

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 in the City Hall Council Chamber and via ZOOM.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Tim Harkonen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

ADDs/DELETES:

- **DELETE:** REORGANIZATION MEETING
- **ADD:** CONSENT AGENDA #1 & #6

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of December 15, 2021.

Roll-call:

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

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-6.

Roll-call:

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

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 12/22/2021, check #171293 in the amount of \$500.00
 - 12/29/2021, checks #171294-171415, in the amount of \$829,284.11
 - 01/04/2022, checks #171416-171446, in the amount of \$1,398,622.83
2. Approve Payroll for the pay period ending:
 - For Comp time payout 12/17/2021, checks #168179-168195 in the amount of \$93,959.17
 - For the Pay Period ending 12/17/2021, checks #168196-168207 in the amount of \$517,893.69
3. Acknowledge the retirement of Angela Johnson, City Services Rec Programmer effective Friday, January 14, 2022
4. Reschedule the Hibbing City Council Workshop from Wednesday January 12, 2022 to Wednesday January 5, 2022 following the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
5. Set the next Reorganization and Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting for Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
6. Designate the 2022 appointments to the Northeast Emergency Communications Board (ECB) and northeast Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)
 - Regional Advisory Committee
 - Fire Chief Erik Jankila - Primary
 - Captain/EMS Director Kristi McCormick - Alternate

- Emergency Communications Board (ECB)
 - Councilor Tim Harkonen - Primary
 - Fire Chief Erik Jankila - Alternate
- Radio Users Committee Appointment
 - Captain/EMS Director Kristi McCormick - Primary
 - Commander Jeff Ronchetti - Alternate
- Owner & Operators Committee
 - Commander Jeff Ronchetti - Primary
 - Deputy Chief Tyler Schwerzler - Alternate

PUBLIC FORUM:

BIDS AND QUOTES:

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske explained that himself and Mayor Cannata attended in person the RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools) meeting on December 29, 2021; he explained that because there were some technical difficulties Councilor Hoffman Saccoman was unable to attend the meeting virtually as she had planned. City Administrator Pruszinske explained that an election was held at the RAMS meeting, and Councilor Hoffman Saccoman was elected to be the City of Hibbing's Representative on the Board; Hibbing School District Superintendent Rick Aldrich was also elected to the Board. City Administrator Pruszinske stated that he felt the City of Hibbing and Hibbing School District has good representation on the Board.

City Administrator Pruszinske explained that he wanted to share a letter that he received via email from a nurse at the Lincoln Elementary School. City Administrator Pruszinske read the letter to the Council. The letter explained that a student had missed their bus to school and was walking for almost an hour in below zero temperatures, when a City plow truck stopped and gave the student a ride the rest of the way to school. The nurse wished to thank whomever the truck driver was for their kindness in what was a dangerous situation for the student. City Administrator Pruszinske stated that wanted to share this with the Council because it goes to show the quality of employees the City has; he does not yet know who the employee was, but he will find out.

Acting Mayor Harkonen thanked City Administrator Pruszinske for sharing the letter and stated in his experiences over the years that is pretty typical of City employees. Acting Mayor Harkonen also thanked the truck driver that drove the student to school.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Hibbing Junior Olympic Volleyball Club to hold their raffle on Monday, February 28, 2022 at Boomtown Brewery.

Roll-call:

Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes
Councilor James Bayliss	Yes
Acting Mayor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Mayor Rick Cannata	Absent
Motion CARRIED	

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Armadillo Project to hold their raffle on Wednesday, February 12, 2022 at Mike's Pub.

Roll-call:

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

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application Request of the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce to hold their raffle on Friday, February 4, 2022 at the Elk's Club.

Roll-call:

Councilor John Schweiberger	Yes
Councilor Justin Fosso	Yes
Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman	Yes

Councilor James Bayliss	Yes
Acting Mayor Tim Harkonen	Yes
Mayor Rick Cannata	Absent

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. by Councilor Fosso and supported by Councilor Schweiberger.

Roll-call:

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

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

ATTEST: _____
Sheena Mulner, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick J. Cannata, Mayor