

THE MINUTES OF THE HIBBING CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
Wednesday January 22, 2025

TIME AND PLACE: A Hibbing City Council Workshop Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 in the City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Justin Fosso called the meeting to order at 5:42 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, Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner, City Attorney Andy Borland and Chief of Police Steve Estey. Mayor Pete Hyduke and City Engineer Jesse Story were absent.

DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE:

Tree inventory & tree manual project closeout - Davey Resource Group Presentation

DISCUSSION: Gail Nozal with Davey Resource Group gave a Presentation to the Council. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Discussion regarding the property at 3215 14th Ave. East Hibbing, MN 55746

DISCUSSION: Community Development Director Betsy Olivanti spoke to the Council about the property at 3215 14th Ave. East that the City recently purchased. Scott Zahorik, Executive Director of AEOA spoke to the Council regarding AEOA's interest in this property. There was some discussion between City Councilors, Staff and Mr. Zahorik regarding this topic.

Recreation Center Feasibility Study Recap, next steps, discussion

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Nick Arola spoke to the Council about the Recreation Center Feasibility Study. There was a discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Operator

DISCUSSION: City Services Director Arola spoke to the Council about the Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Operator. There was some discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Budget Software proposal from Questica

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Sheena Mulner spoke to the Council about new budget software from Questica. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

Other Additional Issues/Concerns for discussion:

- **Animal Shelter/Intake/Pound**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Candie Seppala gave the Council an update regarding the Animal Shelter/Intake/Pound. There was a discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Boards and Commissions**

DISCUSSION: City Clerk-Deputy Administrator Seppala gave the Council an update regarding Boards and Commissions.

- **Taxi Companies**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Bayliss spoke to the Council regarding a phone call he received regarding Taxi Companies that are having trouble finding drivers. There was a brief discussion between City Councilors and Staff regarding this topic.

- **Transparent**

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman asked if in the future when there are items on the Agenda with dollar amounts, if the dollar amounts could be listed on the Agenda for transparency purposes.

- **Email to Councilors**

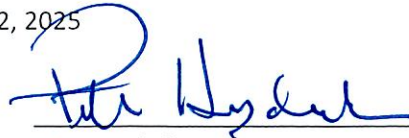
DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman Saccoman spoke about an email the Councilors received from a Parkinson's Group regarding a presentation.

- **Conduit Debt Policy**

DISCUSSION: Treasurer-Finance Director Mulner spoke to the Council about Staff developing a Conduit Debt Policy.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Pete Hyduke adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Pete Hyduke, Mayor



ATTEST:

Candie Seppala, City Clerk-Deputy Administrator