

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday June 1, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rick J. Cannata called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Rick J. Cannata, Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Tim Harkonen, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor Steve Jurenes and Councilor John Schweiberger. Also present were City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala, City Attorney Andy Borland, Clerk-Treasurer Sheena Mulner, City Engineer Jesse Story and Chief of Police Steve Estey.

ADDs/DELETES:

- **MODIFY: BIDS AND QUOTES #2c**
- **ADD: LICENSES AND PERMITS #8**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of May 18, 2022.

Discussion: Councilor Bayliss stated that some of the pages state that he was absent for this meeting, and he was not; he asked that be corrected.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the minutes of the Special Hibbing City Council Meeting of May 25, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-7.

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:

- 05/26/2022, Check #'s 172314-172394, in the amount of \$230,572.98
- 2. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending:
 - 05/26/2022, Check #'s 168300-168310, in the amount of \$518,138.18
- 3. Accept and place on file the Hibbing Police Department's Activity Report for March, 2022
- 4. Authorize the hire of Cody Peterson for the position of Patrol Officer pending successful completion of the pre-employment process
- 5. Authorize adding the 2000 Grand Marque VIN#2MEFM75W6YX707233 to the City of Hibbing Police Department's inventory list for PIT Training
- 6. Set the next Regular City Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
- 7. Set the next City Council Workshop for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 following the City Council Meeting in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Cannata stated that people wishing to speak at the public forum have five minutes to present their issue and no formal action will be taken.

Albert Sampson

Albert Sampson 2020 East 41st Street, Hibbing MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about multiple things:

- Mr. Sampson stated that he has not received information he requested a month ago. Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala explained that the last time Mr. Sampson addressed the Council he stated he was going to be out of town, so she did not know when he was going to be back in town.
- Mr. Sampson stated that last week there was a City Council meeting and the Council went into a closed session for something that should be public, and then came back and voted on something that he did not know what it was. City Administrator Greg Pruszinske explained that the two Resolutions were in reference to the Comparable Worth Study that the Council decided to do that was started in 2021.
- Mr. Sampson stated that the Council votes on Resolutions that the public has no idea what they are. Mr. Sampson read newspaper clippings stating the Cities of Chisholm and Virginia were holding public meetings, Mr. Sampson stated that he feels the City Council is keeping the People out of the People's

business. Sr. Executive Assistant Seppala explained to Mr. Sampson that the City Council Workshops are recorded and there are minutes available as well.

- Mr. Sampson stated that he watched a St. Louis County Board Meeting and they discussed the great project happening with Detroit Diesel, he has not heard anything about that from the Council. Mayor Cannata explained to Mr. Sampson that recently an update was given to HEDA about the project, other than that they are still going over how things will be done and so at this point, there is no other information to give. Councilor Bayliss explained to Mr. Sampson that the two of them have spent countless minutes or possibly hours on the phone since he became a City Councilor talking about issues, so it is hard to hear Mr. Sampson say that no one is talking to him, and no one is telling him anything.

Steve Nielsen

Steve Nielsen 603 East 41st Street, Hibbing MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about the huge problem with water in the area of East 41st Street. Mr. Nielsen stated that he has spoken to City Engineer Jesse Story about this several times and nothing gets done. Mr. Nielsen stated that the City added a culvert and in his opinion that is a band-aid to a permanent problem. Mr. Nielsen stated that he has owned his home for 29 years, and every year the church parking lot is under water. Mr. Nielsen stated that he does not understand why the City would consider spending 40 million dollars on the Memorial Building expansion, when it should be spent on repairs like this. Mayor Cannata explained to Mr. Nielsen that he was not on the Council in 2009, and this is the first that he has heard of this problem. Mr. Nielsen stated that Councilor Fosso has seen the problem first hand, and Councilor Fosso admitted that there is a huge problem in that area, that has not been addressed. Mayor Cannata stated that all he can tell Mr. Nielsen is that they can look into this.

Michael Smith

Michael Smith 824 East 41st Street, Hibbing MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about the flooding problem on East 41st Street. Mr. Smith stated that he purchased his home in 2005 and this has been a problem since before he purchased his home, whether the Council knew about it or not. Mr. Smith stated that he continues to be told that someone will get back to him, and no one ever does.

Rene Whitlock

Rene Whitlock 708 East 41st Street, Hibbing MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about the flooding problem on East 41st Street. Ms. Whitlock stated that she lives next to a creek that is plugged and when we get heavy rain the creek overflows to her

property, flooding her yard and her driveway. Ms. Whitlock stated that she has been calling the City about her issues for the 11 years that she has owned her home.

City Administrator Pruszinske explained to the Residents that the City did receive a non-traditional rainfall of about 6 inches over the past few days. City Administrator Pruszinske stated that it does sound like an ongoing problem that he had been briefed about by the Engineering Department yesterday. City Administrator Pruszinske explained that there was a discussion yesterday, and when the area dries up some Engineering will walk the area and come up with some possible solutions. City Administrator Pruszinske stated that they are hoping that will happen yet this summer, depending on conditions.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-01 ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM MN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

City Services Director Nick Arola explained that he applied for and the City was awarded a safety grant of \$1,070.85 towards the purchase of a piece of equipment used for changing the blade on the Zamboni; this piece of equipment will help limit the exposure the staff has with physically handling the blade and improve safety during routine maintenance.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-06-01 ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM MN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Master Partnership Contract between the City of Hibbing and MnDot for technical Advice on projects and materials testing on the State Aid Projects

City Engineer Story explained that this contract is used for gaining technical advice on State Aid and Federal Aid projects, and to work with MnDot on QC/QA testing on materials used on City projects. City Engineer Story stated this contract will be valid from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; the current contract will expire on June 30, 2022. City Engineer Story stated this contract does not the City anything, unless the City agrees to certain testing that MnDot would perform for the City.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Master Partnership Contract between the City of Hibbing and MnDot for technical Advice on projects and materials testing on the State Aid Projects.

Motion CARRIED

BIDS AND QUOTES:**Approve the purchase of a submersible trash pump from Power Equipment Direct in the amount of \$1,108**

City Engineer Story explained that this is a backup pump for both samplers; when one of these pumps quit there is not time to wait weeks to get a new one.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the purchase of a submersible trash pump from Power Equipment Direct in the amount of \$1,108.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the payment to Commercial Refrigeration Systems, Inc. for Memorial Building Ice Plant work in the amount of \$11,459.00

City Services Director Arola explained that every 5 years the State of MN requires that the pressure relief valves on the ammonia refrigeration plants be replaced and brought up to code; this is a budgeted item that will come out of the Memorial Building Capital Fund.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved approve the payment to Commercial Refrigeration Systems, Inc. for Memorial Building Ice Plant work in the amount of \$11,459.00.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the purchase of a Zamboni blade changing assistant to R&R Specialties in the amount of \$3,245.00

City Services Director Arola explained that this is the Zamboni blade changing assistant that the City received the safety grant for; the amount over the grant amount will come from the Memorial Building Operating Budget.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the purchase of a Zamboni blade changing assistant to R&R Specialties in the amount of \$3,245.00.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the land acquisition purchase of Parcel ID number 140-0090-02710 (2305 4th Ave E) in the amount of \$15,001.00

City Services Director Arola stated that he is looking for Council approval to move forward with the land acquisition purchase of this property in the amount of \$15,001.00 plus closing costs.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the land acquisition purchase of Parcel ID number 140-0090-02710 (2305 4th Ave E) in the amount of \$15,001.00.

Discussion: Councilor Jurenes asked City Services Director Arola for the estimated market value; City Services Director Arola stated that he just reached out to St. Louis County for the updated valuations: the land is valued at \$6,000.00 and the garage is valued at \$10,000.00.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote from SBS Inc. for the purchase of washed sand in the amount of \$35,800

City Engineer Story explained this washed sand purchase would be for the 2022/2023 winter to mix with the City's road salt; this is an annual purchase and a budgeted item.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the quote from SBS Inc. for the purchase of washed sand in the amount of \$35,800.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the purchase of 8 Taser 7's from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$26,399.66 (Discussed at the 5/18/22 Workshop)

Chief of Police Steve Estey explained this purchase was discussed at the 5/18/22 City Council Workshop and ARPA funds will be used for this purchase.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the purchase of 8 Taser 7's from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$26,399.66 (Discussed at the 5/18/22 Workshop).

Motion CARRIED

Approve the Medical Director Agreement between the City of Hibbing and MJM Medical Direction Consortium in the amount of \$9,600

Fire Chief Erik Jankila explained that every ambulance must operate under a physician, Dr. Julie Houle has been their longtime Medical Director. Fire Chief Jankila stated that City Attorney Andy Borland has reviewed the contract; this is a budgeted item.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Medical Director Agreement between the City of Hibbing and MJM Medical Direction Consortium in the amount of \$9,600.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the purchase of a cloud-based report writing and fire pre-planning software from First Due in the amount of \$18,000 (pro-rated) for the first year and \$17,000 thereafter

Fire Chief Jankila explained that they have outgrown the current software the department has been using. Fire Chief Jankila stated this will be customized to Hibbing, not a generic platform; they received two quotes and First Due is the lower of the two.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the purchase of a cloud-based report writing and fire pre-planning software from First Due in the amount of \$18,000 (pro-rated) for the first year and \$17,000 thereafter.

Discussion: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman asked Fire Chief Jankila if most departments in the area use First Due; Fire Chief Jankila explained that Burnsville does, but they are a bigger department.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the purchase of 20 sets of Morning Pride turnout gear and 2 Spider Harnesses from Fire Safety USA in the amount of \$55,950

Fire Chief Jankila explained that this will give everyone in the department a second set of gear so they can be properly laundered after each exposure; they will be completing this 1 full budget year ahead of schedule. Fire Chief Jankila stated this is a budgeted item, and they can take the additional amount from the Career and POC small tools budget by postponing some lower priority purchases.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to authorize the purchase of 20 sets of Morning Pride turnout gear and 2 Spider Harnesses from Fire Safety USA in the amount of \$55,950.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the City Clerk to sign the 60-month copy machine rental agreement with Metro Sales in the amount of \$253.36 per month

City Clerk-Treasurer Sheena Mulner explained that the Clerk's Office copy machine rental agreement is expiring, she went through the machine specs with the salesman and came up with a machine that will best fit their needs. City Clerk-Treasurer Mulner stated that the monthly rental cost will decrease from \$267.06 to \$253.36.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to authorize the City Clerk to sign the 60-month copy machine rental agreement with Metro Sales in the amount of \$253.36 per month.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$35,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing

City Clerk-Treasurer Mulner explained that the Boys & Girls Club is establishing a branch in Hibbing starting of 2022, they have helped numerous kids find a safe, positive place to engage in programs & activities. City Clerk-Treasurer Mulner stated that St. Louis County is also helping fund this initiative with ARPA funds; the use of ARPA funds has already passed compliance audit.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to authorize the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of \$35,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman ABSTAINED

Authorize the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds to pay for the Leetonia Lift Station Control Panel that was approved at the April 6, 2022 City Council Meeting in the amount of \$71,644.50

City Clerk-Treasurer Mulner explained that this was discussed at the last City Council Workshop, the Leetonia Lift Station Control Panel was budgeted to cost \$15,000.00 but with rising prices, it came in at more than \$70,000.00. City Clerk-Treasurer Mulner stated that she is looking for approval to allocate ARPA funds to cover this cost.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to authorize the allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds to pay for the Leetonia Lift Station Control Panel that was approved at the April 6, 2022 City Council Meeting in the amount of \$71,644.50.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the City Administrator to sign the CivicEngage and the CivicRec Website Design and Hosting Solution Quotes in the amount of \$29,093.40 and \$7,438.00 respectively using ARPA funds

Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala spoke in depth about the CivicEngage and CivicRec Website Design and Hosting Solution; what it will allow the City of Hibbing to offer its residents, along with the time saving aspect for the Finance Department with an online bill pay option. Sr. Executive Assistant Seppala stated that she is looking for Council approval to use ARPA funds to pay for this, so they can get this started as it can take 6-9 months from beginning to end.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the CivicEngage and the CivicRec Website Design and Hosting Solution Quotes in the amount of \$29,093.40 and \$7,438.00 respectively using ARPA funds.

Discussion: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman thanked everyone who worked on this.

Motion CARRIED

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Request Application of Hibbing Chisholm Youth Hockey to hold their raffle on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Mesaba Country Club.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Request Application of Fairview Range Volunteer Services Organization to hold their raffle on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Cobb Cook Grocery Parking Lot.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the 2022 Renewal for a 2am License of Mike's Pub.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Request Application of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Hibbing/Chisholm Chapter to hold their raffle on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at the Hibbing Memorial Arena.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Transient Merchant Application for Trisco Cooks to sell tickets to jump in the bounce houses on July 9, 2022 at the Jubilee and Street Dance downtown Hibbing.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Hibbing Police Department to host the National Night Out in Bennett Park on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Request Application of the Hibbing Horseshoe Club to hold their raffle on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Hibbing Horseshoe Club.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Transient Merchant Application for WOW Catering for the sale of food in Hibbing.

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Bayliss.

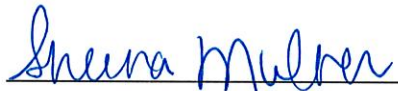
Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING



Rick J. Cannata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheena Mulner, Clerk-Treasurer