

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday June 26, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: A Regular Meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chamber.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Pete Hyduke, Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Justin Fosso, Councilor Jay Hildenbrand, Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman, Councilor John Schweiberger and Councilor Chris Whitney. Also present were City Administrator Greg Pruszinske, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala, Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner, City Attorney Andy Borland, Chief of Police Steve Estey and Fleet Manager Joe McKenney. City Engineer Jesse Story was absent.

ADDs/DELETEs:

- **ADD: CONSENT AGENDA #1**
- **ADD: DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS #1a & #2b**
- **DELETE: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Agenda.

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING POLICE DEPARTMENT OATH OF OFFICES:

- **Patrol Officer Olivia Baasi**
- **Patrol Officer Jason Hage**
- **Patrol Officer Jarod Walstrom**
- **Patrol Officer Ethan Heyblom**

Mayor Pete Hyduke read the Oath swearing in the new Patrol Officers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Hibbing City Council Meeting of June 5, 2024.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to approve the minutes of the Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting of June 5, 2024.

Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-15.

Discussion: Councilor Schweiberger corrected an incorrect date for item #14.

Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 06/14/2024, checks #177495-177617, in the amount of \$2,827,823.47
 - 06/20/2024, checks #177618-177647, in the amount of \$110,322.72
 - 06/26/2024, checks (#177648-177683 voided) 177684-177719, in the amount of \$557,671.01
2. Approve City Payroll for pay period ending:
 - 06/21/2024, in the amount of \$619,118.13
3. Accept and place on file the Hibbing Police Department Activity Report for May, 2024
4. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support of the Crescendo Youth Orchestra to the Minnesota State Arts Board and Regional Council for the Arts Experience Grant
5. Authorize the updated Automotive Mechanic Job Description
6. Approval to place the Temporary Full-Time Equipment Operator II position on hold effective immediately
7. Authorize the hire of Jered Sanborn for the Full-Time Skilled Labor pending pre-employment contingencies
8. Authorize the posting of a Full-Time City Services Maintenance position
9. Approve the advancement of Brittany Dillinger to Patrol II with the Hibbing Police Department effective June 27, 2024

10. Authorize the hire of Jill Reini for the full-time Library Director position effective July 1, 2024
11. Authorize the hire of Erick Sanborn for the Seasonal Maintenance position pending pre-employment contingencies
12. Authorize the hire of Jacob Maki and Christian Massich for Public Works Summer Help effective June 27, 2024
13. Authorize signing the new RCB Agreement for collection of delinquent ambulance accounts
14. Set the next Regular Meeting for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber
15. Set the next City Council Workshop for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 following the Regular Meeting in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Hyduke asked that for safety those present leave a clear walkway to the exit. Mayor Hyduke thanked all those in attendance; he also reminded that those wishing to speak have 5 minutes to speak uninterrupted and the City Council will not take any action tonight; they will take your feedback for future decisions.

Jeff Phillipich with the Center City Housing Corporation and Development Group wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Mayor Hyduke asked City Attorney Andy Borland to summarize the action that the City Council took during the June 5, 2024 City Council Meeting; City Attorney Borland then summarized the actions that the City Council took during the June 5, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Heather Bertrum, 525 East 33rd St. Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Erin Ningen, 2719 3rd Ave. West Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project and the lack of transparency of the City Council.

Ashton Martin handed out letters to the City Council and Staff and wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

George Pogachnik, 105 East 17th St. Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project and other various issues that concerned him.

Morgan Martin, 2827 1st Ave. Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Avery Skalsky, 2nd Ave. West Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Stephanie Parks, 21114 2nd Ave. West Hibbing, MN 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Brandon Madich, 3501 2nd Ave. West wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Beth Dietrich, 3rd Ave. West Hibbing, Mn 55746 wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Timothy Entgelmeier, 3515 4th Ave. West Hibbing, MN 55746 thanked Councilor Whitney for getting his alley repaired and he also wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Paul Peltier, Executive Director of RAMS wished to speak about the Regional Housing Conversation that the Iron Range is having.

Jackie Prescott, Executive Director of the Hibbing HRA wished to speak about the proposed Cobb Cook Place Apartments Project.

Following the Public Forum Speakers Councilor Fosso thanked all of the speakers and stated that the need for housing is great, especially for the low income sector. Councilor Fosso also stated that he knows that everyone is looking for what is best for the City and best for the Community and with that being said, the questions and feedback that has been heard does not make this a project that he can support at this time; if the HRA can come to an agreement with the community that these changes affect, then he could definitely support it. But, until then he believes that this location should be tabled and the City should rescind its support for this location.

Following the Public Forum Speakers Mayor Hyduke thanked everyone for being present, speaking and being cordial allowing everyone to speak.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-07 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-07 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize posting a notice in regard to changes to Chapter 2 of City Ordinance in regard to changes to City Purchasing

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to Authorize posting a notice in regard to changes to Chapter 2 of City Ordinance in regard to changes to City Purchasing.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the Service Design for Hibbing Area Transit

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to approve the Service Design for Hibbing Area Transit.

Discussion: Mayor Hyduke stated that there are no other options; Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner stated that is correct.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-05 APPLYING FOR IRRR RECREATION AND TOURISM GRANT

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to offer RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-05 APPLYING FOR IRRR RECREATION AND TOURISM GRANT.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the lease agreement between the City of Hibbing and The Iron Range Raceway Association

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the lease agreement between the City of Hibbing and The Iron Range Raceway Association.

Motion CARRIED

Offer RESOLUTION 24-06-06 MAKING APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND FOR A WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to offer RESOLUTION 24-06-06 MAKING APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND FOR A WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Motion CARRIED

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Greg Pruszinske spoke about the City's efforts to clean up after the flood and gave information regarding drop-off locations and curbside pick-up for flood debris. City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about the flooding that has happened for many years on East 41st Street whenever there is a substantial amount of rain. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

BIDS AND QUOTES:**Award the bid to Iron Range Electric LLC for the rehab of the chlorine building (lights, heaters, exhaust fans, duct work, and man door) in the amount of \$42,855**

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to award the bid to Iron Range Electric LLC for the rehab of the chlorine building (lights, heaters, exhaust fans, duct work, and man door) in the amount of \$42,855.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the quote from Iron Oaks Fencing to repair the fencing at the Raceway in the amount of \$28,567.00

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to approve the quote from Iron Oaks Fencing to repair the fencing at the Raceway in the amount of \$28,567.00.

Discussion: Councilor Fosso asked with this approval when would the work be completed; City Services Director Nick Arola stated they will start work immediately, he does not have a completion date.

Motion CARRIED

Approve the bids for the City Hall Renovation project as presented by ICS in the amount of \$550,645.51

Brandon Miller and Damien Williams with ICS gave a brief presentation going over bids for the City Hall Renovation project. There was some discussion between City Councilors, Staff and the ICS Representatives regarding this topic.

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the bids for the City Hall Renovation project as presented by ICS in the amount of \$550,645.51.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the purchase of Demo Powerload System from Stryker for the ambulance that is on order in the amount of \$17,000

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Hildenbrand, moved to authorize purchase of Demo Powerload System from Stryker for the ambulance that is on order in the amount of \$17,000.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the upfitting of lights, sire, etc. for the new Marshal 1 pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$12,369.19

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to authorize the upfitting of lights, sire, etc. for the new Marshal 1 pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$12,369.19.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the purchase of Commercial Topper for the new Marshal 1 pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$4,918.10

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to authorize purchase of Commercial Topper for the new Marshal 1 pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$4,918.10.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the purchase of a Fiberglass Topper for the new Battalion 1 Pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$2,590.00

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to authorize the purchase of a Fiberglass Topper for the new Battalion 1 Pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$2,590.00.

Motion CARRIED

Authorize the upfitting of lights, siren, etc. for the new Battalion 1 Pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$12,817.19

Councilor Whitney, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to authorize the upfitting of lights, siren, etc. for the new Battalion 1 Pick-up from M&M Autobody in the amount of \$12,817.19.

Motion CARRIED

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Schweiberger, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application Request of the Hibbing Historical Society to hold the Hibbing's 131st Birthday and Hall of Service and Achievement Induction on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 on the front lawn of City Hall.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License of the Iron House to dispense alcohol at the Hibbing Street Dance on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Bayliss, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Abide 4 Freedom/The Johnson Family to hold their 2024 Juneteenth Celebration at Bennett Park On Friday, June 28, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Fosso, supported by Councilor Whitney, moved to approve the Peddler's License of Maciej Marchaj to sell Educational Books door-to-door in Hibbing through August 20, 2024.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the 2024 Transient Merchant License of Jeffrey Provinzino – Provinzino Race Cars High on the Hog to sell food in Hibbing.

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Schweiberger, supported by Councilor Fosso, moved to approve the 2024 Transient Merchant License of Kris DePaulis to sell coffee in Hibbing (Pending insurance and Dept. of Health License).

Motion CARRIED

Councilor Whitney, supported by Councilor Bayliss, moved to approve the Raffle Permit of Run-A-Muck-ATV Club to hold their raffle at Toivo's Pub on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. by Councilor Bayliss and supported by Councilor Fosso.

Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

ATTEST:  _____
Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator

Pete Hyduke, Mayor