

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

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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 James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Tim Harkonen and Councilor Steve Jurenes. Also present were City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala, City Attorney Andy Borland, Clerk-Treasurer Sheena Mulner and Chief of Police Steve Estey. Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor John Schweiberger and City Engineer Jesse Story were absent.

ADDs/DELETes:

- **ADD: CONSENT AGENDA #2, #9, #10 & #11**
- **ADD: DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS #7a**
- **ADD: LICENSES AND PERMITS #2, #3 & #4**
- **DELETE: DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS #2a**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of September 21, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-11.

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 09/29/2022, Check #'s 173127-173214, in the amount of \$404,142.83
2. Approve City Payroll for the pay period ending:
 - 09/23/2022, Check #'s 168446-168447, in the amount of \$431,636.62
3. Approve the updated Library Manager Position Job Description
4. Approve the renewal of the group life insurance coverage with MN Life, Securian Insurance Company for the 2023 calendar year for active employees and eligible retirees. There is no change in plan design or rates from 2022
5. Approve the Hibbing Police Department Activity Report for May, 2022
6. Approve the Hibbing Police Department Activity Report for June, 2022
7. Set the next Regular City Council Meeting for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
8. Set the next City Council Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 following the City Council Meeting in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
9. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the Northern St. Louis County Housing Summit on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center, 919 6th St. S., Virginia, MN
10. Acknowledge the resignation of Chase Allen, Seasonal Worker within the City Services Department effective October 1, 2022
11. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the Trick, Treat & Greet on Saturday, October 29, 2022 on the front lawn of City Hall

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mayor Rick Cannata stated let it be known that you have five minutes to present your issue and no formal action will be taken at this time and it will be held to five minutes.

William Erickson, 1328 East 41st Street, Hibbing, MN 55746 was in the audience and wished to speak about the noise ordinance and the vehicle noise when going through the roundabout.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Approve the Hibbing Police Department Policy #40 which gives officers guidelines for dealing with experiencing a mental health crisis**

Chief of Police Steve Estey explained that mental health crisis is a big priority they deal with; this policy is for dealing with people experiencing a mental health crisis.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the Hibbing Police Department Policy #40 which gives officers guidelines for dealing with experiencing a mental health crisis.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-01 APPROVING THE UPDATED TITLE PROGRAM PLAN FOR HIBBING AREA TRANSIT

Clerk-Treasurer Sheena Mulner explained that Hibbing Area Transit is required to have a Title VI Program that meets Federal Transit Administration guidelines in order to receive Federal funding for transit operations; she is looking for Council approval of the updated plan.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-01 APPROVING THE UPDATED TITLE PROGRAM PLAN FOR HIBBING AREA TRANSIT.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-02 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF A HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED UPON LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK 19, KOSKIVILLE, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 2715 6TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MN

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that this Resolution is in front of the Council because Building Official Pat Green has stated this building is hazardous. City Attorney Borland explained that the Resolution is the first step in having the hazardous building removed.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-02 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF A HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED UPON LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK 19, KOSKIVILLE, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 2715 6TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MN.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-03 INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOTS 4 THROUGH 29, BLOCK 7, IN THE PLAT OF BURTON, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

City Attorney Borland explained that this Resolution is in reference to a proposal to vacated a portion of the Plat of Burton; previously not all property owners agreed with the vacation, all property owners are now in agreement.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-03 INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOTS 4 THROUGH 29, BLOCK 7, IN THE PLAT OF BURTON, AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-04 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS LOCATED UPON LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 19, KOSKIVILLE, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 2721 6TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MN

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that this Resolution is in front of the Council because Building Official Green has stated this building is hazardous. City Attorney Borland explained that the Resolution is the first step in having the hazardous building removed.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-04 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS LOCATED UPON LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 19, KOSKIVILLE, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 2721 6TH AVENUE EAST, HIBBING, MN.

Discussion: Mayor Cannata thanked Building Official Green and the PBA's for their work around town; he also wanted to inform the public that it takes time, but things are getting done.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-05 AUTHORIZING/ORDERING A STUDY REGARDING INDUSTRY DISTRICT (I-2) ADJACENT TO ZONED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS WITHING THE CITY OF HIBBING, MINNESOTA

City Attorney Borland explained that Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti brought this item to him, and he also spoke with Building Official Green regarding this; there are places in the City of Hibbing where I-2 zones are directly adjacent to Residential zones. City Attorney Borland explained that this Resolution is to authorize the City of Hibbing to do a study on this.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-05 AUTHORIZING/ORDERING A STUDY REGARDING INDUSTRY DISTRICT (I-2) ADJACENT TO ZONED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF HIBBING, MINNESOTA.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-06 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

City Attorney Borland explained that this Resolution is to set the date for the Public Hearing on Special Assessments. City Attorney Borland stated that this Public Hearing could be at the 2nd City Council Meeting in November.

Councilor Jurenes, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-06 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-07 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

City Attorney Borland explained that this Resolution is to set the date for the Public Hearing on Special Assessments for Sidewalk Replacements. City Attorney Borland stated that this Public Hearing could be at the 2nd City Council Meeting in November.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to Offer RESOLUTION NO. 22-10-07 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT.

Motion CARRIED

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske stated that the City of Hibbing was well represented at the groundbreaking ceremony held at Keetac earlier in the day; that is a \$150,000,000 capital investment US Steel will be making in the area.

City Administrator Pruszinske stated that the Governors Cabinet was in Hibbing touring DMR, and the City of Hibbing was represented there as well.

Authorize the City of Hibbing to withdraw their application and resolution to apply for IBDPI grant funding through MN DEED (from the July 6th City Council Agenda)

Community Development Director Olivanti explained that they have learned that the program is funded by bonds and is not appropriate for this part of the project; they will be going after other funding.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to authorize the City of Hibbing to withdraw their application and resolution to apply for IBDPI grant funding through MN DEED (from the July 6th City Council Agenda).

Motion CARRIED

BIDS AND QUOTES:

Approve the Memorial Building copier equipment lease agreement with Excel Business Systems in the amount of \$148 per month for 60 months

City Services Director Nick Arola explained that they are happy with their current equipment and service and would like to renew their contract.

Councilor Jurenes, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Memorial Building copier equipment lease agreement with Excel Business Systems in the amount of \$148 per month for 60 months.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for carbide cutting edges and wing edges from H & L Mesabi in the amount of \$35,870

City Administrator Pruszinske explained that these carbide cutting edges are for the City rental graders, for the snow plowing season; the initial cost is a little more, but they last up to 10 times longer.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the quote for carbide cutting edges and wing edges from H & L Mesabi in the amount of \$35,870.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote for cutting edges from Ziegler in the amount of \$11,064.60

City Administrator Pruszinske explained that the cutting edges are for the City owned graders, for the snow plowing season.

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the quote for cutting edges from Ziegler in the amount of \$11,064.60.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the purchase of 6 Glock 17 Handgun Bundles from Tactical Advantage in the amount of \$6,863.82

Chief of Police Estey explained that this purchase is for 6 Glock 17 Handgun bundles. Chief of Police Estey stated that this purchase was planned for 2023, state aid was higher than expected so they would like to purchase them this year.

Councilor Jurenes, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the purchase of 6 Glock 17 Handgun Bundles from Tactical Advantage in the amount of \$6,863.82.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the purchase of 6 Taser 7 Bundles from Axon Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$20,700

Chief of Police Estey explained that this purchase is for 6 Taser 7 bundles. Chief of Police Estey stated that this purchase was planned for 2023, state aid was higher than expected so they would like to purchase them this year.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the purchase of 6 Taser 7 Bundles from Axon Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$20,700.

Motion CARRIED

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License of the Chisholm Chamber of Commerce to have Valentini's dispense alcohol at the MN Deer Hunters Banquet on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at the Hibbing Memorial Building.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Jurenes, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Senior Center Volunteers to hold their Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at the Hibbing Memorial Building.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the 2022 Tobacco License of Imperial Operating MN LLC located at 1135 East 37th Street.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the City of Hibbing and the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the Trick, Treat & Greet Event on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Bayliss.

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

ATTEST: Sheena Mulner
Sheena Mulner, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick J. Cannata
Rick J. Cannata, Mayor