

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2023

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 6:30pm.

Welcome Guests: Dean Larson, Dawn Shumaker, Rhonda Wynia, Trish Grieme, Muriel Pearson, Audrey Wornson, Sharon Johnson, Connie Sorenson, Jolene Dierks, Brent Johnson, Dianne Johnson, Allan Shumaker, Steve Wynia, Kathryn Herding and Butch Herding were all present for open forum. Mayor Like expressed appreciation to all guests present and welcomed attendance at future meetings, on behalf of the council. The city council wants people to be informed and involved and welcomes feedback from those in attendance at meetings.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested to add Insurance under Old Business. Council Member Pieske requested to add Summit Lake Dock under New Business. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Pieske to approve the meeting agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of June Minutes: The council was asked to review the June meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from June 12, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: Myron reported that he has been ordering for the upcoming Slayton Fire Department Street Dance taking place on 7/28/2023, so purchases and inventory were higher than normal for the month, as compared to gross sales. Myron received a quote from Sahlstrom's Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration totaling \$3,300.00, for the freezer replacement discussed last month. MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Pieske to approve the estimate and replacement of this freezer by Sahlstrom's Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration. 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 Snow Removal expense line item was questioned by Council Member Brouwer and Riley reported that this is expense for Community Center/Liquor Store and sidewalk snow removal by Jeff Boerboom, which is invoiced about this time annually. Mayor Like mentioned to guests present that there is a current need for a replacement snow removal vendor for the upcoming winter season. Riley reported that he is working on the logistics for advertising for this job. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen 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 one delinquent account currently pending utility disconnection on 8/15/2023, if not brought current. 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: There was no new information reported during the meeting.
- Streets Committee: The Street Sealcoating project was questioned by Council Member Brouwer, as he was wondering if this had been lined up. Mayor Like and Riley have been working with Pearson Bros Inc. on coordination and this project is scheduled to take place in late August.
- Park & Recreation Committee: As a reminder, the City of Slayton is scheduled to spray for mosquitoes in Hadey on Thursday, 7/27/2023, ahead of the Slayton Fire Department Street Dance.

Old Business:

- Community Center Rain Gutters: Council Member Brouwer reported that he had requested a new estimate from Home Improvement Center/ABC Seamless and a new estimate is still pending receipt, as Riley has not received anything. The contractor questioned if additional materials would be required for more durable installation, with the current roofing materials in place.
- Campground Commercial Utility Rate: Council Member Petersen spoke with a representative for the City of Slayton and reported that they have a separate commercial rate for their in town campground instead of a per site rate, however they are also currently discussing utility rates with the upcoming addition of a second campground in town. Council Member Petersen is awaiting confirmation of the flat rate amount for campgrounds from the City of Slayton and will bring this information to the next meeting. The council felt it was not appropriate to act on this item of business without knowing the current campground rate for the City of Slayton, to be used as a comparison.
- Slayton Fire Department Street Dance: Terry Giesen of the Slayton Fire Department reached out to Mayor Like to see if the City of Hadley was planning to donate towards the cost of the street dance band, as has been the standard for the past several years. Previously, it was discussed that the cost of this year's band was considerably higher, due to demand. A contribution amount of \$4,000.00 was discussed several months ago but was left unconfirmed at that time. After additional discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen authorizing a contribution of \$4,000.00 towards the cost of the band PopROCKS! for the Slayton Fire Department Street Dance. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will issue the check, as requested.
- North Lift Station Pump: Mayor Like updated the council on the North Lift Station Pump repairs, following the last council meeting. Duane Spartz noted that his crew was able to repair the pump instead of having to replace it as initially indicated, so they were there today making the necessary repairs.

- Insurance: Mayor Like met with Missy Biren of Farmers Agency of Avoca, City of Hadley Insurance Agent to review the current listing of covered locations and coverage amounts under each location. Missy is planning to return to an upcoming council meeting to review a revised presentation after the updates are recorded by LMC.

New Business:

- Fund Balance Spreadsheet – Quarter 2 Review: The council was presented with the quarterly fund balance spreadsheet for review. Riley noted that four CDs had been renewed during the quarter, with deposits being made from General Checking to two of them for higher tier interest rates.
- Building Permit Request – Rick Like: Mayor Like brought forward a request to add a storage shed to the corner of his property for storage of personal items off of his lawn, out of sight. He was requesting council approval for up to a 12x20 storage shed to be placed near the propane tank and large tree on his property. After discussion, the council was in favor of approving Mayor Like's request. MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to approve Rick Like's Building Application, as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Like abstaining from the vote.
- Hadley Buttermakers Baseball, Inc. Wine & Beer License: Following an anonymous report to the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement division and correspondence by Mayor Like with the department, the Hadley Buttermakers concession stand has ceased all alcohol and beer sales until approval is granted to resume such sales. A special council meeting was scheduled, but later cancelled, to discuss the next steps in applying for a wine and beer license with the State of Minnesota. Mayor Like discussed the process, approval steps required and presented a completed application on behalf of Hadley Buttermakers Baseball, Inc. to the council for review. Hadley Buttermakers Baseball, Inc. is requesting approval to sell beer and wine in the baseball field concession stand and this request for a license is being submitted in accordance with all state rules and regulations. Should the council decide to approve this application, it will next be submitted to the State of Minnesota for review, with takes between 60-90 days for response. With the Buttermakers home game schedule half over already, this application is being submitted for pro-active consideration ahead of the next baseball season. Mayor Like noted that he is abstaining from the vote, as he is the City of Hadley Mayor and also President of the Hadley Baseball Association. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Pieske to approve the Hadley Buttermakers Baseball, Inc. request for an On-Sale Wine & Beer License. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Like abstaining from the vote.
- Summit Lake Dock: Council Member Pieske mentioned that the Summit Lake Dock doesn't currently have any rubber guards on it to prevent boats from being scratched when rubbing up against the dock. She was requesting council permission to obtain a cost estimate to add these to the existing dock. Mayor Like also expressed thanks to Nick Pieske on behalf of the council for his work installing and maintaining the dock for the City of Hadley each season.

- Dean Larson – Open Forum: Following a denied request to change the speaking order for Open Forum Agenda Requests allowing him to speak last, Mr. Larson was present and mentioned the following before the council. He wanted to know why the Special Session Council Meeting wasn't posted and what prompted it to later be cancelled. Mayor Like responded, confirming the posting on the Community Center Door, for the required timeframe ahead of a Special Session Meeting. Mr. Larson was also notified by Riley via email of the scheduled Special Session, per his written request on file. The Special Session was later cancelled, with discussion postponed to the Regular Meeting, due to Hadley Buttermakers Baseball, Inc. not having the application completed and ready for submission at the time the Special Session was to take place. Mr. Larson was asked if he had anything else he wished to discuss prior to moving on to the next Open Forum Agenda Request.
- Dawn Shumaker – Open Forum: Hadley Resident Dawn Shumaker was present and stood to read a self-prepared letter of support for the City of Hadley and the Hadley Buttermakers. She expressed her gratitude to the people of this city for making her feel welcome, gave a shoutout to the Hadley Buttermakers team for their fun home games and thanked the City of Hadley staff.
- Rhonda Wynia – Open Forum: Hadley Resident Rhonda Wynia was present and stood to read a self-prepared letter of support for the City of Hadley and the Hadley Buttermakers. She mentioned the large following the Hadley Buttermakers baseball team has, bringing people to Hadley who spend money, strengthening the economy and lessening the tax burden to property owners. She also expressed appreciation to the city council.
- Trish Grieme – Open Forum: Hadley Buttermaker Supporter Trish Grieme was present and stood to read a self-prepared letter of support for the City of Hadley and the Hadley Buttermakers. She referred to all the fun times her family has had with Myron and his team at the Municipal Liquor Store, and how supportive everyone is in this community. Although from out of town, she emphasized the need and her family's willingness to support activities taking place in Hadley.

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

MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Veldhuisen for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 7:12pm.

Riley of Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer