

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 21, 2023
6:30 PM Central

MEETING CONDUCTED IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Present
Councilor John Geissler: Present
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Present
Councilor Ellie Jones: Present
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Present

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Alissa Wentzlaff, City Clerk; Eric Johnson; Community Development Director; Joe Wicklund, Communications & Community Engagement Director; Jim Crace, Chief of Police; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney; Patricia Crego, Utility & Infrastructure Director

VISITORS: 9

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Boucher formally congratulated Senator Grant Hauschild on receiving a Legislator of Distinction award from the League of Minnesota Cities.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. **2023-121 - Resolution Of The City Of Hermantown Modifying Municipal Development District No. 1, Approving The Modified Development Program Therefor, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 2: The Greenhouse (A Redevelopment District) And Approving The Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor Within Municipal Development District No. 1**

Vivian Gangl of 3783 Keene Creek Lane asked the council what “The Greenhouse” is and if Hermantown Road will be redone.

Peggy Hiestand-Harri of 3773 Keene Creek Lane opposed the project due to traffic and safety concerns.

Rod Saline of 3296 N Little Alden Lake Road spoke on traffic patterns near the proposed Tax Increment Financing District.

Public hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

Motion to approve 2023-121 Resolution Of The City Of Hermantown Modifying Municipal Development District No. 1, Approving The Modified Development Program Therefor, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 2: The Greenhouse (A Redevelopment District) And Approving The Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor Within Municipal Development District No. 1. This motion, made by Councilor Andy Hjelle and seconded by Councilor John Geissler, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Correspondence 23-135 through 23-139 placed on file

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. 2nd Quarter Financials

Kevin Orme, Director of Finance & Administration
(Pre-Agenda Only)

B. Preliminary 2024 General Fund Budgeted Expenditures

Kevin Orme, Director of Finance & Administration
(Pre-Agenda Only)

C. Fichtner Park Update

John Mulder, City Administrator
(Pre-Agenda Only)

D. Essentia Wellness Center Report

Joe Wicklund, Communications & Community Engagement Dir.
(Pre-Agenda Only)

8. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

9. **MOTIONS**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes** - Approval or correction of August 7, 2023 City Council Continuation Minutes

B. **Accounts Payable** - Approve general city warrants from August 1, 2023 through August 15, 2023 in the amount of \$1,538,496.97

Motion to the approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. **ORDINANCES**

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **2023-117 Resolution Approving Change Orders Numbers 10 Through 12 For Road Improvement Project 534 (Ugstad & Arrowhead Roads)**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2023-117 Resolution Approving Change Orders Numbers 10 Through 12 For Road Improvement Project 534 (Ugstad & Arrowhead Roads). This motion, made by Councilor Ellie Jones and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

B. **2023-118 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 3 For Road Improvement District 534 To Ulland Brothers, Inc. In The Amount Of \$701,814.09**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2023-118 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 3 For Road Improvement District 534 To Ulland Brothers, Inc. In The Amount Of \$701,814.09. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Brian LeBlanc, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

C. 2023-119 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 2 For Road Improvement District 538 To Ulland Brothers, Inc. In The Amount Of \$344,444.04

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2023-119 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 2 For Road Improvement District 538 To Ulland Brothers, Inc. In The Amount Of \$344,444.04. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

D. 2023-120 Resolution Accepting A Proposal For Engineering Services With A Total Not To Exceed Contract Amount Of \$233,880.00 For Fichtner Park Improvements As Part Of The Community Recreation Initiative From Northland Consulting Engineers

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2023-120 Resolution Accepting A Proposal For Engineering Services With A Total Not To Exceed Contract Amount Of \$233,880.00 For Fichtner Park Improvements As Part Of The Community Recreation Initiative From

Northland Consulting Engineers. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Motion to close the meeting of the Hermantown City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.03 to consider confidential information related to labor negotiations strategy. Following this closed session, the Hermantown City Council will re-convene in an open session.

(motion, roll call)

Motion to recess at 7:00 p.m. Motion to close the meeting of the Hermantown City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13D.03 to consider confidential information related to labor negotiations strategy. Following this closed session, the Hermantown City Council will re-convene in open session. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to reconvene into open sessions at 8:30 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor Ellie Jones and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 8:30 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Brian LeBlanc, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk