

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday November 1, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pete Hyduke called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, City Engineer Jesse Story and Chief of Police Steve Estey.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Parking Ordinance

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Greg Pruszinske stated that there have been some Residents questioning the City's Parking Ordinance and enforcement of it; they thought there should be a conversation with the Council about it. There was a discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this, and it was decided that there will be a committee assigned to discuss the current parking ordinance and if there should be changes made to the ordinance.

Polar Plunge

DISCUSSION: Chief of Police Steve Estey explained that Investigator Shiek has been working with this group and other local area law enforcement agencies to bring the first ever Polar Plunge event to the Iron Range; The Hibbing Police Department will host the event at Carey Lake in March 2024. Chief of Police Estey stated that there will be some items they will need from the City. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and City Staff; this will be on the next Council Agenda.

Dump Trucks

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Jesse Story stated that the City's fleet of dump truck is very old, and Fleet Manager Joe McKenney has been trying to remedy that. Fleet Manager McKenney explained that he has been looking for dump trucks; he spoke in depth about the process and what he has been able to find. City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about the possibility of purchasing trucks off the lot in a different state. There was a lengthy discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

Facility Assessment

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola went over in detail the packet that the Councilors were given. There was a lengthy discussion between City Councilors and City Staff and Erik Wedge from DSGW regarding this.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Regional Meeting that he and Mayor Hyduke attended. City Administrator Pruszinske stated that he feels this is something the City should be involved in.

- **4th Quarter City Administrator's Review**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske asked the Councilors about the City Administrators review; it was decided the review will be after the December 20, 2023 City Council Meeting.

- **Public Safety Building**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske stated that they have looked at a few different locations for the Public Safety Building; he will follow up with an email with more details.

- **Dennis Richards**

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske asked City Attorney Andy Borland to summarize the issues. City Attorney Borland went over in detail what the issues are. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

- **Hibbing Taxi**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala read the portion of the City Ordinance that has to do with the Taxi business. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala went over some of the issues they are having with the vehicles that Hibbing Taxi has parked on their lot, and how they plan to deal with the issue. There was a discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

- **Animal Shelter**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala stated that Range Regional Animal Rescue was the only bid they received. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala and City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about a meeting City Staff had with the Animal Shelter Staff and Board Members. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala spoke in detail about the

building issues that the City is working on for the Animal Shelter. There was a discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

- **Complaints on Thefts Happening**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss stated that he gets complaints weekly from Residents about all of the thefts happening. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and City Staff regarding this.

- **Adam Johnson Memorial**

DISCUSSION: Mayor Hyduke read out loud a message that he received that gave information about the Memorial Service for Adam Johnson.

- **Halloween**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman thanked City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala for all the work she put into the Halloween event in front of City Hall.

- **Memorial Building Room Rentals**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hildenbrand stated that he has received questions from youth groups who previously met at the Memorial Building and now meet elsewhere because they were being charged \$175 to meet at the Memorial Building. City Services Director Arola explained those are the room rental rates that were decided on last year; there are lower rates offered for non-profits to use the space.

- **Fire Relief Association**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner gave a brief update on the process of moving the Fire Relief Association to a PERA.

- **Storage Containers**

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Borland stated that he and Building Official Pat Green have a meeting set up to discuss storage containers.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator