

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025

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

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer, Myron Bennett, Liquor Store Manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:00pm.

Welcome Guests: Dave Schreiber, Kathy Schreiber and Dawn Shumaker representing the Hadley Lions Club and Rhonda Wynia representing the Hadley Community Center Improvement Committee and the Hadley Lions Club, and Kevin Wynia representing the Murray County Corn & Soybean Growers were present with Open Forum requests. Allan Shumaker was also 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 February Minutes: The council was asked to review the February meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from February 10, 2025, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Myron reported that Pool and Dart leagues are winding down for the season and BINGO is finished, so he is looking ahead to several shower and graduation events in May. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Liquor Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of General Fund: Riley reported that the Slayton Fire Department Street Dance band contribution check was issued and mailed during the month. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen 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 no immediate shutoffs noted. 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: Mayor Like mentioned that there is quite a bit of excess sand and gravel on streets and sidewalks following recent snow events, so he asked for council input on asking Darren Veldhuisen to sweep the sidewalks with his broom, prior to any county street sweeping

later this spring. The council was in agreeance, so Mayor Like and/or Council Member Petersen will confirm when the county is planning to do their sweeping and then coordinate a date that works for Darren to sweep the sidewalks.

- Personnel Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Park & Recreation Committee: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Hadley Community Center Improvement Committee: Guest Rhonda Wynia was present to update the city council on the recently held 32nd Wild Game Feed and Raffle in February. She noted that the committee will be having a post event meeting later this week, and during this meeting the committee plans to discuss a list of proposed improvements necessary for the Community Center. If the committee decides to pursue a project that would entail an estimate, she was seeking council agreement to gather such estimates, in order to be able to present these for city council consideration during next month's meeting.

Old Business:

- Street Lighting Billing & Service: There was additional discussion on the street lighting concerns near the public entrance of Summit Lake, after each council member was able to examine the area of concern, following the last meeting. After discussion, it was determined that additional lighting is needed in this area, as an enhanced safety measure. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to add two 1,400 lumen streetlights near Summit Lake and one additional 1,600 lumen streetlight at the corner of Community Center. Additionally one streetlight will be moved closer to the entrance of Summit Bar, across the street. Motion Carried Unanimously. This work will be scheduled with Xcel Energy.

New Business:

- Charitable Gambling Premises Permits & Lease Amendment: Guests Dave Schreiber, Kathy Schreiber, Dawn Shumaker and Rhonda Wynia were present representing the Hadley Lions Club and began by thanking the city council for allowing their charitable gambling activities since 1988-1989. Lengthy discussion was had with regard to the conflicting gambling activity in Summit Bar, since Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc. began their activities in Hadley in 2023. Recently, comments were made by Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc. representatives, which concerned several Hadley Lions Members, and a \$2.00 paper pull tab game was put into play following the conclusion of the latest BINGO session. It was reiterated that the Hadley city council was under the impression that Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc.'s premises permit and lease, were requested for the sole purpose of conducting BINGO, an activity that the Hadley Lions Club did not previously provide, when it was initially approved in 2023. The Hadley city council does not condone the competitive activity between clubs, with Summit Bar originally being a Hadley Lions Club gambling site. Additionally, it was noted that Currie Town & County Boosters, Inc. has a "Glow Bingo" event on the calendar for April 11, 2025, as a community fundraiser for Hospice of Murray County, which the city council was in agreeance to honor, taking this event into consideration when determining the final lease termination date. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to

terminate the existing LG214 Premises Permit and LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity for Currie Town & County Boosters, Inc., effective April 14, 2025., with the understanding that the city council is open to a request for a new lease to conduct BINGO activity only. Motion carried unanimously. The Hadley Lions Club also requested approval for an amendment to their current LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity in Hadley, to include paddlewheel and tipboards. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Hadley Lions Club amending their LG215 Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity to include paddlewheel and tipboards in Hadley. Motion carried unanimously.

- Water Policy: Mayor Like wished to have additional discussion regarding the text message he previously sent to all council members regarding the ongoing situation with B. Skillings property and the delinquent utility balance associated with this property. There is a woman that would now like to move into the house, and is requesting that utilities be reconnected, although there is still a balance outstanding. She would be responsible for paying the utilities moving forward and was willing to set up ACH autopay payments. There was lengthy discussion on the possibility of an ordinance exception, lease agreement stipulations, the legality of such an agreement, etc. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting, with Mayor Like to contact city attorney Merlyn Anderson regarding the situation, for added insight and information.
- 2023/2024/2025 Murray County Ambulance Contract: Riley presented the recent Murray County Ambulance Contract he received from the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, for council review and consideration. It was noted that they are behind in billing, as the contract was for three years, two which have already passed. Riley verified that the last time we paid for such services was in 2022. Following discussion, it was decided to table the approval of this contract, pending an explanation on the delayed billing from the appropriate parties. Mayor Like will ask our Murray County Commissioner, Mark Carlson, to attend a future meeting for additional discussion on this contract, prior to any payments being issued.
- 2025 Hadley Buttermaker Baseball, Inc. Wine & Beer License: Riley provided updates regarding his work on the required paperwork for the annual renewal of this license. All required renewal paperwork is ready to be sent to MN DPS Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division, with city council approval. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Brouwer authorizing Riley to proceed with the processing of the 2025 Hadley Buttermaker Baseball, Inc. Wine & Beer License renewal application. Motion carried, with Mayor Like abstaining from the vote.
- 2025 Community Spring Cleanup Week: The council agreed that this would again be a good initiative to continue. After discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer to approve the delivery of a 30-yard roll-off dumpster for May 9th - 19th, 2025, for city residents to dispose of unwanted items. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will line this up to be placed beside the Community Center and produce related utility billing inserts, an email and website/social media postings, notifying property owners.
- Sponsorship Request - Murray County Corn & Soybean Growers: Kevin Wynia was present to request a sponsorship from Summit Bar/Hadley Municipal Liquor Store for 2025, as they have Hadley in their current rotation as an annual banquet location and the other locations are

sponsors of the group. This would be a new sponsorship for the bar. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer to approve a \$600.00 sponsorship on behalf of Summit Bar/Hadley Municipal Liquor Store for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to move monthly council meeting time to 6:30pm beginning next month (April) and continuing through the summer months, returning back to 6:00pm in December 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 8:13pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer