

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026

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 6:02pm.

Welcome Guests: No guests were present with requests for Open Forum. Rhonda Wynia 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 Pieske to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of January Minutes: The council was asked to review the January meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from January 14, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Riley noted that the workers compensation insurance annual renewal for 2026 was paid in the amount of \$1,496.00. 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 recapped several uncommon figures from the January Profit & Loss statement. 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: Riley discussed the Water/Sewer Loan Interest Payment expense line item for \$36,700.00 (1/1/2026 payment), split between the Water and Sewer funds in January. The aged balance report was presented and reviewed, with no immediate shutoffs noted. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- **Water & Sewer Committee:** Mayor Like visited with Darren Haroldson, Water Superintendent regarding odor in the water that was discussed last month. Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske both stated they are still smelling an odor for both hot and cold water. Mayor Like will visit with him again and see if the problem can be looked into further. Council Member Petersen stated she would check with residents near the church to see if they have the same issues, as the odor issue has previously been present in the church basement also. Riley

informed the council that he included a letter to Tim's Plumbing & Heating LLC with the last service invoice payment requesting he confirm willingness to begin removing household water meters as time allows. The labor cost to remove the water meter from Peggy Platt's house has been settled, in addition to reimbursing Henry & Carol Veldhuisen for prior removal of their own water meter totaling \$94.75 for each residence.

- 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:

- Community Center Brick Repairs: Due to winter season weather, this project has been put on hold until the Spring of 2026.
- Community Center Entry Doors: Mayor Like reported that the doors we installed just last week. Positive feedback has been received on the doors since installation was completed, however the Community Center alarm system wiring was cut from the door during installation, so the alarm system is not currently functioning. Mayor Like has contacted Worthington Glass, Inc. regarding this and they will be returning to remedy the problem.
- 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 no new discussion regarding the topic of 2026 Gravel Dust Control, as the council is currently awaiting bids from the companies willing to apply dust control for the upcoming season. Receipt of bids is currently expected in early April, 2026.
- SRDC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant: Riley reported that the previously submitted application for the City of Hadley's SRDC Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant was recently reviewed and approved for up to \$20,000 of project expenditures by Southwest Regional Development Commission's application committee. The project must be completed by 10/31/2026 per the terms of SRDC's contract agreement. He was given next steps and information for vendors who perform energy audits and is currently researching the best option for the city. Further information will be discussed during upcoming meetings.

New Business:

- Wellhead Protection Plan, Part I: Following review and approval of Part 1 of Hadley's Wellhead Protection Plan last month, Riley sent the approval request letter back to MDH and received confirmation that Part I of the plan has been approved. Amanda Strommer with the Minnesota Department of Health will be present next month for a Public Informational Meeting on the Wellhead Protection Plan and will be meeting with Riley and Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent prior to the regular meeting.
- Slayton Fire Department 2026 Street Dance: In the past, the City of Hadley has given a contribution toward the cost of the band for the annual Slayton Fire Department street dance.

Planning for this event has not yet began, however this will come up for additional discussion in the coming months.

- Fireworks Operator Certification: Riley included the Fireworks Operator Certification on the meeting agenda this month, for starting discussion to take place regarding advance planning for a 2026 fireworks event around the 4th of July. Last year, the timing was tight and there were scheduling conflicts for many of the area certified operators leading up to our event. The city is required to have a certified fireworks operator present at each display, in order to meet insurance requirements. The city has the option to have someone locally get certified as an operator or contract/partner with another area certified fireworks operator again this year. Council Member Veldhuisen has lead the fireworks display for many years and expressed his disinterest in obtaining a certification or continuing as display lead for the 2026 event.

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 6:37pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer