUPPORT A MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HIBBING

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 26-07-04 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE MN WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,700,000 TO SUPPORT A MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEX AND RETAIL (MULTI-USE) PROJECT IN THE CITY OF HIBBING.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the consulting services agreement between the City of Hibbing and Miram Kero Consulting for the 400 Block of Howard Street with an amount not to exceed \$3,960.00.

Motion CARRIED

Todd Erickson from AP discussed the Safety Center Update

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the proposal to conduct a HUD 8-step Analysis of New Haven Drive Phase 2 and have the City Engineer sign the proposal.

Motion CARRIED

Beth Pierce updated the City Council on the Iron Range Tourism

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske discussed:

- 1) Parking & Traffic Study including 37th Street and 1st Avenue, 31st Street and 1st Ave (new stop signs have been implemented) 23rd Street and 1st Avenue (new stop signs have been implemented) and 5th Avenue will be taken down before the parade on July 11th)

City Services Director Nick Arola explained that the City is moving forward with the purchase of desks, furniture, and furnishings for the Public Safety Building. The City would need to put 50% down payment to Innovative for the purchase in an amount of \$311,199.91.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to pay 50% down payment to Innovative Solutions for Public Safety Building desks, furniture, and furnishings.

Motion CARRIED