

**CITY OF NISSWA
MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020
7:00 P.M. – CONDUCTED VIA GO TO MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Nisswa City Council was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Go To Meeting.

Members present: Heidmann, Hoff, Jacobson, Johnson, Ryan

Members absent: none.

Also, present: City staff - Jenny Max, Jon Stainbrook, Brian Farrell, Tom Blomer, City Engineer Mark Hallan, City Attorney Tom Pearson, the Echo Newspaper.

Audience members: 0

- A. Call to Order** – Mayor Heidmann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Consent Calendar (NOTICE TO PUBLIC)** – All matters listed are considered routine by the Council and will all be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless good cause is shown prior to the time the Council votes on the motion.
1. Fire Department Report – March 2020
 2. Parks and Recreation Department Report – March 2020
 3. Planning & Zoning Department Report – March 2020
 4. Presentation of Claims – Check register #45939 – 46122 totaling \$750,299.33
 5. Police Department Report – March 2020
 6. Pickle Department Report – March 2020
 7. Public Works Department Report – March 2020
 8. Spirits of Nisswa Report – February/March 2020
 9. City Council Organizational Meeting Minutes from January 07, 2020
 10. City Council Emergency Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2020
 11. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2020
 12. City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2020
 13. LG220 Application for Exempt Permit – Minnesota State Assoc. of Narcotics Investigators

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Hoff to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. OPEN FORUM

1. Public Comment – None.

D. REPORTS

1. **City Administrator** – Max shared that members of the City Hall staff have been volunteering their time to help various organizations in the community.
2. **City Attorney** – none.
3. **City Engineer** – none.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approve Roundhouse Brewery Liquor License Application** – Motion by Hoff, seconded by Ryan to approve the Roundhouse Brewery Liquor License Application. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Resolution Approving County Project Within Municipal Corporate Limits** – Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Ryan to approve the Resolution Approving the County Project Within Municipal Corporate Limits. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Resolution Relating to Parking Restrictions** – Motion by Ryan, seconded by Jacobson to approve the Resolution Relating to Parking Restrictions. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Resolution for Hazelwood Drive Bridge** – Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Ryan to approve the Resolution for Hazelwood Drive Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Authorize Bids for Hazelwood Drive Bridge Project** – Motion by Ryan, seconded by Hoff to approve the Authorization of Bids for Hazelwood Drive Bridge Project. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Authorize Bids for Hazelwood Drive/Smiley Road Improvement Project** – Motion by Ryan, seconded by Jacobson to approve the Authorization of Bids for Hazelwood Drive/Smiley Road South Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Approve Engagement Letter between City of Nisswa and PFM Financial Advisors LLC** – The City Council decided that the letter needed to have the addition of signature lines for the City Administrator and Mayor. Motion by Hoff, seconded by Jacobson to approve the Engagement Letter between the City of Nisswa and PFM Financial Advisors LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Recommendation from Liquor Committee re: Compensation for Liquor Employees during Pandemic** – Discussion ensued regarding the temporary increase of compensation for Liquor Store Employees. Mayor Heidmann stated concern regarding the possibility that the City would be approving compensation higher than what the average business in the area would be doing. The temporary increase would backdate to March 10, 2020 and end on May 3, 2020. Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Johnson to approve the Recommendation from the Liquor Committee re: Compensation for Liquor Employees during Pandemic. Motion was voted on by roll call vote. John Ryan, Yes, Gary Johnson, Yes, Michael Hoff, Yes, Don Jacobson, Yes, Fred Heidmann, No. Motion carried 4:1 with Heidmann opposed.
9. **Approve Quotes from HyTec Construction & MCI/Carpet One for Improvements at the Pickle Factory** – Motion by Hoff, seconded by Jacobson to approve the Quotes from HyTec Construction & MCI/Carpet One for Improvements at the Pickle Factory. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Proposal to Reduce Liquor License Fees for the 2020-2021 License Year** – Motion by Ryan, seconded by Johnson to approve the Proposal to Reduce Liquor License Fees for the 2020-2021 License Year. Motion was voted on by roll call vote. John Ryan, Yes, Gary Johnson, Yes, Michael Hoff, Yes, Don Jacobson, No, Fred Heidmann, Yes. Motion carried 4:1 with Jacobson opposed.
11. **League Statement on Minnesota State Legislature’s COVID-19 Workers’ Compensation Bill** – Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Johnson to approve the Resolution supporting the establishment of a sustainable funding source outside of the workers’ compensation programs to pay for COVID-19 coverage for public safety and health care workers.

12. **Draft Sewer Ordinance** – Information only.
13. **Discussion Regarding Further Closure of City Facilities to the Public** – Motion by Heidmann, seconded by Ryan to close City Hall to the public until May 4, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Information Regarding Proposed Liquor Law Changes in Grocery Stores** – tabled until May (Council Information)
2. **Council Discussion re: Council Liaison Structure** – tabled until May (Council Information)
3. **Update from Mayor Heidmann re: Road Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Nisswa and Lake Edward Township** – Heidmann shared feedback regarding his meeting with Lake Edward Township. He explained that the discussion centered around the snow plowing of East Clark Lake Road. Heidmann stated that the City of Nisswa should take on the snow plowing of the entire road and that Lake Edward Township was fine with this. Lake Edward Township would take care of the improvements on the road and the general care of the road as well as the salting and the sanding. The City council decided that this issue should be reviewed by the Public Works Committee and then be brought back to the City Council for a vote.

G. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **Mayor** – none.
2. **Council Members** – none.

- H. ADJOURN** – There being no further business, Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Heidmann, Mayor

Jenny Max, City Administrator