

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 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: Gregg Halbur and Jason Overby were each present with Open Forum requests. Rhonda Wynia and Dawn Shumaker were 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 Veldhuisen and Council Member Petersen to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of November Minutes: The council was asked to review the November meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Brouwer to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from November 10, 2025, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Riley recapped the MN Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML) program and policy, which will go into effect on 1/1/2026. All liquor store employees will be required to sign and return a copy of the policy, which outlines the requirements, payroll details, and expectations of the program. 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: The Uncategorized Income and Special Assessment income line items were questioned and recapped by Riley. Hadley Baseball Association reimbursed the City of Hadley for expenses related to the Volleyball Court removal (\$2,663.64) and an electronic scoreboard purchased via GovDeals.com (\$1,071.25), both recorded under Uncategorized Income. Special Assessment Revenue totals \$128.43 in receipts received for previously turned over assessments. Due to this month's early meeting, the LMC 4M Fund dividend was not recorded prior to presenting the financials. 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 no immediate shutoffs noted. Riley reported that there are three properties with delinquent balances currently, which will be turned over as Special Assessments for 2026 Murray County Property Taxes, if the balances are not brought current prior to 12/15/2025. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske 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: Riley reported that he had received an email from Hadley Resident, Shannon Wolske, with snow removal concerns, which he read aloud to present council members. There was discussion regarding any alternatives for plowing her road and the plowing process in general. Council Members Veldhuisen and/or Petersen will discuss the situation with the city's Snow Removal Maintenance Worker to see what arrangements are feasible and if any adjustments can be made regarding plowing.
- 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:

- Community Center Brick Repairs: Due to winter season weather, this project has been put on hold until the Spring of 2026.
- Tractor Purchase: Council Member Veldhuisen reported that he still has not received any updates from C&B Operations LLC and previously requested that paperwork be sent to Riley for financing and payments, however no paperwork has been received as of yet. After hearing an alternate snow removal proposal from Gregg Halbur earlier tonight, the council decided to continue pursuing the current plan to purchase the tractor, however, will keep Gregg Halbur in mind if an alternative is needed throughout the season. Riley will follow up with C&B Operations LLC regarding the pending paperwork needed to complete the purchase and financing.
- Community Center Entry Doors: Mayor Like reported that everything has been finalized with Worthington Glass, for installation of new community center entry doors. Installation was initially set for mid-December and is pending at this time.
- Utility Billing (Ford): Riley reported that he is still working on an additional analysis at this time, for future discussion with the city council. The Ford's know that this process will take some time, and they will be informed once additional discussion is scheduled to take place.
- 2026 Gravel Dust Control: There was additional discussion regarding options for 2026 Gravel Dust Control, as the council is looking into options now in hopes of having a plan in place for earlier application during the upcoming season. Previously, two options were brought forward: utilizing the same company that applied the treatment in 2025 (S W Dust Treatment, Inc.) or reaching out to ADM – Marshall/Midwest Liquid Feed regarding purchasing a heavy sweet water solution used for treating roads. Following the last meeting, Council Member Brouwer was going to request alternatives for purchasing smaller quantities through ADM – Marshall/Midwest Liquid Feed, as the city would not need to purchase an entire ton of their solution. Additionally, it was suggested that Kevin and Craig Johansen are both applicators for applying dust control solution and may be able to help or provide information on the best product to use. Following discussion, it was suggested by Mayor Like that cost estimates be requested/obtained for all three options before a final decision is made. A suggestion was also made to have a survey drafted and sent to all involved parties, once details are finalized, for input from respective

property owners. Guest Rhonda Wynia questioned if the ADM – Marshall information discussed was in relation to the same information Council Member Brouwer provided during the November council meeting. She had some of the same information in her notes and was wondering who was going to follow up on the additional information needed from ADM – Marshall.

New Business:

- Hadley Snow Removal – Gregg Halbur: Gregg Halbur was present to discuss Hadley’s snow removal for the season. He understands that the City of Hadley has been handling their own snow removal for the past couple of years, however he wanted to offer his snow removal services as an alternative. He is working with his boys to offer snow removal services around the local area, similar to what our previous contractor, Gordon Swan, was doing. The council was receptive to the offer and Gregg agreed to put together some pricing, so they had an idea on what the charges would be, if services would be needed on a short notice. He was thanked for bringing this option to the council for discussion; however the city will also be proceeding with the tractor purchase already in progress at this time.
- LPRW Service Area – Jason Overby: Jason Overby was present to give a short overview on Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water and the potential option for their service area to be expanded into Murray County (Hadley area). He has been with LPRW for 20 years with 10 years being in management. He explained the process of getting rural water to Hadley, should the council want to pursue it further. The City of Hadley would be charged for buying in, construction of the system, and other relevant costs. Currently, they charge \$13.00 per gallon for buying in, then \$3.50 per 1,000 gallon for monthly usages. Jason suggested having a representative from Bollig Engineering attend a future meeting to discuss funding options and the feasibility for a switch from the current system to rural water and what that might look like. Riley was asked to coordinate a representative visit during an upcoming meeting.
- SRDC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant: Riley reported that he received the additional information via email on the Feasibility Study/Energy Audit for Community Center, Liquor Store or other building(s) that Jason Walker presented on last month. He distributed a copy of the completed application for council member review and requested approval to move forward with submitting the application for grant funding to be reviewed. Following review, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen authorizing Riley to move forward with submitting the SRDC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2026 Revenue Tax Levy: Riley presented the 2025 Revenue Tax Levy requiring final approval for the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer’s office. After additional discussion, it was decided that the proposed property tax levy increase to \$60,000.00 was too large of an increase for the year. Mayor Like proposed transferring \$4,000 from the Liquor fund and reducing the property tax levy from \$60,000.00 to \$56,000.00 for 2026. Following discussion, MSP by Mayor Like and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve setting the final 2026 Revenue Tax Levy at \$56,000.00, up from \$54,000.00 in 2025 and the transfer of \$4,000 from the Liquor fund to cover the

preliminary difference. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will complete the necessary paperwork for submission to the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, prior to the 12/31/2025 deadline.

- 2025 Year-End Inventory: A year-end liquor and food inventory is scheduled to be taken on 1/1/2026 at 9:00am and those council members that can attend to help are encouraged to do so. The inventory usually lasts about an hour. Riley will provide Myron with last year's inventory sheets ahead of time, for revisions and updated pricing.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to reschedule the January 2026 monthly council meeting from Monday, 1/12/2026 to Wednesday, 1/14/2026 at 6:00pm, due to scheduling conflicts. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 7:30pm.

Riley Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer