

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2025

6:30 PM Central

MEETING CONDUCTED IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Present

Councilor John Geissler: Present

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Present

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Present

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Present

CITY STAFF:

John Mulder, City Administrator; Alissa McClure, City Clerk; Eric Johnson; Community Development Director; Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator; Brandon Holmes, Building Official; Trish Crego, Utility & Infrastructure Director; David Bolf, City Engineer; Gunnar Johnson, City Attorney

VISITORS: 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **OATH OF OFFICE**
Councilor John Geissler
Councilor Joseph Peterson
Mayor Wayne Boucher
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Boucher acknowledged the life and service of Mary Murphy to her community.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Correspondence 24-173 through 24-175 placed on file
8. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **Comprehensive Plan - Legislative Request**
Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator
(Pre-Agenda Only)

9. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

10. **MOTIONS**

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- B. **Accounts Payable** - Approve general city warrants from December 16, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$3,102,446.43

C. **Motions**

- I. Appointment of Official Newspaper - Hermantown Star
- II. Appointment of Depositories - Multi Bank Securities; Wells Fargo Securities, RBC Dain Rauscher; US Bank; PMA Financial Network, Inc.; Bell Bank; National Bank of Commerce; 4-M Fund; Pershing Advisor Solutions LLC (Custodian)/Ehlers Investment Partners (Advisor)
- III. Appointment of Mayor Boucher as the City's designated representative to the Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce
- IV. Appointment of Mayor Boucher as City Representative on the Metropolitan Interstate Council with David Bolf, City Engineer on the Transportation Advisory Committee, with Trish Crego, City Utility and Infrastructure Director as alternate.
- V. Appointment of the following for a three-year term:
Planning & Zoning Commission
-Corey Kolquist

Park Board

- Jim Sonneson
- Dwight Morrison
- Kelly Tasky

Utility Commission

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Board of Appeals & Adjustments

- Gerald Wallace

D. Resolutions

I. 2025-01 Resolution Appointing Council Member John Geissler As The Acting Mayor

(motion, roll call)

II. 2025-02 Resolution Appointing Council Ex Officio Members To Various Boards, Commissions And Other Appointments For 2025

(motion, roll call)

III. 2025-03 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor Wayne Boucher And City Administrator John Mulder To Sign Checks And Drafts For The City Of Hermantown With Alternates Acting Mayor John Geissler And Director Of Finance & Administration Kevin Orme

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Councilor Andy Hjelle and seconded by Councilor Brian LeBlanc, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. ORDINANCES

A. 2024-14 An Ordinance Amending Hermantown Code of Ordinances Section 270 - Fee Schedule

(second reading)

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2024-14 An Ordinance Amending Hermantown Code of Ordinances Section 270 - Fee Schedule. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Joseph Peterson, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- B. **2025-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Of The Hermantown Code Of Ordinances By Amending Section 310 And Repealing Section 310a, To Continue To Administer And Regulate The Public Rights-Of-Way In The Public Interest, And To Provide For The Issuance And Regulation Of Right-Of-Way Permits**

(first reading)

- C. **2025-02 An Ordinance Amending And Restating Section 1060, Erosion And Sediment Control For Land Disturbance Activities, And Section 1080, Control Of Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff, Of The Hermantown City Code**

(first reading)

13. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **2025-04 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Professional Services With Northland Consulting Engineers, LLP (City Engineering Services)**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-04 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement For Professional Services With Northland Consulting Engineers, LLP (City Engineering Services). This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

B. **2025-05 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver The License Agreement With South St. Louis Soil And Water Conservation District**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-05 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver The License Agreement With South St. Louis Soil And Water Conservation District. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Joseph Peterson, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

C. **2025-06 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown to Accept the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Regional Trail Program Grant Funding 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 2025-06 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown to Accept the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Regional Trail Program Grant Funding 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 Joseph Peterson and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

D. **2025-07 Resolution Approving Work Order From MN Power For Installation Of Electrical Service At The NorthStar Ford Arena Estimated At \$53,470**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-07 Resolution Approving Work Order From MN Power For Installation Of Electrical Service At The NorthStar Ford Arena Estimated At \$53,470. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Brian LeBlanc, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

E. **2025-08 Resolution Approving Change Order Numbers 10, 11, 12, & 13 (KA Change Order #3) For The NorthStar Ford Arena In The Amount Of \$98,577.56**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-08 Resolution Approving Change Order Numbers 10, 11, 12, & 13 (KA Change Order #3) For The NorthStar Ford Arena In The Amount Of \$98,577.56. This motion, made by Councilor Joseph Peterson and seconded by Councilor John Geissler, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

F. **2025-09 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For The NorthStar Ford Arena To Kraus-Anderson Construction Company In The Amount Of \$1,036,316.15**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-09 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For The NorthStar Ford Arena To Kraus-Anderson Construction Company In The Amount Of \$1,036,316.15. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc and seconded by Councilor Andy Hjelle, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

14. **CLOSED SESSION**

15. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 6:54 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor Andy Hjelle and seconded by Councilor Joseph Peterson, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea

Councilor John Geissler: Yea

Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk