

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 9, 2026

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

Members Absent: Henry Veldhuisen

Others Present: Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Like at 6:02pm.

Welcome Guests: Missy Biren representing Farmers Agency of Avoca, Inc. and Amanda Strommer representing the Minnesota Department of Health were present with Open Forum requests. Rhonda Wynia, Dawn Shumaker and Jean Christoffels was also present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Council Member Petersen requested to add Community Center Table for discussion under New Business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. 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 Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from February 9, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Myron noted that the alarm system wire connected to the prior Community Center doors was cut when the doors were recently replaced, so there is now constant beeping on the alarm system. Mayor Like has contacted Worthington Glass Inc. to return and repair the cut wire and retrieved the previously installed alarm equipment from the old entry doors. He also expressed the need for an additional chair cart and table cart for the storage room, to make it easier and more efficient to move and store chairs and tables between rentals and events; Myron moved forward with these purchases as they are part of facility operations. 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: Mayor Like recommended that a load of gravel be delivered and placed along the foundation of the storage room in the Community Center, as the current gravel is sinking away from the foundation. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Mayor Like to approval the delivery of a load of gravel for this purpose. Motion carried unanimously. 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 no immediate shutoffs noted. Increased activity has been observed at the property with disconnected utilities and a welded shut-off cap; therefore Riley will arrange for the shut-off to be checked by maintenance

personnel. 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: Following complaints during the last meeting, Council Member Petersen contacted several residents and property owners around the Hadley Lutheran Church regarding water smell, three other property owners noted no issues and Council Member Pieske also stated that the odor has stopped for the time being at her residence. Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent, continues to be informed on resident concerns for additional research.
- 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: Mayor Like reported that the certified fireworks shooter who oversaw the display last year has contacted him and provided suggestions for the upcoming event, in addition to submitting an invoice totaling \$100.00 for 2025 services. The invoice was approved for payment with a reimbursement request to be submitted to Hadley Buttermaker Baseball Inc. from the City of Hadley. He is willing to oversee the display again this year, and kinks will be worked out leading up to the event.

Old Business:

- Community Center Brick Repairs: Due to winter season weather, this project has been put on hold until the Spring of 2026.
- Utility Billing (Ford): Riley presented his detailed utility billing analysis to the council for review and approval, prior to presenting it to the Ford's. After review, he determined that the erroneous billing began in 2022, with the city-wide switch to flat-rate billing. With council approval, a credit in the amount of \$1,966.00 will be posted to Perry & Stephanie Ford's utility billing account and they will have a credit balance for about 28.5 months based on their current monthly installment. Following review and discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Brouwer to approve the utility billing analysis presentation and proposed account credit totaling \$1,966.00, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. If there are further questions or concerns, the Ford's will be invited to attend the next city council meeting on Monday, April 13th and further discussion can take place. Riley will email the approved utility analysis to the Ford's for review ahead of the next meeting.
- 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. Riley reported that he recently found out that Xcel Energy changed their preferred energy audit vendor as of 1/1/2026, so new information has been requested from Southwest Regional Development Commission. An audit vendor selection is still pending contact and corresponding estimates.

New Business:

- **Presentation & Review of 2026 Insurance Policies:** Missy Biren with Farmers Agency of Avoca, Inc. was present review the City of Hadley's 2026 Insurance Policies. She began by discussing the annual liability waiver, to not waive the statutory limits, which requires council approval. After discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the 2026 liability waiver, not waiving the tort limit, which reduces the amount the City of Hadley can be sued for. Motion carried unanimously. Missy also reviewed the coverages and limits received from the LMC Insurance Trust, with a recap of unscheduled personal property at various locations.
- **Wellhead Protection Plan, Part II Public Information Meeting:** Amanda Strommer with the Minnesota Department of Health was present for a Public Informational Meeting on Part II of the City of Hadley's Wellhead Protection Plan, following a meeting with Riley and Darrin Haroldson, Water Superintendent prior to the regular meeting. Amanda will be completing Part II of our plan and distributed information and fact sheets for council review. She will be working closely with Riley throughout the process, and more information will be presented as it becomes available.
- **Murray County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Riley presented proposed Resolution 26-001 related to the previously provided Murray County Hazard Mitigation Plan for review and recommended adoption. By adopting this resolution, the City of Hadley could qualify for FEMA funding, in the event of a natural disaster. Following review and discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to adopt proposed Resolution 26-001 titled "Murray County Hazard Mitigation Plan" as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- **2026 Hadley Buttermaker Baseball, Inc. Wine & Beer License:** Riley informed the council that the annual renewal paperwork is ready to be sent to MN DPS Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division, with council approval. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Brouwer authorizing Riley to proceed with the processing of the 2026 Hadley Buttermaker Baseball, Inc. Wine & Beer License renewal application. Motion carried unanimously.
- **2026 Community Spring Cleanup Week:** The council agreed that this would again be a good initiative to continue. After discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Brouwer to approve the delivery of a 30-yard roll-off dumpster for April 24th – May 4th, 2026, 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.
- **Community Center Table:** Council Member Petersen was approached regarding a round table in the Community Center that is taking up a large amount of space in the storage area, due to the

fact that the legs cannot be folded down. We have several other round tables with folding capabilities, and this table is old and now rarely used. It was requested and agreed upon to get rid of it, either by giveaway or during Community Spring Cleanup Week.

MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen 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 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 7:39 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer