

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday May 4, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rick J. Cannata called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Rick J. Cannata, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Tim Harkonen, Councilor Steve Jurenes and Councilor John Schweiberger; Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman is present via Zoom. 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 Captain Brent Everett. Councilor James Bayliss and Chief of Police Steve Estey were absent.

ADDs/DELETES:

- **ADD: CONSENT AGENDA #7**
- **ADD: DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REBORTS #3b**
- **ADD: BIDS AND QUOTES #3d & #3e**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of April 20, 2022.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-7.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 04/28/2022, Check #'s 172136-172206, in the amount of \$203,813.24
2. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending:
 - 04/22/2022, Check #'s 168292-168293, in the amount of \$458,031.13
3. Accept and place on file the Hibbing Police Department's Activity Report for February 2022
4. Authorize the hire of Carter Sallis as Firefighter/Paramedic within the Fire Department pending successful completion of the pre-employment process
5. Set the next Regular City Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
6. Set the next City Council Workshop for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 following the City Council Meeting in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
7. Authorize the hire of Elizabeth "Betsy" Olivanti as the Community Development Director pending successful completion of the pre-employment process

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Cannata specified 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: Memorial Building

Albert Sampson 2020 East 41st Street, Hibbing MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about the purchase of properties and the possible future expansion of the Memorial Building. Mr. Sampson asked some questions that the answers were not immediately available for; Mayor Cannata explained that Mr. Sampson could attend a

future City Council meeting and they would have those answers and/or Sr. Executive Assistant Seppala would gather the information he is looking for and get it to him.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lateral Sewer Fee Assessments

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that in 2021 the Council passed a Storm Water Ordinance, and a fee was built into the Ordinance to be assessed each month for those that did not follow the Ordinance. City Attorney Borland stated the Council has yet to set that fee amount, he advises the Council to set that fee amount. City Engineer Story explained that they have not had this issue come up yet, because they have 12 months to comply. City Engineer Story stated he wanted to address this in case it does come up in the future; he feels the fee should amount be \$300-\$350. It was decided this would be discussed at the next City Council Workshop.

Authorize the City of Hibbing to Auction the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe K9 Unit (Proceeds will go back into the K9 Program)

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske explained that the Police Department is looking for authorization to dispose of the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe K9 Unit, proceeds will go back to the K9 Program.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to authorize the City of Hibbing to Auction the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe K9 Unit (Proceeds will go back into the K9 Program).

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the Clerk's Office to write-off the Cycle 4 Garbage/Sewer Services on delinquent utility accounts in the amount of \$6,618.61 that weren't collected on during the pandemic and send them to Range Credit Bureau with a 40% interest rate

Clerk-Treasurer Sheena Mulner explained that she is looking for Council approval for this; it is the same process that was followed for Cycles 1 through 3.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to authorize the Clerk's Office to write-off the Cycle 4 Garbage/Sewer Services on delinquent utility accounts in the amount of \$6,618.61 that weren't collected on during the pandemic and send them to Range Credit Bureau with a 40% interest rate.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-02 TO ELECT THE STANDARD ALLOWENCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Clerk-Treasurer Mulner explained that the Treasury just came out with the final rule; City's that received less than \$10M in funding can state that all of the money was revenue loss. Clerk-Treasurer Mulner stated this also opens up what the money can be spent on.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-02 TO ELECT THE STANDARD ALLOWENCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISION OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-01 AUTHORIZING CITY OF HIBBING TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE 2022 DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BROWNSFIELDS AND REDEVELOPMENT UNIT

Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala explained that this Resolution allows the City to act as the Fiscal Agent and authorizes the Sr. Executive Assistant to submit this application. Sr. Executive Assistant Seppala stated this would be the second Development Infrastructure Grant Application the City has completed this year.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-05-01 AUTHORIZING CITY OF HIBBING TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE 2022 DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS AND ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BROWNSFIELDS AND REDEVELOPMENT UNIT.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Pruszinske stated they are working on the Tricaster equipment the City has to do the public broadcast; they will be making some decisions and bringing it to the City Council for approval in the very near future.

City Administrator Pruszinske stated they are working to rebuild the City website and they may go with a different platform, which will take some time. City Administrator Pruszinske stated he wanted to report back to the City Council with an update, but also update the Residents.

City Administrator Pruszinske stated Betsy Olivanti is present; she has accepted the roll as the City's new Community Development Director, he hopes after the meeting the Council will have a chance to meet her. City Administrator Pruszinske thanked Ms. Olivanti for attending the Council meeting.

BIDS AND QUOTES:

Approve two signs for the Bereaved Mothers Group for the Adopt-A-Road program on 13th Street from 3rd Avenue East to 13th Avenue East by the Golf Course

City Engineer Jesse Story explained that the Bereaved Mothers Group would like to participate in the Adopt-A-Road program; the process involves purchasing two signs for a total of \$97.90.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve two signs for the Bereaved Mothers Group for the Adopt-A-Road program on 13th Street from 3rd Ave. East to 13th Ave. East by the Golf Course.

Discussion: Councilor Harkonen wished to thank the group for doing this and he wished them well. Mayor Cannata thanked the group from the Council.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Abstain
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Abstain

Motion CARRIED

Approve the payment for HVAC work done at the Hibbing Memorial Arena to Gartner Refrigeration in the amount of \$6,559.44 (2021 Capital Expense)

City Services Director Nick Arola explained that this is the annual maintenance agreement and the work was completed last October at the startup of the hockey season. City Services Director Arola stated that he is looking for Council approval, and to push it back to 2021 when the work was completed; this will come from the Memorial Building Capital Expense Fund from 2021.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the payment for HVAC work done at the Hibbing Memorial Arena to Gartner Refrigeration in the amount of \$6,559.44 (2021 Capital Expense).

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote to replace the circulation pumps for the HVAC work done at Hibbing City Hall to Bob Hecimovich Mechanical in the amount of \$10,915.00

City Services Director Arola explained that City Hall has 4 circulation pumps (2 main and 2 back-ups), currently we are running on the 2 backups, we used the 2 backups all last winter. City Services Director Arola stated he does not know if we should continue for another winter using just the backups, if 1 of those goes we will not have heat to all the registers in City Hall. City Services Director Arola recommends going with the low bid to Hecimovich Mechanical, it would come out of the City Hall Capital Fund.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the quote to replace the circulation pumps for the HVAC work done at Hibbing City Hall to Bob Hecimovich Mechanical in the amount of \$10,915.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the land acquisition purchase of Parcel ID numbers: 140-0090-02760 (2315 4th Ave. E.), 140-0090-02780 (2319 4th Ave. E.) and 140-0090-02710 (2305 4th Ave. E.) in the amount of \$134,000.00

City Services Director Arola explained that this has been discussed in previous working sessions, and he is looking for Council approval to move forward with the purchase agreements to acquire these three properties. City Services Director Arola stated he believes this is a good value for the City to move forward on this project.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the land acquisition purchase of Parcel ID numbers: 140-0090-02760 (2315 4th Ave. E.), 140-0090-02780 (2319 4th Ave. E.) and 140-0090-02710 (2305 4th Ave. E.) in the amount of \$134,000.00.

Discussion: Councilor Jurenes asked City Services Director Arola if the City purchases these 3 properties there would still be 2 left, correct; City Services Director Arola stated if the City wanted to buy the whole block, then yes. Councilor Jurenes explained that he is not a politician, he is a resident first and he does not think this is a wise choice. Councilor

Jurenes stated he would be voting no. Mayor Cannata stated that since the beginning he has not liked the process; it may be a good project down the road, but the process has not been the way he thought it should go. Councilor Hoffman Saccoman stated that she was not in favor of the process and she does not believe we should be using taxpayer dollars to spend over an appraised value; she will be voting no.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	No
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	No
Councilor Steve Jurenes	No
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion FAILED

Approve the purchase of culverts and storm sewer pipe from L&L Rental in the amount of \$57,570.00

City Engineer Story explained that this is an annual purchase used to replace failing storm sewer pipes and culverts within the City; this will come out of the Public Works operating budget.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the purchase of culverts and storm sewer pipe from L&L Rental in the amount of \$57,570.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for the USDA Beaver Management Agreement in the amount of \$9,000.00

City Engineer Story explained that this has been an annual agreement to manage beaver damage to City properties; this is a budgeted item.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the quote for the USDA Beaver Management Agreement in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for the purchase of manhole structures, rings and bases from Del Zotto in the amount of \$3,548.00

City Engineer Story explained that these are used to replace failing sanitary sewer structures on City paving projects.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the quote for the purchase of manhole structures, rings and bases from Del Zotto in the amount of \$3,548.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for manhole castings from Ess Brothers in the amount of \$6,060.00

City Engineer Story explained that these are used to replace failing manhole and catch basin castings on City paving projects.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the quote for manhole castings from Ess Brothers in the amount of \$6,060.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Approve the LHB Services Agreement for the Dixon Road Bridge Removal in the amount of \$13,360.00

City Engineer Story explained that he is looking for Council approval to move forward with this agreement with LHB, to ensure the bridge is removed following environmental and State Aid guidelines. City Engineer Story stated that the City received bridge bond funds in the amount of \$139,305.00 for the removal of this bridge.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the LHB Services Agreement for the Dixon Road Bridge Removal in the amount of \$13,360.00.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Angel Fund to hold their Raffle at the Mesaba Country Club on Saturday, June 18 2022.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
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Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Iron Range Racing Club to hold their Raffle at the RC Race Track on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Jurenes, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Hibbing Quarter Back Club to hold their Raffle on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Palmer's Tavern.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application Request of the IRMC/Credence Riders to hold the Northern MN Swap Meet at the Hibbing Memorial Building on Saturday and Sunday, May 7 & 8, 2022.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the 2022 Taxicab License Application of Hibbing Taxi, Inc. (Debra Mendez), 3842 4th Avenue East.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application Request of Age-to-Age to hold Hibbing on Howard on Mondays in June and July on Howard Street between 3rd and 5th Avenues.

Discussion: Mayor Cannata asked if the question about their insurance had been answered; Sr. Executive Assistant Seppala explained that the City could hold the insurance for that as a Community Event, just as they would do the Jubilee. Councilor Fosso explained that Age-to-Age is a multi-generational program that brings youth and older adults together to work on projects in our community. Councilor Fosso stated that Hibbing on Howard will bring life and community to our downtown; it is a great way to celebrate and spread the word of the good things going on in our community.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes

Councilor John Schweiberger Yes

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Fosso.

Roll-Call Vote:

Mayor Rick Cannata	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Absent
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor Steve Jurenes	Yes
Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

ATTEST:



Sheena Mulner, Clerk-Treasurer


Rick J. Cannata, Mayor