

**CITY OF HERMANTOWN
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Monday, February 5, 2024
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; David Bolf, City Engineer; Trish Crego, Utility & Infrastructure Director; Brandon Holmes, Building Official; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney

VISITORS: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Correspondence 24-05 through 24-12 placed on file

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Community Development Annual Report**
Eric Johnson, Community Development Director
(Pre-Agenda Only)

B. **Stormwater 2022-2024 Review**
Trish Crego, Utility & Infrastructure Director
(Pre-Agenda Only)

8. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Duluth Mayor Roger Reinert appeared before Council as he is visiting Duluth's

neighbors in his first 100 days. Mayor Reinert stated his intent to be a good partner to the City of Hermantown.

9. **MOTIONS**

A. Motion to approve Massage Therapist License Applications for the following effective February 6, 2024 through December 31, 2024 contingent upon complete applications being received, successful background checks and license fees paid in full:

Alexia Washington	The Well Co.
Joshua Weston	The Well Co.

Motion to approve Massage Therapist License Applications for the following effective February 6, 2024 through December 31, 2024 contingent upon complete applications being received, successful background checks and license fees paid in full. 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

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes** - Approval or correction of January 16, 2024 City Council Continuation Minutes

B. **Accounts Payable** - Approve general city warrants from January 16, 2024 through January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$439,072.31

Motion to the approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc 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

11. **ORDINANCES**

A. 2024-03 An Ordinance Amending The Regulations Under Hermantown City Code Chapters 3 And 6 Pertaining To The Restraint Of Animals In Parks

(second reading)
(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-03 An Ordinance Amending The Regulations Under Hermantown City Code Chapters 3 And 6 Pertaining To The Restraint Of Animals In Parks. 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

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. 2024-16 Resolution Appointing Election Judges For The Presidential Nomination Primary Election Of March 5, 2024

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-16 Resolution Appointing Election Judges For The Presidential Nomination Primary Election Of March 5, 2024. 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: Abstain (With Conflict)
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

B. 2024-17 Resolution Creating A Temporary Part Time Administrative Support Position

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-17 Resolution Creating A Temporary Part Time Administrative Support Position. 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

C. 2024-18 Resolution Approving A Request For Proposals For Human Resources Consulting Services

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-18 Resolution Approving A Request For Proposals For Human Resources Consulting Services. 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

D. 2024-19 Resolution Approving An Amendment To The City Handbook Regarding A Water Availability Policy

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-19 Resolution Approving An Amendment To The City Handbook Regarding A Water Availability Policy. 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

E. 2024-20 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown To Sponsor the Active Transportation Program Grant Funding Request Associated With The Construction Of Hermantown Community Connector Trail From Hermantown Road To Morris Thomas Road and Keene Creek Park to Stebner Road

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-20 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown To Sponsor the Active Transportation Program Grant Funding Request Associated With The Construction Of Hermantown Community Connector Trail From Hermantown Road To Morris Thomas Road and Keene Creek Park to Stebner Road. This motion, made by Councilor Andy Hjelle 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

F. 2024-21 Resolution Creating A Bridge Replacement Priority List And Requesting State Bridge Bonding Funding For BR-7724 On Hermantown Road

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-21 Resolution Creating A Bridge Replacement Priority List And Requesting State Bridge Bonding Funding For BR-7724 On Hermantown Road. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc 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

G. 2024-22 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For Road Improvement District 534 To Ulland Brothers, Inc In the Amount Of \$184.300.84

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-22 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For Road Improvement District 534 To Ulland Brothers, Inc In the Amount Of \$184.300.84. 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

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Motion to close the meeting of the Hermantown City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § Section 13D.05 Subd. 3 (b) to consider confidential information related to labor negotiations strategy. Following this closed session, the Hermantown City Council will re-convene in an open session. Discussion on Compensation Plan.

(motion, roll call)

Motion to recess at 6:52 p.m. Motion to close the meeting of the Hermantown City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § Section 13D.05 Subd. 3 (b) 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 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

Motion to reconvene into open sessions at 8:08 p.m. 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

14. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 8:08 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor Ellie Jones 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