

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday June 5, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Justin Fosso called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call Acting Mayor Justin Fosso, Councilor James Bayliss, 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, City Attorney Andy Borland and City Engineer Jesse Story. Mayor Pete Hyduke and Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner and Chief of Police Steve Estey were absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

City of Keewatin Mayor Michael LaBine & Attorney Bryan Lindsay

DISCUSSION: City of Keewatin Mayor Michael LaBine & City Attorney Bryan Lindsay spoke to the Council about some property that is on the boundary line between the Cities of Hibbing and Keewatin and the Counties of St. Louis and Itasca; the City of Keewatin owns the property and it is located in the City of Hibbing. There was some discussion between Hibbing City Councilors and Staff and Keewatin Mayor Lablne and Attorney Lindsay regarding this topic.

Hibbing Public Access

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala and City Administrator Greg Pruszinske went over the information that was handed out to the Council regarding the Franchise Fees and Hibbing Public Access. There was a lengthy discussion between City Councilors, Staff and Ron Wirkkula regarding this topic.

PUC Watermain Improvement Project

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske spoke about the Resolution the Council received from HPU regarding the Watermain Improvement Project; he asked Councilor Bayliss if HPU would have the Rate Study completed in 2024. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Hibbing Area Public Transit

DISCUSSION: City Administrator Pruszinske gave a status update on Hibbing Area Public Transit. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **Blighted Property in Kelly Lake**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala spoke to the Council about a property located in Kelly Lake in which the City removed blight from; the property owner is unable to pay the assessments from the blight removal. City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala stated that herself, City Administrator Pruszinske and Mayor Hyduke met with the property owner and explained that they would discuss the matter with the Council. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Special Event Permit Request**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala spoke to the Council about an Organization that submitted a Special Event Permit Request that was submitted too late to get on today's Agenda; she wanted to inform the Council incase the Organization reaches out to them.

- **Animal Shelter**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala gave an update on the Animal Shelter. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Police Vehicle Purchase**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman stated that tonight the Council voted to purchase a police vehicle from Dodge of Burnsville and that dealership is owned by John Adamich, who is a Hibbing Highschool Alumni.

- **Paving**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Jesse Story gave an update on paving.

- **Jeremiah Larson - Public Forum**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Story spoke to the Council about Jeremiah Larson who spoke during the Public Forum portion of the Council Meeting regarding his land locked property; he has never told Mr. Larson that Public Works would build a road to his property, the City has no right-a-way out there and he has explained that to Mr. Larson in the past.

- **Sewer Ordinance**

DISCUSSION: City Engineer Story and City Attorney Andy Borland spoke to the Council about some small changes they would like to make to the Sewer Lateral Ordinance.

- **Jeremiah Larson – Public Forum**

DISCUSSION: City Attorney Borland gave the Council some background information on Mr. Larson's property and requests to gain access to it. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

ADJOURNMENT: Acting Mayor Justin Fosso adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

CITY OF HIBBING



Pete Hyduke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator