

Hadley City Council, Hadley Minnesota

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 13, 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: Rhonda Wynia was present for Open Forum. Muriel Pearson, Dean Larson, Dawn Shumaker, Allan Shumaker, Steve Wynia, Butch Herding, Jolene Dierks and Sharon Johnson were also present.

Agenda Approval: The council was asked to review the meeting agenda and suggest any additions or corrections. Mayor Like requested to add Community Center Insulation 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 October Minutes: The council was asked to review the October meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Brouwer to approve the regularly scheduled meeting minutes from October 9, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of October Special Session Minutes: The council was asked to review the October special session meeting minutes and suggest any additions or corrections. With no further additions or corrections, MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer to approve the special session meeting minutes from October 19, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Liquor Fund: The Repairs expense line item was questioned by Council Member Brouwer, to which Riley confirmed was for an invoice received from Sahlstrom's Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration, for ice machine repair. The Sponsorship expense line item was also questioned, which Myron stated is for sponsored pool team entry fees. Myron reported that Spartz Plumbing and Heating, LLC was over to add caps to the Community Center restroom pipes, which were previously taped at installation due to lack of parts on hand by vendor at that time. A couple of parties have approached Myron about hosting a pool tournament in the Community Center Hall this winter, as they have purchased pool tables for use. Specific details for this event will be worked out later on. Myron also reported that he currently has one Christmas party booked the evening of 12/30/2023. Myron was commended by the council for another good month of business. 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: 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 one property currently pending utility disconnection, if the account is not brought current prior to November 15th. Mayor Like recapped the \$9,035.00 expense amount under Well Pump Repairs, which is partially being reimbursed by the filed claim. Riley noted that all related expense invoices for this claim have been submitted and are currently under review for reimbursement. With no further questions or discussion, MSP by Council Member Petersen and Council Member Brouwer to approve the Water/Sewer Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- Water & Sewer Committee: Mayor Like reported that he has been working with David Voss through the transition of Meter Reader duties, as he was hired to fill the position effective 11/1/2023. He has taken over the Meter Reader duties as of now, however Mayor Like will fill in on an as-needed basis. For reference, he reported that the City of Hadley uses about 4,000-5,000 gallons of water per day on average.
- Streets Committee: Mayor Like thanked Hadley resident Steve Wynia for donating his time to assist him in cementing and installing poles for the new Radar Speed Signs, which will be in operation soon. It was noted that Murray County will install these signs in the next couple of weeks. Hadley Steel Inc. was also utilized for pole cutting and capping of posts.
- Park & Recreation Committee: Mayor Like reported that the edges of the baseball dugouts have been replaced in preparation for the next season.

Old Business:

- Community Center Rain Gutters: Mayor Like reported that he has talked to a couple of carpenters regarding potential interest in installing the rain gutters, however they have all referred him back to Home Improvement Center/A&B Seamless out of Worthington, as the vendor to handle materials and installation. A new, complete quote will need to be obtained, as the previous quote was provided in March of 2023 and pricing has likely changed. At this time, the council has decided to pursue this in the spring of 2024, after winter snow melt.
- Campground Commercial Utility Rate: Council Member Petersen reported that she reached out to a council member from the City of Slayton again but did not receive the requested information prior to this meeting. With further discussion and/or action pending receipt of the requested information, this item of business was tabled until the next meeting.
- Nuisance Ordinance Review/Violations: As follow up discussion from the last meeting, Mayor Like reported that a party has approached him regarding a scrap metal collector coming to Hadley to collect unwanted materials from his property, and Mayor Like also plans to utilize this collector for unwanted items. It was noted that there has been some progress made with the latest round of mailings to property owners, and Mayor Like thanked those who have made an effort to improve their properties in an effort to make the appearance of the city better.
- Pump House Insulation: Council Member Veldhuisen and Mayor Like did not obtain quotes prior to the meeting, for review. With further discussion and/or action pending receipt of the requested information, this item of business was tabled until the next meeting.

- Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc LG214: Following Riley’s discussion with the council regarding hosting Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc in the Community Center at the last meeting, he presented a follow up LG214 ‘Premises Permit Application’ for council approval. This application has been prepared and submitted for review by Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc requesting yes/no approval to conduct lawful gambling in the Hadley Municipal Liquor Store/Hadley Area Community Center (230 Main Street S, Hadley MN 56151). This completed application was presented by Riley for review and recommended approval. Following discussion, MSP by Council Member Brouwer and Council Member Petersen to approve the LG214 ‘Premises Permit Application’ authorizing Currie Town & Country Boosters, Inc to conduct lawful gambling in the Hadley Municipal Liquor Store/Hadley Area Community Center (230 Main Street S, Hadley MN 56151) without any stipulations. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Rhonda Wynia – Open Forum: Mrs. Wynia was present to address the council with a brief ‘thank you’, stating “thank you to the city council, Clerk/Treasurer and others who take pride in Hadley and make it a warm and inviting place for all.” She also noted that progress has occurred in recent years, thanks to the work put in. Mayor Like, on behalf of the council, thanked Rhonda for her comments.
- Community Center Insulation: Mayor Like brought up the topic of Community Center Insulation, after checking out the attic and noticing that it could use some more insulation to hopefully help with heating and energy costs this winter. He did not yet obtain cost estimates for review, however, was seeking council input on this, before proceeding. There was discussion regarding how soon we would look at doing a project like this, to which the response was ‘as soon as possible’, hopefully before the start of winter. Following discussion and noting the timeline, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Veldhuisen to proceed with insulating the Community Center attic without reviewing cost estimates, however setting an expense cap not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Like will work on securing the supplies for the project.
- 2024 Preliminary Budget Review/Discussion: Following initial presentation of a preliminary budget for 2024 for council review during the last meeting, this preliminary budget was reviewed line by line with adjustments noted, based on 2023 actual data and anticipations/estimates for 2024. Following lengthy discussion, MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to approve the 2024 budget, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Riley will make the adjustments requested and submit an electronic copy to the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget and the USDA to satisfy requirements.
- 2024 Revenue Tax Levy: Consistent with the 2024 Operating Budget discussion, the 2024 Revenue Tax Levy requires final approval for the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer’s office. After additional discussion, it was determined that the proposed Property Tax levy increase from \$46,560.00 to \$50,000.00 should remain unchanged. MSP by Council Member Pieske and Council Member Petersen to approve setting the final 2024 Revenue Tax Levy at \$50,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously. Riley will complete the necessary paperwork for submission to the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, prior to the 12/31/2023 deadline.

MSP by Council Member Veldhuisen and Council Member Brouwer to move monthly council meeting time to 6:00pm beginning next month (December) and continuing through the winter months, returning back to 6:30pm in April of 2024. 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 Brouwer and Council Member Pieske for meeting adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. With no further business, the regularly scheduled meeting was adjourned by Mayor Like at 7:52 pm.

Riley of Engbarth

Respectfully Submitted by Riley Engbarth, Clerk/Treasurer