

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday September 20, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Mayor Pete Hyduke, Councilor Justin Fosso, 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 and City Engineer Jesse Story. Councilor James Bayliss, Councilor Jay Hildenbrand and Chief of Police Steve Estey were absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Legislative Priorities with Senator Farnsworth and Representative Igo

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske spoke about the work that the City has been doing internally. Representative Igo and Senator Farnsworth both spoke about the City of Hibbing's Legislative Priorities.

Rental Licensing Conversation

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti spoke about starting Rental Registration versus Licensing. Community Development Director Olivanti explained that there would be posters placed in rental buildings with contact information if there are concerns or complaints from tenants. Community Development Director Olivanti went over the handouts that were given to the Councilors. Building Official Pat Green explained that he thought the process would continue as it has in the past, with his department handling and rental complaint calls; with the Rental Registration it will be easier to contact the property owner and/or maintenance person for the property. There was discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

Local Housing Trust Fund

Discussion: Community Development Director Olivanti spoke to the Council about establishing a Local Housing Trust Fund and what that could look like. There was discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

Policies - Purchasing

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner explained that the current purchasing policy is from 2005 and she spoke to the Council about making changes and updating the policy. There was discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

Policies – Sewer/Evaporation Credit

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner stated that it has also been talked about reviewing and possibly making some changes to the current sewer/evaporation credit policy. There was discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

Annual Report

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske stated that they will be working on the Annual Report in the upcoming months and will bring it to the Council in December..

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **Taxi Ordinance and Taxi Licensing**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala spoke to the Council regarding issues and complaints that she has received; she would like to bring this to the next Council Workshop for discussion.

- **Snow Removal Equipment**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Fosso asked if the City's Snow Removal Equipment is ready to go for the season. City Engineer Jesse Story stated they will have three functioning snowblowers within the next few weeks.

- **Waste Management**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Fosso asked if there is an update on Waste Management Recycling pick up. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala will reach out to Randy at Waste Management and update the Council.

- **User Agreements**

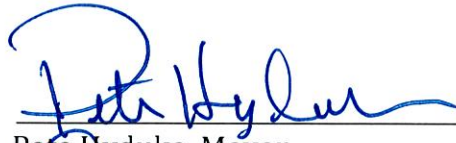
DISCUSSION: Councilor Schweiberger stated he would like to take another look at some of the User Agreements.

- **Paving on Minnesota Street**

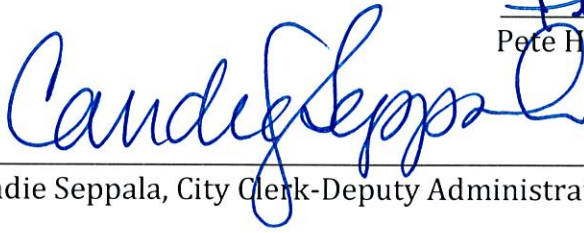
DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman asked how the paving is going on Minnesota Street. City Engineer Story updated the Council with the latest information he has.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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Pete Hyduke, Mayor



ATTEST:

Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator