

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in the City Hall Council Chamber and via ZOOM.

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 Tim Harkonen, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor Jay Hildenbrand, Councilor John Schweiberger, and Councilor Justin Fosso. Also present were City Administrator Tom Dicklich, City Clerk-Treasurer Mary Ann Kepler, City Attorney Andy Borland, Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala, and Chief of Police Steve Estey. City Engineer Jesse Story was absent.

ADDS/DELETES:

- ADD: CONSENT AGENDA #7 & #8
- ADD: DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS #3a, #4a, & #4b
- ADD: LICENSES AND PERMITS #5 & #6
- DELETE: LICENSES AND PERMITS #1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-8.

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 03/17/2021, checks #169311-169376 in the amount of \$513,567.22
2. Approve City Payroll for pay period ending:
 - 03/12/2021, checks #167901-167913, in the amount of \$504,002.82
3. Authorize the change in retirement date of Pete Hyduke from June 14, 2021 to December 31, 2021
4. Acknowledge the resignation of Adam Kladio as a volunteer with the Hibbing Fire Department effective February 22, 2021
5. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the Night to Unite Event on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in Bennett Park
6. Set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber (ZOOM option)

7. Authorize the Hibbing City Council to attend the Joint Meeting between the Hibbing City Council and the Hibbing School Board regarding the Joint Master Plan on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 in the Hibbing City Council Chamber at 6 p.m.
8. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Grant Agreement and Declaration with the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Mine View 'Windows to the World' Project

PUBLIC FORUM:**BIDS AND QUOTES:****Approve the State Bid purchase of (2) Ford Explorer Police Squads from Tenvoorde Ford in the amount of \$67,898.48**

Chief of Police Steve Estey explained that in the Police Department 2021 budget proposal he requested the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorer Squad Cars. The purchase of these quads will keep them in line with maintaining a safe and reliable fleet of squads. The following quotes were received:

Ford of Hibbing (2) @ \$34,700.14 = \$69,400.28

Tenvoorde Ford (2) @ \$33,949.24 = \$67,898.48

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the State Bid purchase of (2) Ford Explorer Police Squads from Tenvoorde Ford in the amount of \$67,898.48

Motion CARRIED

Approve the Website Maintenance Agreement Renewal of Granicus for the period of April 15, 2021 through April 14, 2022 in the amount of \$8,137.57

City Administrator Tom Dicklich explained that this is an annual maintenance contract with them. He and Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala spoke with Library Lead Worker Ty Pulkkinen about updating the website. Years ago, the City was way behind. The website was brought up to speed a few years ago, and now it seems that the City is getting more complaints on it. He would like to continue with this maintenance agreement and also go out for an RFP to see if there is another option out there to get our website where it should be for next year.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Website Maintenance Agreement Renewal of Granicus for the period of April 15, 2021 through April 14, 2022 in the amount of \$8,137.57

Motion CARRIED

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Authorize the City of Hibbing to auction a 2014 Dodge Charger and a 2016 Dodge charger through Singh Auto Auctions**

Chief of Police Steve Estey stated that with the purchase of the new squads, the department no longer needs two old squads that have been sidelined as spares. These two old squads are not cost-effective to continue to keep and before they are completely outdated, they should be auctioned. He requested to auction the two squads through Singh Auto Auctions who auctions squad cars. The two squads are:

2014 Dodge Charger VIN#2C3CDXKT7EH320506

2016 Dodge Charger VIN#2C3CDXKT7GH303840

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to authorize the City of Hibbing to auction a 2014 Dodge Charger and a 2016 Dodge charger through Singh Auto Auctions.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the increase into the Sanitation fees St. Louis County Landfill Operations Fee increase (\$1.98 per month for each residence and \$3.95 per month for each commercial property – if approved, this will be put into effect April 1, 2021)

Due to a St. Louis County Landfill Operations fee increase, the City needs to collect \$128,360 more this year than last from garbage customers.

After discussion and looking at several options at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 3, it seems that a monthly fee is preferable to putting an annual or semi-annual fee on the customer's bill.

City staff continued to tweak the options to come up with an optimal result. Our recommendation is to have a separate line item on the garbage customer's bill marked "St. Louis County Operations Fee" and charging \$1.98 per month for each residence and \$3.95 per month for each commercial property. This change, if approved will be put into effect April 1, 2021.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to authorize the increase into the Sanitation fees St. Louis County Landfill Operations Fee increase (\$1.98 per month for each residence and \$3.95 per month for each commercial property, effective April 1, 2021)

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Hibbing and the State of Minnesota for the 2021 Fiscal Year

City Services Director Pete Hyduke explained that MN State (Hibbing Community College) has moved forward with Facilities Use Agreements. This is an off-campus facility only agreement. It is an agreement contract that he sent to City Attorney Andy Borland to review. He had some issues that he wanted to be revised. Now with the revisions, they feel that the contract is ready to be approved and signed.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Hibbing and the State of Minnesota for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-02 REQUESTING THE CITY OF HIBBING TO APPLY FOR COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOR EYE CARE NORTH, P.A.

City Administrator Tom Dicklich explained that this RESOLUTION is to request the City of Hibbing to apply for commercial redevelopment for a new building that will be going up in the industrial park on the Beltline.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-02 REQUESTING THE CITY OF HIBBING TO APPLY FOR COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOR EYE CARE NORTH, P.A.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-03 REQUESTING THE CITY OF HIBBING TO APPLY FOR COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOR BLUE MOON APPLIANCE AND HOME CENTER, INC.

City Administrator Tom Dicklich explained that the City will be applying for commercial redevelopment for Blue Moon Appliance and Home Center, Inc. for the old FENA building in the industrial park on the Beltline. In order to have the IRRRB money, you have to have the Resolutions in place.

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 21-03-03 REQUESTING THE CITY OF HIBBING TO APPLY FOR COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOR BLUE MOON APPLIANCE AND HOME CENTER, INC.

Motion CARRIED

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

~~Approve the Special Event Permit Application of Hibbing High School to hold the Hibbing High School Prom at the Memorial Building on Saturday, May 15, 2021 (Deleted)~~

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve Special Event Permit Application of the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the Hibbing Jubilee Grand Parade on Saturday, July 10, 2021 in downtown Hibbing.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Hibbing Police Department to hold the Night to Unite event on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in Bennett Park.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the the 2021 Peddler/Transient Merchant License of Haralambos "Bobby" Papaioannou to operate Greekfoods II for the sale of Greek Food at 120 East Howard Street

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota to hold their raffle on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Mesaba Country Club.

Raffle #21-03-02

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the Hibbing Band Parents Organization, Inc. to hold their raffle on Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Hibbing High School

Raffle #21-03-03

Mayor Cannata wished everyone a Happy Easter.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Bayliss.

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

Rick J. Cannata, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Mary Ann Kepler, City Clerk-Treasurer