

**CITY OF NISSWA  
MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 – 5:00 PM  
NISSWA CITY HALL**

The special meeting of the Nisswa City Council was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall and was available on YouTube Live.

Members present: Heidmann, Hoff, Jacobson, Johnson (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Ryan.

Members absent: none.

Also, present: City staff - Jenny Max, Jon Stainbrook, City Attorney Tom Pearson, the Echo Newspaper.

Audience members: 13.

- A. Call to Order** – Fred Heidmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- B. Open Forum** – Motion by Mike Hoff, seconded by John Ryan to set the Open Forum speaker limit to 5 minutes per speaker. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cameron Dorian** – Mr. Dorian noted he has been a resident of Nisswa for 20 years and questioned Mayor Heidmann regarding the complaints made about the Police Department. Dorian questioned Heidmann regarding the timing of bringing the Police Department complaints forward now and not previously.

- C. Request from Mayor Heidmann re: Initiate Investigation into the Police Department** – Mayor Heidmann stepped down from the Council Dias and passed the gavel to Gary Johnson. Motion by Hoff, seconded by Ryan to limit the presentation to 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Heidmann then presented information regarding his desire to initiate an investigation into the Nisswa Police Department.

Heidmann mentioned personnel issues within City Hall staff. Motion by Ryan to object to this consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Heidmann finished his presentation and returned to the Council Dias. Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Hoff to limit the discussion to 2 minutes per speaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding Heidmann’s desire to initiate an investigation into the Nisswa Police Department. Motion by Hoff to object to this consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heidmann to seek a firm from the League of Minnesota Cities for the purpose of gathering information on allegations regarding the Police Department and Police

Chief; authorize the City Administrator to gather information on the cost, scope and timeframe for an investigation; and for the City Administrator to bring this information back to the Council at the next available Council meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Jacobson, seconded by Ryan to deny Heidmann's request to initiate an investigation into the Nisswa Police Department due to no substantial material or evidence presented. Motion carried 4:1 with Heidmann opposed.

**D. Adjourn** – There being no further business, Motion by Hoff, seconded by Ryan to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 5:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fred Heidmann, Mayor

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Jenny Max, City Administrator