

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 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; Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator; Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director; 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. **ROLL CALL**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Correspondence 24-176 through 25-08 placed on file

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Public Safety Camera Discussion**

Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator
(Pre-Agenda Only)

B. **Trails Update**

Trish Crego, Utility & Infrastructure Director
(Pre-Agenda Only)

- C. **2025 Work Plan**
John Mulder, City Administrator
(Pre-Agenda Only)

8. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Keith Harries of 5632 W Arrowhead Road appeared before the Council to ask questions about the stormwater fee and how it increases.

9. **MOTIONS**

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. **Minutes** - Approval or correction of January 6, 2025 City Council Continuation Minutes
- B. **Accounts Payable** - Approve general city warrants from January 1, 2025 through January 15, 2025 in the amount of \$508,498.30
- C. Appointment of the following for a three-year term:
Park Board
-Dwight Wikstrom

Utility Commission

- Bill Berg
- Doug Kerfeld

Motion to the approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler 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

11. **ORDINANCES**

- A. **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

(second reading)
(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 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. 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

B. **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**

(second reading)
(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 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. 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

C. **2025-03 An Ordinance Amending Hermantown Code Of Ordinances By Adding A New Section 280, Housing Trust Fund**

(first reading)

12. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. **2025-10 Resolution Establishing Procedures Relating To Compliance With Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under The Internal Revenue Code**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-10 Resolution Establishing Procedures Relating To Compliance With Reimbursement Bond Regulations Under The Internal Revenue Code. 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

B. **2025-11 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Distribution Of The Pay Equity Study To The State Of Minnesota For The City Of Hermantown**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-11 Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Distribution Of The Pay Equity Study To The State Of Minnesota For The City Of Hermantown. 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

C. 2025-12 Resolution Approving Tentative Agreement And Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement With Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 47 ("LELS") For The Period Of January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2027

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-12 Resolution Approving Tentative Agreement And Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Agreement With Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 47 ("LELS") For The Period Of January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2027. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc 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

D. 2025-13 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver A Master Services Agreement For Professional Services With Braun Intertec Corporation And Engineering Partners, Inc.

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-13 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver A Master Services Agreement For Professional Services With Braun Intertec Corporation And Engineering Partners, Inc. 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

E. **2025-14 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Naming Rights Agreement For Fichtner Park**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-14 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Naming Rights Agreement For Fichtner Park. This motion, made by Councilor John Geissler and seconded by Councilor Joseph Peterson, Carried.

Councilor Andy Hjelle: Abstain (With Conflict)
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Yea
Councilor Joseph Peterson: Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea

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

F. **2025-15 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Purchase Agreement For Pitching Mounds & Mats Purchases For Fichtner Park From Portolite Pitching Mounds**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-15 Resolution Authorizing And Directing Mayor And City Clerk To Execute And Deliver Purchase Agreement For Pitching Mounds & Mats Purchases For Fichtner Park From Portolite Pitching Mounds. This motion, made by Councilor Joseph Peterson 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

G. 2025-16 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 8 For Fichtner Park Improvements To Kaski, Inc. In The Amount Of \$43,211.71

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-16 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 8 For Fichtner Park Improvements To Kaski, Inc. In The Amount Of \$43,211.71. This motion, made by Councilor Joseph Peterson 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

H. 2025-17 Resolution Approving Change Orders Number 1 Bridge Improvement District 542 for Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$19,757.35

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-17 Resolution Approving Change Orders Number 1 Bridge Improvement District 542 for Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$19,757.35. 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

I. **2025-18 Resolution Approving Change Orders Number 2 And 3 Road Improvement District 541 To Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$339,549.34**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-18 Resolution Approving Change Orders Number 2 And 3 Road Improvement District 541 To Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$339,549.34. 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

J. **2025-19 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For Road Improvement District 541 And 542 To Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$450,454.42**

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-19 Resolution Approving Pay Request Number 7 For Road Improvement District 541 And 542 To Northland Constructors In The Amount Of \$450,454.42. 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

K. 2025-20 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown To Support St. Louis County For The CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) Project

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-20 Resolution Authorizing The City Of Hermantown To Support St. Louis County For The CSAH 6 (Maple Grove Road) Project. 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

L. 2025-21 Resolution Designating January 25th, 2025 As "Dave Huttel Day" In The City Of Hermantown

(motion, roll call)

Motion to approve 2025-21 Resolution Designating January 25th as "Dave Huttel Day" In The City of Hermantown. 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

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. RECESS

Motion to recess at 7:14 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor Brian LeBlanc 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