

**THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** A Regular Meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Rick J. Cannata called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Present at roll call Mayor Rick J. Cannata, Clerk Patrick L. Garrity, Councilor Darby Sater, Councilor Patty Shafer, Councilor Tim Harkonen, and Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman. Councilor Jack Lund was absent. Also present were City Administrator Tom Dicklich, City Attorney Andy Borland, Finance Director Sherri Renskers, City Engineer Jesse Story, Chief Maryann Hooper, and Sr. Executive Assistant Candie Seppala.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ADDs/DELETES:**

- \* ADD – APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- \* ADD – CONSENT AGENDA #13
- \* ADD – LICENSES AND PERMITS
- \* DELETE – CONSENT AGENDA #3
- \* ADD – CONSENT AGENDA #14

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 1, 2014. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 15, 2014. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 5/7, 2014. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 19, 2014. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman moved to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of November 24, 2014. Motion CARRIED

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-144. Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
  - 01/16/2015, checks #151236-151354, in the amount of \$248,565.75

2. Accept and place on file the Hibbing Police Department Arrest Report for the month of December, 2014
3. ~~Authorize the external hire of Spencer Gebhardt as a Fire Fighter/Paramedic, subject to pre-employment screening requirements~~
4. Authorize the promotion of Andrew Anderson to the position of Battalion Chief at the Fire Department
5. Authorize the promotion of Anthony Sikich to the position of Captain at the Fire Department
6. Authorize the promotion of Alan Slatten to the position of Engineer at the Fire Department
7. Authorize the promotion of Joe Borra to the position of Engineer at the Fire Station 2
8. Authorize the promotion of Dave Petrich to the position of Engineer at the Fire Station 2
9. Authorize the promotion of Shane Maki to the position of Engineer at the Fire Station 2
10. Authorize the promotion of Adam Kladivo to the position of Engineer at the Fire Station 2
11. Set the next Committee of the Whole for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber
12. Set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.
13. ~~Authorize the internal hire of Kevin Lamphere for the full-time Maintenance position in City Services effective January 22, 2015~~
14. ~~Approve Accounts Payable dated:~~
  - ~~01/20/2015 checks #151355-151361, in the amount of \$965,788.21~~

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

## **BIDS AND QUOTES:**

Pete Hyduke discussed the pending purchase of the TORO Groundmaster 3280-D 4WD with ROPS Cab and Rotary Broom that he had \$35,000 in the budget. The one currently at City Hall will be traded in and will be updated with one we have. The new one will go to the park. The quotes came in with a State Bid with TORO in the amount of \$29,707.07. Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to award the bid to MTI Distributing for the TORO Groundmaster 3280-D 4WD with ROPS Cab and Rotary Broom. Motion CARRIED

Fire Chief Erik Jankila approached the Council regarding the bid to Morning Pride for 17 sets of turnout gear with Harnesses in the amount of \$35,245. He explained that this is the second phase of purchasing the turnout gear. He also noted that they have one Bunker Jacket but will need one extra pair of pants and one extra harness. The lifespan of this gear is 10 years. City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to award the bid to Morning Pride for 17 sets of turnout gear with harnesses, one extra pair of pants, and one extra harness in the amount of \$35,245 which is in the 2015 budget. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Sater asked Fire Chief Jankila if he would be able to get together with Mr. Dicklich regarding the overtime and runs the Ambulances and talk with the IRRRB to see if there is anything they can do to help us out with the costs. Mr. Jankila said there is a mutual aid agreement with surrounding areas. The call volume the City of Hibbing is about 3 - 4 times of the call volume that the surrounding neighbors do. They come to Hibbing more than we go to them. He said that he will discuss with Mr. Dicklich.

#### **DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance Director Renskers discussed the sewer rate increase. The Sewer Fund is an Enterprise Fund and the City needs to keep the income high enough to cover the operating, maintenance, and fixed asset expenses. In order to cover the costs, Ms. Renskers recommended an increase of \$1 per block, per month and \$.30 per unit (which is 1,000 gallons). That will generate approximately \$200,000. That will keep the City in line with the debt service coverage ratio that the City needs as well as covering the operating and maintenance costs. The new proposed fixed rate would be \$15 per block per month and the unit rate would be an increase of \$.30 per unit (from \$3.95 to \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons.) The impact for the user using 4 units per month would be about \$2.20 per month. Ms. Renskers also asked that this rate be effective February 1, 2015.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, moved to approve the sewer rate increase as \$15 per block per month and the unit rate would be an increase of \$.30 per unit (from \$2.95 to \$4.25 per 1,000 gallons), effective February 1, 2015. Motion CARRIED

Ms. Renskers stated that garbage rates haven't been changed since 2010. They also are an Enterprise Fund and the City needs to keep the income high enough to cover the operating, maintenance, and fixed asset expenses. For 2015, St. Louis County raised the tipping fees from \$42 per ton to \$48 per ton. They also raised some of the operations fee as well. The new proposed rates effective February 1, 2015. Residential landfill operations would be \$5 per month (an increase of \$.17 per month that the County bills us for operations.) Commercial landfill operations would be \$1.05 per cubic yard. The residential garbage rate would be \$17.00 per month for the 95-gallon container. The 65-gallon container would be \$2.00 less per month. The commercial garbage rate would be \$14.80 per cubic yard.

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the Sanitation rate increase as residential landfill operations would be \$5 per month (an increase of \$.17 per month that the County bills us for operations.) Commercial landfill operations would be \$1.05 per cubic yard. The residential garbage rate would be \$17.00 per month for the 95-gallon container. The 65-gallon container would be \$2.00 less per month. The commercial garbage rate would be \$14.80 per cubic yard. Motion CARRIED

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS****Hibbing Chisholm Airport Authority:**

- One vacancy for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017 for a Hibbing resident

**Applicants:**

- Lynda Bolf
- Marcus Damjanovich
- Peter Koskinen
- Roger Saccoman

**Nominations:**

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to nominate Roger Saccoman to the Hibbing Chisholm Airport Authority for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, moved to nominate Lynda Bolf to the Hibbing Chisholm Airport Authority for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017. Motion Failed

Roll - Call Vote in favor of Roger Saccoman:

Councilor Sater – Yes

Councilor Shafer – Yes

Councilor Jennifer Hoffman Saccoman – Abstain

Councilor Harkonen – No

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity – Yes

Mayor Cannata – Yes

4 Yes Votes

1 Abstained Vote

1 No Vote

**Hibbing Economic Development Authority:**

- One vacancy for a 6-year term ending 12/31/20

**Applicants:**

- Beth Pierce (Incumbent)
- James Bayliss
- Marcus Damjanovich
- Wayne Kangas
- Peter Koskinen
- Larry McGuire
- Daniel Murden

Mayor Cannata, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to appoint Marcus Damjanovich to Hibbing Economic Development Authority for a 6-year term ending 12/31/2020. Motion CARRIED

**Housing & Redevelopment Authority:**

- One vacancy for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2018

**Applicants must be a resident of public housing**

- Rhonda Nix
- Cynthia Wakefield

Mayor Cannata, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to appoint Rhonda Nix to Housing & Redevelopment Authority for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2018. Motion CARRIED

**Planning Commission / Board of Adjustments & Appeals:**

- Three vacancies for 3-year terms ending 12/31/2017

**Applicants:**

- James Paulsen (Incumbent)
- John Petrangelo (Incumbent)
- Gordon Smith (Incumbent)
- Dan Murden

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to Nominate John Petrangelo to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017.

Councilor Shafer, supported by City Clerk Treasurer Garrity, moved to nominate James Paulsen to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017.

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to nominate Dan Murden to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017.

Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to nominate Gordon Smith to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017.

City Administrator added that you only have to go with the first three names that receive the required amount.

Roll Call Vote:

**John Petrangelo**

Councilor Sater - yes

Councilor Shafer - no

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman - no

Councilor Lund - Absent

Councilor Harkonen - yes

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity - no

Mayor Cannata - yes

**3 votes in favor of John Petrangelo**

**James Paulsen**

Councilor Sater - yes

Councilor Shafer - yes

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman - yes

Councilor Lund - Absent

Councilor Harkonen - yes

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity - yes

Mayor Cannata - yes

**6 votes in favor of James Paulsen**

**Dan Murden**

Councilor Sater - no

Councilor Shafer - no

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman - yes

Councilor Lund - Absent

Councilor Harkonen - no

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity - yes

Mayor Cannata - no

**3 votes in favor of Dan Murden****Gordon Smith**

Councilor Sater - yes

Councilor Shafer – yes

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman – yes

Councilor Lund - Absent

Councilor Harkonen - yes

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity - yes

Mayor Cannata - yes

**6 votes in favor of Gordon Smith**

Councilor Shafer, supported by City Clerk Treasurer Garrity, moved to nominate James Paulsen to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to nominate Gordon Smith to the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to table the third appointment between John Petrangelo and Dan Murden until the next meeting when all councilors were present. Motion CARRIED

**Heritage Preservation**

- Mayor to Appoint Mary Keyes to the Heritage Preservation Commission (Member of the Hibbing Historical Society)

Mayor Cannata, supported by City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, moved to appoint Mary Keyes to the Heritage Preservation Commission for a . Motion CARRIED

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the 2015 On-Sale & Sunday License Renewals (Pending current taxes and insurance). Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the 2015 Off-Sale Liquor License Renewals (pending current taxes and insurance). Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the 2015 Wine – On-Sale Liquor License Renewals (pending current taxes and insurance). Motion CARRIED

Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the 2015 Club On-Sale Liquor License Renewals (pending current taxes and insurance). Motion APPROVED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the 2015 3.2 Beer On-Sale Liquor License Renewals (pending current taxes and insurance). Motion CARRIED

City Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the Temporary Beer Liquor License Application of Blessed Sacrament parish to serve Liquor at the Valentine's Day Cana Dinner (for Married Couples) at the St Leo's Hall/Blessed Sacrament Church, to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of Blessed Sacrament Parish to hold the Valentine's Day Cana Dinner (for Married Couples) at the St Leo's Hall/Blessed Sacrament Church, to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Vintage Iron on the Range to hold its annual snowmobile ride in Hibbing on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application of the Vintage Iron on the Range to hold its annual snowmobile ride in Hibbing on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the Hibbing Girls Softball Booster Club for a raffle to be held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at the Softball Field. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the Hibbing Archery Club for a raffle to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Hibbing Elk's Club. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen Saccoman, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the 2015 Massage Therapy License of Jennifer Vonderhaar, Howard Court Salon, 302 East Howard Street, Suite 220. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the Hibbing Elks Lodge #1022 Fraternal for a raffle to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Hibbing Elks Lodge. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of the Hibbing Boys Bluejacket Hockey Club for a raffle to be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2014 at the Hibbing Memorial Arena. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Clerk-Treasurer Garrity, moved to approve the Raffle Permit Application of Central Mesabi Medical Foundation for a raffle to be held on Friday, March 30, 2015 at the Crowne Ballroom. Motion CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Shafer. Motion CARRIED

CITY OF HIBBING

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick L. Garrity, Clerk Treasurer

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Rick J. Cannata, Mayor