

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Members Present: Rick Like, Bonnie Petersen, Henry Veldhuisen, Jill Pieske, John Brouwer

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:30pm.

Welcome Guests: No guests were present with Open Forum requests. Rhonda Wynia, Sharon Johnson and Muriel Pearson were present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of October Minutes: The council was asked to review the October meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested a couple of corrections, specifically the wording under Water & Sewer Committee and a dimension under Old Business, Community Center Rain Gutters. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from October 14, 2024, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Riley provided an update Myron's collection work on previous returned checks. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: Riley recapped the Grants and Donations and Insurance Refund income line items. Additionally, the Lawn Maintenance expense line item was questioned and was confirmed as repairs for the lawn tractor, which will be reimbursed by the Hadley Baseball Association. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the General Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with one utility shutoff confirmed. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Water & Sewer Committee: Mayor Like received a call from Chad Schreier Construction this morning regarding the pending spray foam insulation project, which is now tentatively planned for tomorrow. Mayor Like has checked with the city's insurance agent and is awaiting confirmation on fire retardant spray foam requirements. He also received a call from Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent, regarding Hadley's wellhead and problems with the pump.

The wellhead needs sealing and requires a fence around it, to meet wellhead protection plan requirements. During the Spring/Summer months, it was mentioned that mowing around the wellhead will also be required, as the pasture horses aren't eating the grass around it. Council Member Pieske requested this be put on the April, 2025 meeting agenda, as a follow up item of business.

- Streets Committee: Council Member Brouwer questioned if the cattails and grass bordering Summit Lake will be trimmed prior to winter, to mitigate snow drifting by the road. Mayor Like also mentioned that resident Robert Wornson requested a snow fence again be installed in the field adjacent his property for the same reason. These projects will be taken care of.
- Personnel Committee: Riley reported that all requested paperwork and information has been received back from Barry Hanson, so he will officially begin employment with the City of Hadley as Snow Removal Maintenance Worker, effective 11/15/2024.
- Park & Recreation Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.

Old Business:

- Community Center Rain Gutters: Mayor Like reported that rain gutters have been installed on the north side of the Community Center yet this fall by approved contractor Dan Janssen. He also suggested now that the gutters have been installed that we look into additional security lighting fixtures along the side of building, as a safety measure for groups utilizing the building. Mayor Like has requested a quote from Slayton Electric Inc., however he hasn't received one back yet. MSP by Mayor Like and Council Member Brouwer to have Slayton Electric Inc. install lighting as needed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pump House Insulation: Mayor Like received a call from Chad Schreier Construction this morning regarding the pending spray foam insulation project, which is now tentatively planned for tomorrow. Mayor Like has checked with the city's insurance agent and is awaiting confirmation on fire retardant spray foam requirements.
- City Garage/Shed: Council Member Veldhuisen reported that now that shed has been installed, landscaping and rock work has been completed, the grass areas have been seeded and a fuel barrel has been installed. He requested approval to purchase some miscellaneous supplies for the shed: a shovel, broom, keypad lock, and barrel padlock. Following discussion, Hadley resident Rhonda Wynia mentioned that she had an extra shovel they would donate to the City of Hadley. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske authorizing Council Member Veldhuisen to purchase the other requested items at Midwest Supply. Motion carried unanimously.
- Community Raccoon Trapping: There were no new updates given during the meeting, as Corey Johnson is currently waiting for the raccoons to get in their prime prior to attempting to trap in Hadley.
- Recycling Shed: Riley reported on the information he received back from Jon Bloemendaal with Murray County Environmental Services and Eric Joens with Schaap Sanitation, following the last meeting. New signage has been installed in the recycling shed and it has been swept out. Additionally, it was confirmed that the shed is currently being emptied twice a week, and the

driver has noted that the shed hasn't been overly full recently. Riley intends to continue to share recycling information on social media and the website, in addition to sending a flyer with an upcoming utility statement.

New Business:

- 2024 General Election: Following the 2024 General Election that took place on Tuesday, November 5, Riley received and distributed the unofficial canvas results from the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer's office for review. Following review of the unofficial canvas results and write-in tallies, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to accept the results of the 2024 General Election. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Like, Council Member Veldhuisen, and Council Member Pieske were all re-elected to their respective positions on the council. All members of the canvassing board that were present signed the canvassing abstract, making the results official.
- 2025 Law Enforcement Contract: The 2025 Law Enforcement Contract with the Murray County Sheriff's Office was presented for review and requested approval by the council. After review and discussion, it was determined to accept the contract at an annual cost of \$580.00. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will issue payment and return the signed contract to Murray County.
- 2025 Budget: Following initial presentation of a preliminary budget for 2025 for council review during the last meeting, this preliminary budget was reviewed line by line with adjustments noted, based on 2024 actual data and anticipations/estimates for 2025. Following lengthy discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the 2025 budget, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will make the adjustments requested and submit an electronic copy to the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget and the USDA to satisfy requirements.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to move monthly council meeting time to 6:00pm beginning next month (December) and continuing through the winter months, returning back to 6:30pm in April of 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen for payment of unpaid bills, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 8:16pm.



Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer