

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 7, 2022
6:30 p.m.

MEETING CONDUCTED IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Jackie Dolentz, City Clerk; Eric Johnson; Community Development Director; Joe Wicklund, Communications Manager; David Bolf, City Engineer; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney

ABSENT:

VISITORS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Peterson congratulated the boys' hockey team on a great season and wishes them luck at the state hockey tournament this week.

Councilor Geissler inquired about the wording on Ordinances 1020.03.10 and 1020.04.01 for possible conflicting statements. Staff input and wording changes needed to ensure that the Ordinance wording equals the intention.

Councilor Geissler mentioned that in a recent Associated General Contractors alert, construction inflation has risen over 20%.

Councilor Geissler lead a discussion on the salaries for recently posted positions and the process for salary review. A comparison to other communities such as Cloquet, Hibbing and Virginia was discussed.

Councilor Hauschild lead a discussion on the upcoming Duluth & St. Louis at the Capitol Days which is later this week. Several members of the Council and Administration will be attending. Talking points, possible LGA formula funding and referendum language were all discussed.

Attorney Gunnar updated the Council on the ballot question design. Current law states three separate questions are required. Draft questions will be shared with the Council.

Mayor Boucher congratulated the girls' hockey on a great season this year! Winter sports are wrapping up with spring sports starting.

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications 22-23 through and including 22-27 were read and placed on file.

Communication 22-26 from John Mulder, City Administrator, to Mayor & City Council regarding the 2021 wastewater treatment year-end adjustments.

Communication 22-27 from Paul Sens, Public Works Director, to Mayor & City Council regarding the upcoming St. Louis County road projects for 2022-2025.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Hauschild, seconded by Councilor Geissler, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following items:

- A. Approve February 22, 2022 City Council Continuation Minutes
- B. Approve general city warrants from February 16, 2022 through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$419,854.99

Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

MOTIONS

ORDINANCES

2022-02 An Ordinance Of The City Of Hermantown, Minnesota, Amending The City Code, Section 210, Council, To Increase The Salaries Of The Mayor And Council Members

Motion made by Councilor Hauschild, seconded by Councilor Nelson, to amend the Ordinance to keep the monthly compensation the same and increase the monthly phone and internet reimbursement to \$75 per month. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

First Reading

RESOLUTIONS

2022-29 Resolution Approving Requests For Proposals (“RFP”) For Consulting Engineer For The Preparation Of A Water Distribution Evaluation And Modeling Report

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2022-29 Resolution Approving Requests For Proposals (“RFP”) For Consulting Engineer For The Preparation Of A Water Distribution Evaluation And Modeling Report. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2022-30 Resolution Approving An Amendment To The City Handbook Regarding A Sewer Availability Policy

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Nelson, to table Resolution 2022-30 Resolution Approving An Amendment To The City Handbook Regarding A Sewer Availability Policy. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2022-31 Resolution Approving Requests For Proposals (“RFP”) For Construction Manager At Risk For The Hermantown Recreation Initiative Area

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Hauschild, to adopt as amended with items discussed in the Pre-Agenda meeting, Resolution 2022-31, Resolution Approving Requests For Proposals (“RFP”) For Construction Manager At Risk For The Hermantown Recreation Initiative Area. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2022-32 Resolution Approving Preliminary And Final Plat Of Crystal Estates And Imposing Conditions On The Final Plat

Motion made by Councilor Geissler, seconded by Councilor Peterson, to adopt Resolution 2022-32 Resolution Approving Preliminary And Final Plat Of Crystal Estates And Imposing Conditions On The Final Plat. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

2022-33 Resolution Reestablishing Precincts And Polling Places For The City Of Hermantown

Motion made by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Nelson, to adopt Resolution 2022-33 Resolution Reestablishing Precincts And Polling Places For The City Of Hermantown. Roll Call: Councilors Geissler, Hauschild, Nelson, Peterson, Mayor Boucher, aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Hauschild, seconded by Geissler, to recess the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk