

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
HIBBING CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

TIME AND PLACE: The Hibbing City Council held its' 2010 Reorganization and Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

CLOSED SESSION: A closed session was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Office prior to the meeting to consider strategies for Labor Negotiations.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wolff called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Present at roll call: Mayor Rick Wolff, Councilor Tim Harkonen, Councilor Frank Bigelow, Councilor Jack Lund, and Councilor Patty Shafer. Clerk Patrick Garrity and Councilor Darby Sater were present at 5:53 p.m. Also present were Acting Chief Duane Gielen, Finance Director Sherri A. Renskers, City Engineer John Suihkonen, City Attorney Richard Sellman, and Administrative\Council Assistant Sharon Ross.

REORGANIZATION MEETING:

- 1) Councilor Bigelow, supported by Councilor Lund moved to Designate Councilor Harkonen as Acting Mayor for 2010 to act in the absence of the Mayor when he is not able to be present to perform his official duties. Motion CARRIED
- 2) Councilor Shafer, supported by Councilor Harkonen moved to designate the Hibbing Daily Tribune as the official newspaper for City business for 2010. Motion CARRIED
- 3) Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bigelow moved to Designate Depositories for 2010: American Bank, US Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Security State Bank, Republic Bank, 4M Fund, Bank of America, Wells Fargo Advisors, US Bank Investment Services, Inc., Wells Fargo Investment Services, Edward Jones and Miller, MJSK Investment Services, and Smith Barney Citigroup. Motion CARRIED
- 4) Appointment of Councilors to City Boards and Committees.
 - a) Councilor Harkonen volunteered for the Safety Committee.
 - b) Councilor Sater volunteered for the Insurance Committee.
- 5) Councilor Bigelow, supported by Councilor Lund moved to set the Mayor's Contingency Fund for 2010 at \$5,000.00 as set forth by state law. Motion CARRIED
- 6) Councilor Shafer, supported by Clerk Garrity moved to set bond for City Clerk, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and City Administrator for 2010 at \$500,000. Motion CARRIED
- 7) Clerk Garrity, supported by Councilor Lund moved to approve the City Clerk's appointment of Sherri A. Renskers as the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for 2010. Motion CARRIED

- 8) Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Lund moved to Appoint the Mayor and City Engineer as the City's Weed Inspector and Assistant Weed Inspector for 2010, as set forth by state law. Opposed: Mayor Wolff. Motion CARRIED.
- 9) Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Shafer moved to set the regular meetings of the Hibbing City Council in 2010 for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Opposed: Councilor Bigelow and Councilor Harkonen. Motion CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:

- 1) **Consent Agenda** Item #1
 - ADD 3rd Bullet, 01/05/2010, checks #133540 - #133571, in the amount of \$352,330.85
- 2) **License and Permits**, Item #1 2010 Cigarette License Renewals. ADD the following:
 - Range Tobacco Shoppe
 - Rosati Stilinovich Koski Post 8510
 - Mesaba Country Club
- 3) **License and Permits**, Item #4, 2010 Mechanical Amusement Device License Renewals. ADD the following:
 - Rosati Stilinovich Koski Post 8510
 - Mr. Nick's Corner Bar
 - Airway Bar & Grill

II. APPROVE MINUTES:

- Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Sater moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Hibbing City Council of Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Motion CARRIED

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Bigelow moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items #1 through #16, minus Item #15 as pulled for further discussion. Motion CARRIED.

1. Approve Accounts Payable dated:
 - 12/31/2009, checks #133393 - #133505, in the amount of \$279,736.69
 - 12/31/2009, checks #133506 - #133539, in the amount of \$49,132.83
 - 01/05/2010, checks #133540 - #133571, in the amount of \$352,330.85
2. Approve City Sick Bonus Payroll for period ending 12/05/2009, checks #150278 - #150335, in the amount of \$160,337.38

3. Approve City Payroll for Pay period ending 12/18/2009, checks #150336 - #150440, in the amount of \$338,718.70.
4. Authorize auction of surplus of Parks and Recreation Department equipment
5. Approve City of Hibbing Vacation Donation Policy.
6. Acknowledge retirement of Barbara Mitchell, Hibbing Police Department effective December 31, 2009.
7. Acknowledge retirement of John Dibley, Hibbing Police Department effective December 31, 2009.
8. Acknowledge retirement of Alan Nickila, Hibbing Police Department effective December 31, 2009.
9. Acknowledge retirement of Patrick Klobuchar, Hibbing Fire Department effective December 31, 2009.
10. Approve the following Hibbing Fire Department promotions:
 - Alan Bexell to Battalion Chief,
 - Daniel Nehiba to Captain,
 - James Sallis to Engineer.
11. Authorize Fire Chief to maintain Fire Department staffing of three 7-man crews.
12. Authorize payment of \$1,343.00 for Advertising/Promotion Economic Development of the City of Hibbing.
13. Authorize payment of \$1,200.00 for 2010 Membership Dues to Range Association of Municipalities & Schools.
14. Authorize execution of Amendment to Surface Lease 13294 with RGGs Land and Minerals (advertising billboard on Highway 169 east entrance to Hibbing).
15. Set the Committee of the Whole meeting for the second week of January for discussions including the Recycling Center, the Interim Police Chief, and the County Jail Agreement.

Discussion: Clerk Garrity pulled Item #15 for further discussion of the date of the meeting. Agreement was made on scheduling the meeting for Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.
16. Set the next regular meeting for the City Council for Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM:

V. BIDS AND QUOTES:

VI. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:1. **City Engineer's Office – John P. Suihkonen, City Engineer**a) **Leetonia, Kelly Lake Lift Station, Overload Protection**

Mr. Suihkonen reported that we recently experienced a pump failure at the Leetonia Lift Station caused by variation in power supply. Quotes for the overload protection project were received from Tromco Electric and Hart Electric. Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Sater moved to award the Leetonia, Kelly Lake Lift Station, Overload Protection Project to Tromco Electric in the amount of \$4,690.00. Motion CARRIED.

2. **City Attorney's Office – Richard Sellman**a) **Resolution No. 10-01-01 Ordering the Removal of a Hazardous Building Located Upon Lot 8, Block 2, Auditor's Plat No. 30.**

Mr. Pat Green, Building Official was present to inform the Council of the condition of this property. A letter had been sent to the property owner to inform them that if no response is made then condemnation procedures would move forward. Mr. Sellman will send the owner a notice. Councilor Shafer asked for the status on the property taxes.

Other: Clerk Garrity asked Mr. Green for an update on the Stardust Bar that received fire damage on First Avenue. Mr. Green has been in contact with the owner but at this time the owner is unsure of his decision to demolish or reconstruct the building. Discussion was held on the city ordinance and time limit on the ordinance for holding the city's portion of the insurance. Mr. Green will research adjustments that could be done legally to the city ordinance and bring back recommendations to the Council.

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Lund moved to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 10-01-01 ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF A HAZARDOUS BUILDING LOCATED UPON LOT 8, BLOCK 2, AUDITOR'S PLAT NO. 30.** (Resolution herein incorporated and on file in the Council Office.) Motion CARRIED.

VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:1) **Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority:** *One 3-year term vacancy*
Applicants: Jon Timpane – incumbent, Gary Oie, Thomas Kautto

Clerk Garrity, supported by Councilor Lund moved to nominate John Timpane to serve a three year term with the Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority. Motion CARRIED

- 2) **Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments & Appeals**: *Three 3-year term vacancies*
Applicants: Tim Renskers – incumbent, Gary Oie – incumbent, Thomas Kautto

Councilor Harkonen, supported by Clerk Garrity moved to nominate Tim Renskers to serve a three year term with the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Motion CARRIED

Mayor Wolff, supported by Councilor Shafer moved to nominate Garry Oie to serve a three year term with the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Motion CARRIED

Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Harkonen moved to nominate Thomas Kautto to serve a three year term with the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Motion CARRIED

VIII. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- 1) Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Bigelow moved to approve 2010 Cigarette License Renewals for tobacco sales in the City of Hibbing. Motion CARRIED
- 2) Councilor Harkonen, supported by Councilor Lund moved to approve 2010 Taxi Cab License Renewals in the City of Hibbing. Motion CARRIED
- 3) Councilor Bigelow, supported by Councilor Lund moved to approve 2010 Pawn Shop License Renewals in the City of Hibbing. Motion CARRIED
- 4) Councilor Lund, supported by Councilor Harkonen moved to approve 2010 Mechanical Amusement Device License Renewal in the City of Hibbing. Motion CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Council, Councilor Sater, supported by Councilor Lund moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Richard M. Wolff, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Patrick L. Garrity, Clerk-Treasurer