

**THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday December 18, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Racetrack RFQ

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola and City Administrator Greg Pruszinske gave an update of the process thus far for Racetrack RFQ. There was an in depth discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Municipal Golf Course Operations

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Arola stated that they did not receive any responses to their RFP for the Municipal Golf Course Club House Operator Manager. City Services Director Arola explained that they have had numerous internal discussions regarding possible options moving forward. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Carey Lake Campground

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Arola gave a current status update of the Carey Lake Campground. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Loader Discussion

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Jesse Story explained that they have budgeted to purchase a new loader in 2025 and if they are able to send a Letter of Intent to Purchase before the end of 2024 they will save approximately \$26,000.00.

Finance Department Structure

DISCUSSION: Finance Director - Treasurer Sheena Mulner explained how she would like to slightly change the structure of the Finance Department by updating a Job Title and cleaning up some of the Job Descriptions.

Rate Study Impacts (Joint Meeting Discussion)

DISCUSSION: Finance Director - Treasurer Mulner spoke about the Rate Study, the possibility of having a Joint Meeting with HPU and how rate increases would affect the Rate Payers. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Residents' Complaints

DISCUSSION: City Clerk - Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala spoke about two separate Residents' complaints that were brought forward to her regarding charges. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Animal Intake

DISCUSSION: City Clerk - Deputy Administrator Seppala gave an in depth update regarding the current status of the Animal Shelter and the potential temporary use of the building as an Animal Intake for the City. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **HPU Potential Project Partnership**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss spoke about a HPU Potential Project Partnership. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Heat in Council Chamber**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Schweiberger asked who to talk to about the heat in the Council Chamber.

- **Broadcast Council Workshops**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hyduke stated that he has had a lot of people ask to have the Council Workshops broadcast on HPAT and he would like to know if the Council is in favor of that. . There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

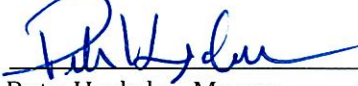
- **Mandated Overtime for Snow Plowing**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hildenbrand stated that he had a few people contact him asking when it is mandated overtime for snowplowing; City Engineer Story explained that anytime

there is snow on the City Street it is considered public safety; anytime there is a risk to public safety they can mandate overtime.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pete Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator