

**THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL  
Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** A Regular Meeting of the Hibbing City Council was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in the Hibbing City Hall Council Chamber.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Rick J. Cannata called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**ADDs/DELETES:**

- \* ADD: CONSENT AGENDA #2
- \* ADD: DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS #1b and #2a & #2b and #2c
- \* ADD: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS #2
- \* ADD: LICENSES & PERMITS #2-#3-#4

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 3, 2014. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 17, 2014. Motion CARRIED

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the Consent Agenda #s 1-3. Motion CARRIED

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
  - 01/31/2015, checks #151506-151649, in the amount of \$377,246.78
  - 02/04/2015, check #151650, in the amount of \$1,200
2. Approve Payroll dated:
  - For the Pay Period ending 01/9/2015, checks #163246-163314, in the amount of \$443,412.66
  - For the Pay Period ending 01/23/2015, checks #163315-163378, in the amount of \$348,583.14
3. Set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

**PUBLIC FORUM:****BIDS AND QUOTES:**

Mike Haben requested the bid for the Hydro Seeder in the amount of \$13,990. City Administrator Tom Dicklich discussed that the bid came in \$490 over budget, but that this piece of equipment will be very useful for other departments. Mr. Dicklich recommended that the City purchases it. Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater, moved to award the bid to Swanston Equipment for a Hydro Seeder in the amount of \$13,990 which is in the 2015 budget. Motion CARRIED

Erik Jankila discussed the final component of computer purchases that the Fire Department has been purchasing. This component will cover the software that runs the computers which have already been purchased. There is a one-time fee of \$2,500, along with the annual fee of \$400, and a one-time fee of \$250 for a webinar training so it can be customized for the Hibbing Fire Department. Mr. Jankila requested the City Council to award the bid to Image Trend Mobile Software for the mobile software in the amount of \$3,150. Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to award the bid to Image Trend Mobile Software for the mobile software in the amount of \$3,150. Motion CARRIED

Police Chief Maryann Hooper requested the City Council to award the bid to Taser International for 13 X26P Tasers and accessories with a 4-year extended warranty in the amount of \$17,097.62. The Police Department budgeted for 8 Tasers for 2015 in the amount of \$12,911.77. Three Tasers were taken out of service in the last three months. They are over 8 years old. The department received a quote for 13 Tasers which will put the department over budget by. It is a difference of 5 additional Tasers, but the department is willing to use its Drug and Forfeiture funds to cover that cost. In 2016, the department will budget for the additional 12 Tasers so the department will be up-to-date with their Tasers.

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Lund, moved to award the bid to Taser International for 13 X26P Tasers and accessories with a 4-year extended warranty in the amount of \$17,097.62. Motion CARRIED

**DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

City Attorney Andy Borland brought to the City Council RESOLUTION 15-02-01 PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LEGISLATION. This resolution would request that our legislators consider submitting proposed legislation which would increase the number of members on the Public Utilities Commission from 3-5. This was discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Based on that discussion and the recommendation, this language was drafted by Sellman Law Office. By the language, the additional appointees, one would serve initially a two-year term and one would serve a three-year term to stagger their terms. From then on, the terms would both be three-year terms. Councilor Shafer asked if the additional members could be Council Members. Mr. Borland said there aren't any restrictions on who they could be. Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to Approve RESOLUTION #15-02-02 PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Motion CARRIED

City Attorney Andy Borland explained that at previous Committee of the Whole Meetings citizens have come forward to discuss their concerns about snow removal and shoveling by residents/business owners. The Council had asked at a previous Committee of the Whole

Meeting to review whether or not we needed an ordinance. In reviewing our own City Ordinances, Under Section 7.04, there is an ordinance already in place that essentially provides that not just businesses, but also citizens have an obligation to remove the snow from their sidewalks within 12 hours after the time it snows. If they fail to do that, the City could remove the snow within 24 hours. Most failures would result in a petty misdemeanor ticket that could be written if it was enforced. Mr. Borland brought it to the Council's attention because it has recently been brought up multiple times.

City Administrator Tom Dicklich asked that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the IRRRB Grant Agreement for the Hampton Inn Hotel Project in the amount of \$150,000. It was for a grant the City applied for for infrastructure for the Hampton Inn project. The grant was received. Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Shafer moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the IRRRB Grant Agreement. Motion CARRIED

City Administrator Tom Dicklich asked that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the IRRRB Grant Agreement for the Brooklyn Sewer Phase II Project in the amount of \$250,000. The City received money 2 years ago for Phase One and then had a line crumble on it near Courthouse Addition. Pending on the area that crumbled, the City would like to do this in 2015. Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Lund, moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to sign the IRRRB Grant Agreement for the Brooklyn Sewer Phase II Project in the amount of \$250,000. Motion CARRIED

City Administrator Tom Dicklich asked the City Council to authorize the City to go out for the RFP for the new City of Hibbing Website. This RFP would allow the City to go out for proposals and to continue to get a vendor to update the website. Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to authorize the RFP for the new City of Hibbing website. Motion CARRIED

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

- One vacancy for a 3-year term ending 12/31/2017
  - Applicants:
    - John Petrangelo (Incumbent)
    - Dan Murden

City Administrator Tom Dicklich asked that the City Council table the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals vacancy until all City Councilors are present. Councilor Darby Sater, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to table the nomination of the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals until all City Councilors are present. Motion CARRIED

City Attorney Andy Borland was contacted by the HRA Attorney regarding the appointment of Rhonda Nix. He was told that the appointment can only come after there is an election within the HRA residents. Mr. Borland asked that the nomination of Rhonda Nix be rescinded until the board holds their election on March 18, 2015. Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Shafer, rescinded the nomination of Rhonda Nix from the January 21, 2015 City Council Meeting. The City Council will be let known once the election results are in. Motion CARRIED

### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Shafer, moved to approve the 2015 Massage Therapy License of Marlene Larson, Alternative Care Massage Therapy, 2516 East Beltline pending background check. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the 2015 Massage Therapy License of Jessica Yordy, Ohana Therapeutic Massage, 208 East Howard Street. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Harkonen, moved to approve the 2015 Massage Therapy License of Paula Fink, Ohana Therapeutic Massage, 208 East Howard Street. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Hoffman Saccoman, moved to approve the Raffle Request Application of the Hibbing Quarterback Club to hold a raffle at the Brick Yard Sports Bar & Grille on May 15, 2015. Motion APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. by Councilor Harkonen and supported by Councilor Lund. Motion CARRIED

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Rick J. Cannata, Mayor

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