

**Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

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 6:00pm.

Welcome Guests: Chris LeTendre, Slayton Fire Department Chief was present with an Open Forum request. Rhonda Wynia, Alan & Dawn Shumaker, Sharon Johnson and Muriel Pearson were also present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Council Member Brouwer requested to add Trapping Compensation and Council Member Pieske requested to add City Prosecuting Attorney, both under New Business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of January Minutes: The council was asked to review the January meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested a couple of amendments to the presented minutes, wanting to clarify the write off verbiage under Water/Sewer Fund and move the Shed Garage Door Opener item of New Business under the re-opened meeting paragraph. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from January 13, 2025, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: In Myron's absence, Riley reported that the new ice machine has been installed and an invoice for \$5,675.00 has been received and coded under equipment. Myron relayed that bagged ice from Arctic Glacier was costing an estimated \$100.00 per week during the time the ice machine was down. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: The Gambling Rent Revenue income line item was discussed, as guest Rhonda Wynia questioned how the Currie Town & Country and Hadley Lions Club rent revenue was displayed on the report, to which Riley confirmed that the Hadley Lions Club rent is included with the Community Center monthly rental revenue and Currie Town & Country rent is listed separately under Gambling Rent Revenue. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the General Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Water/Sewer Fund: The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with two delinquent utility disconnections to occur on February 15<sup>th</sup> if the accounts are not brought current prior to this date. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Committee Reports:

- Water & Sewer Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Streets Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Personnel Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Park & Recreation Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.

#### Old Business:

- Pump House Insulation: Mayor Like reported that he spoke with a representative from Chandler Coop who came out to look at the existing vent pipe at the Pump House. There is nothing to be done with the existing set up, so the 4" vent pipe is being left as is at this time.
- "Old Park" Street Lighting: Mayor Like is still looking into additional information regarding the street lighting issue near the entrance of Summit Lake. Riley reported details related to his conversations with a couple of different representatives from Xcel Energy, one of which provided estimates on the installation of an additional light at the referenced location. Hadley's current streetlights are 4,000 and 6,000 lumen fixtures, with a mixture of each currently (higher lumens near the Liquor Store/Community Center). Riley was provided with a quoted installation price of \$13.09/fixture with overhead wiring and \$24.64/fixture with underground wiring, with extra charges applying for additional materials or wiring. Following discussion, Mayor Like suggested this item of business be tabled until the next meeting, so all council members can have a chance to look at the area of concern in order to bring helpful suggestions and discussion back to the meeting next month, in order to make an informed decision on the issue. Riley will also supply Mayor Like with a copy of the most recent Xcel Energy billing statement for clarify on charges incurred for street lighting.

#### New Business:

- Slayton Fire Department Street Dance: Chris LeTendre, SFD Chief, was present to discuss the annual street dance fundraiser that the department is again planning for Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Hadley. The cost of the band (PopROCKS!) increased by \$1,000.00 for 2025 and has already been booked, as an early booking was necessary due to demand. The Slayton Fire Department continues to receive a discount for repeated booking and the band enjoying Hadley as a performance location. The cost for 2025 is \$8,250.00, with the band generally costing \$12,500.00. Chris noted a couple of concerns following last year's dance pertaining to glass beer bottles and extra cleanup. He was also addressed with concerns from guests present regarding ID verification and appropriate banding at the door vs. Liquor Store employees checking ID's. The potential for ID scanners in the future was discussed. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer authorizing Riley to issue a check for \$4,200.00 toward this year's SFD Street Dance band, PopROCKS!. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2025 Slayton Fire Department Contract: The 2025 Slayton Fire Department Contract with the City of Slayton was presented for review and requested approval by the council. The previously discussed annual increase of \$373.26 for 2025 was noted. After review, it was determined to

accept the contract at an annual cost of \$1,447.16. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will issue payment and return the signed contract to the City of Slayton office this week.

- Trapping Compensation: Council Member Brouwer questioned if the City of Hadley could give a donation to Corey Johnson for his recent trapping efforts to reduce the raccoon and varmint population in city limits. Mayor Like stated that the city cannot issue donations, however Corey could submit an invoice for his services, if desired. It was suggested that Riley send a 'thank you' letter and request for submission of an invoice, if desired, to Corey. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen authorizing Riley to complete this process. Motion carried unanimously.
- City Prosecuting Attorney: Council Member Pieske noted that Kayla Johnson has now been appointed as a judge in Pipestone County and therefore should no longer be listed as the Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Hadley. Following discussion, an update will be made to the 2025 Appointments and Committees to list Travis Smith, Attorney/Partner of Smith & Johnson Law and current Murray County Attorney, as the City of Hadley's Prosecuting Attorney.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen 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 6:56pm.

*Riley Engbarth*

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer