

# 2022

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# Annual

# REPORT

## CITY OF HIBBING



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# Overview

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to thank the citizens of Hibbing for the warm welcome to the community and for being patient as we refresh policy, reorganize work for efficiency and effectiveness, and prepare for the challenges of the future.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to our city staff. Without you all, this report would not be possible. We accomplished so much in 2022! I truly admire the passion and unwavering dedication of our employees: the commitment to solve problems; the ability to improve the community while working with finite resources; the willingness to meet constantly evolving challenges and remain positive. I am humbled and grateful to be part of this team!

I would like to thank the Hibbing City Council for their support of city staff. Our City Council has led the community by partnering with residents and staff. A special thank you to Mayor Cannata and Councilor Harkonen for their years of service to Hibbing and Councilor Jurenes for representing the 4th Ward in the interim of 2022.

On behalf of all our city staff, I am happy to present the 2022 City of Hibbing Annual Report to the Hibbing City Council. We are proud of the work we do and the accomplishments we have made on behalf of our residents and City Council. This Annual Report includes highlights from 2022, there are many additional details not included in this report.

**Greg Pruszinske** | City Administrator

*Thank You*  
**2022**  
**City**  
**Council**

**Rick Cannata** | Mayor

**James Bayliss** | Councilor | Ward 1

**Justin Fosso** | Councilor | Member-at-Large

**Tim Harkonen** | Councilor | Ward 2

**Jennifer Hoffman-Saccoman** | Councilor | Ward 3

**Steve Jurenes** | Councilor | Ward 4 | 1/1/22-12/16/22

**Chris Whitney** | Councilor Ward 4 | 12/16/22-Present

**John Schweiberger** | Councilor | Member-at-Large

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2023

The City of Hibbing is committed to providing a community environment that is managed in an effective, accountable and efficient manner. Further, we shall enhance that quality of life which characterizes our community by providing Hibbing's residents with the amenities that make it a desirable place to live, work and play. We look forward to bringing you more programming and events, a fresh look to our website with more functionality and communications options for our residents, and an overall focus on providing the highest standards of public services consistent with the trust and responsibilities given us.

# FINANCE

The City's 2021 financial audit resulted in an unmodified opinion and no instances of noncompliance. Finance reviewed third-party contracts in 2022 to identify cost savings and enhance customer service expectations.

In the spring of this year, the City issued equipment certificates for a street sweeper, squad car, and a Fire SUV.

The City reviewed its fee schedules and implemented rate adjustments with a focus on recouping operating expenses. These efforts will have a positive impact on the City's budget and allowed us to decrease the necessary levy amount from the proposed 10.95% to around 6% for 2023.

## Primary & General Elections

### Primary Election

**2,520**

Voters

**25.93%**

Voter Turnout

### General Election

**6,450**

Voters

**65.86%**

Voter Turnout

**Disbursements YTD**  
Through 12/15/2022

**\$20,000,109**

5,292 Accounts  
Payable Invoices

**\$13,322,449.61**

YTD Payroll

*See the Community Development section for 2022 grant and loan details.*

## Transit Ridership

*Through the end of October, we have completed 42,423 passenger trips. Two new buses were purchased in December of 2021, however, the order was canceled due to supply issues, and a new order was placed in 2022.*

# CITY SERVICES

## Hibbing Municipal Golf Course

The Hibbing Municipal golf course had a steady year with 9,500 rounds of golf played on it this year. Membership numbers were down slightly from 2021 with 220 memberships sold in 2022. The course hosted multiple tournaments and the Women's, Men's, Sr, and Jr leagues continue to provide solid registration numbers.

## Hibbing Memorial Building

The Memorial Building had a busy year of events. The building held host to 12 large-scale events on the arena floor including tradeshows, exhibitions, a wedding, and the Circus. The City of Hibbing is also in the process of conducting a comprehensive facility assessment on multiple City-owned buildings. The Memorial Arena is a part of that study and will look to identify the building needs for the next 20 years to provide a blueprint for the city to be able to keep it as one of the premier recreational facilities in northern Minnesota.

## North Hibbing Disc Golf Course

Completed the relocation of the 18-hole disc golf course. \$130,000 project with \$65,000 coming from an IRRR mine land reclamation grant.

## North Hibbing Dog Park

Completed the relocation of the dog park in North Hibbing. A new 57,000-square-foot dog park was constructed in the fall of 2022 in North Hibbing Park.

## Hull Rust Mine View - Phase 2

Design work is in the final stages on the construction of two, three-season buildings that will be constructed on top of the Hull Rust Mine View. Construction is anticipated to begin spring of 2023 with an 8-10 month construction timeline. The City has received \$1.3 million in state bonding money towards the completion of this roughly 2.4 million dollar project.

### MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

**9,500**

Rounds of Golf

**220**

Golf Memberships

### MEMORIAL BUILDING

**975**

Hours Ice Time  
11/21-2/22

**200**

Room Rentals

## Parks & Trails Master Plan

The Trails Task Force Grant Committee approved a \$10,000 reimbursement grant for the City of Hibbing Park System Master Plan Project. In the coming months, the City of Hibbing will begin this work, which will set the tone for the next 10-20 years regarding our parks and trails. The plan will outline our strengths and weaknesses as a current system and identify opportunities for growth in the future. Public engagement will be ongoing during this study and will work to identify the parks and trail needs for the community.

## Carey Lake Campground

Final design work is scheduled to be done by the end of 2022 with the hope of some initial groundwork and infrastructure work to begin in 2023. The campground is slated to have 30+ RV campsites, tent camping sites, and a restroom/shower building for guests.

## Pickleball Courts

Preliminary groundwork has started at the south end of Bennett Park, toward the construction of 6 new pickleball courts. With the fundraising efforts of the Central Range Pickleball Club, we hope to begin the court construction in the spring of 2023. The city also received a \$30k grant for this project from the IRRR. The estimated total project cost is \$375,000.

## Sweets on the Streets 5K

The City of Hibbing held its first organized road race, post-COVID. It was the first annual Sweets on the Streets Halloween 5k and Kids Fun Run. Participants were encouraged to participate in the race while wearing their most festive Halloween costumes. Kids enjoyed loads of candy and festive music during the fun run. A total of 168 participants registered for the inaugural event.

**PARKS & REC GRANTS \$282,716**

# BUILDING & HOUSING

## 2022 Annual Summary Report (As of 11-10-22)

Type of Permit	# of permits	Valuation
New Residential (Single/Multi)	6	\$1,523,500.00
New Commercial/Industrial/Institutional	4	\$5,790,612.50
Commercial Addition/Alteration	33	\$4,180,718.00
Residential Addition/Alteration/Accessory Structures	188	\$2,995,699.83
<b>Total Building Permits/Valuation</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>\$14,490,530.33</b>

## Permits Fee Revenue

Building/Plan Review	300	\$82,775.08
Sign/Zoning	90	\$1,459.10
Mechanical Permits	115	\$2,750.00
Sewer Inspection Permits	118	\$2,735.00
<b>Total Permits / Revenue</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>\$89,719.18</b>

## IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Demolitions

Residential Structures Demolished in 2021/2022	19
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## Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments & Appeals

Conditional Use Permit Requests	1	\$230.00
Variance Requests	3	\$475.00
Plat Exemptions	1	\$265.00
<b>Total Public Hearings Revenue</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$970.00</b>

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development led the adoption of a new HEDA Loan application and guidelines, launched the Hill subdivision housing project, assisted in securing funding for a new fiber-to-the-premise broadband investment, and participated in the housing task force.

## HEDA LOANS

**\$2.2 MM**  
Loan Investments

**\$1.8 MM**  
Funds Available

## TOTAL GRANTS

**\$4,140,779**

## DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

**\$1,628,500    \$2,383,779    \$128,500**  
IRRR DEED SLC

# POLICE

## STATISTICS

Through 12/15/2022

**19,104**

Calls for Service

**64**

DWI Arrests

**327**

Assaults

**583**

Accidents

## EVENT PARTICIPATION

National Night Out

Halloween Safe Walk

Special Olympics Torch Run

Community Safety Day

Hibbing on Howard

Meet up and Chow Down

Pink Patch Project

Hibbing Public Safety Christmas Drive

HPD K9 Fundraiser

Coffee with a Cop

In June of this year we spearheaded our first ever Range Youth Academy. Several Iron Range kids had the opportunity to partake in the eight-week academy that taught them about what a law enforcement officer does on a daily basis. We look forward to this being an annual event every summer for our area youth.

At the end of May we organized a group of over 60 volunteers to help with flooding in the Kabetogama area with sandbagging. Our group of volunteers filled an estimated 10,000 sandbags during the one-day trip up north!

Throughout 2022 we welcomed three new patrol officers to our department. In March we welcomed our newest K9 to the department, K9 Dottie. Dottie is trained in electronic storage device detection, workplace therapy, and victim therapy.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Through professional service, the Hibbing Police Department strives to enhance the quality of life for all whom we serve. Our Actions will be anchored by community, honor, and valor.*

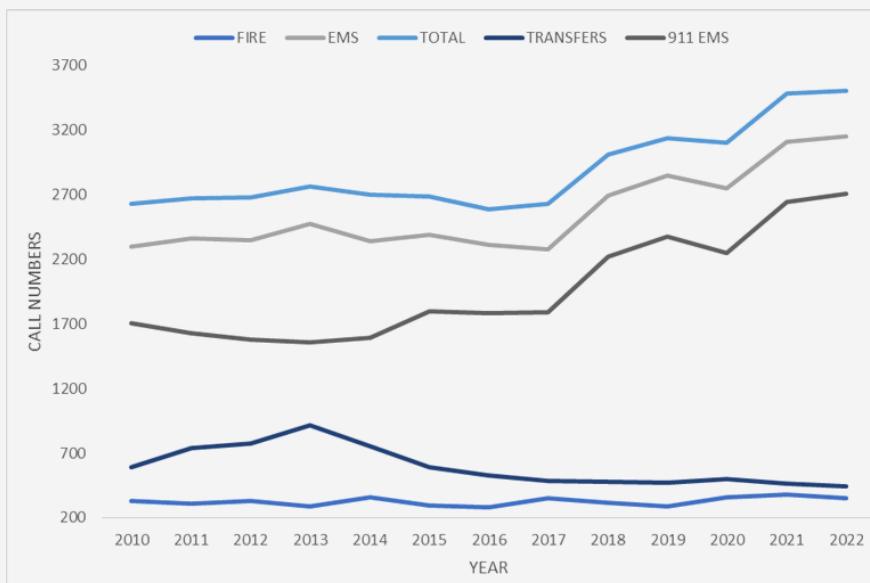
# FIRE

## BUILDING FIRES & INVESTIGATIONS

The Hibbing Fire Department responded to 28 building fires so far this year. Of these 28 fires, 10 of the responses were mutual aid to another city.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Over 12,000 kids, adults, and seniors were reached through our Fire Safety education, community events, station tours, social media, and volunteer work performed in 2022.



Our annual run volume has been increasing every year. We are projected to reach nearly 4,000 calls in 2022. We responded to 1,000 calls more in 2022 than we did five years ago in 2017.

## INSPECTIONS

*Inspections were performed based on requests and complaints/follow-ups only.*

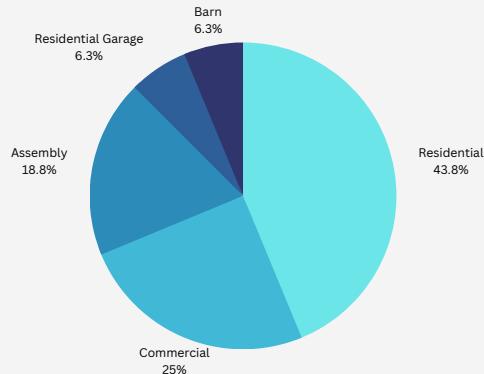
**Commercial Inspections: 34**

**Residential Inspections: 48**

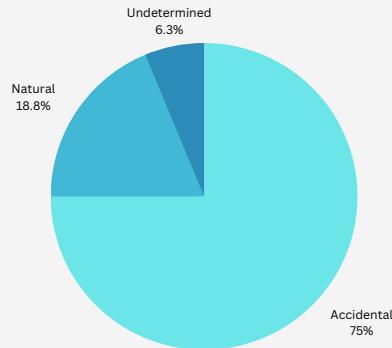
**\$3,583,600**

Property Losses from Fires

## FIRES IN OCCUPANCIES



## FIRE CLASSIFICATIONS



# LIBRARY

## STATISTICS

**37,303**

Circulation Total  
January–November

### READING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

In Person: 5,143  
Online: 3,622

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Installed Plexiglass barriers to improve the safety of railings on our upper level.
- HVAC repair and installation for the lower level.

## OTHER PROJECTS

- Preserving local history on microfilm: Mesabi Tribune.
- Ongoing Hibbing Yearbook Digital Scanning Project.

This year, the Hibbing Public Library engaged the community with virtual story times and take-and-make programs in the first quarter. We launched an epic Summer Reading Program with more than 450+ participants from June 20 – July 29, 2022. In the third quarter, we re-started regularly scheduled Tuesday in-person story times and programs such as knitting and needlework, and adult coloring.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Library is looking forward to installing a private sound booth with Zoom, microphone, and camera for the public to use for job interviews, telehealth, and proctoring purposes. We look forward to fully staffing the library and expanding evening hours for better accessibility for our patrons and expanding outreach and community programs with partnerships in the community.

### Grants and Donations

Hibbing Foundation Bruno & Sylvia Perell Family	\$2,500.00
Hibbing Foundation Owens-Pesavento/Dr. Benjamin P. Owens Family Foundation	\$2,000
United Way of Northern Minnesota	\$3,600.00
AAUW Hibbing Branch	\$500.00
Arrowhead Library System	\$807.75
Bequest from the Abate Estate	\$6,850.71
Friends of the Hibbing Public Library (Direct Purchases for the Library/Reading Program)	\$2,231.74
Misc. Donations	\$ 80.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 18,570.20</b>

# ENGINEERING

## STREET PAVING

- Rehabilitated 7.55 miles of City Streets for a total project cost of \$2,473,830.00.
- Project funding included:
  - \$720,000 Federal Grant
  - \$1,112,646 Municipal State Aid
  - \$641,184 City Funds

## DIXON ROAD BRIDGE REMOVAL

- Total Project cost: \$139,305.00.  
*Total project cost covered by State Bridge Bond Funds.*

## CITY SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

- Reconstructed 1,500 feet of City sidewalk for the petition-based residential sidewalk program.
- Total Project cost \$103,217.65.
  - City \$58,124.38
  - Residents \$45,093.28

## BENNET PARK AL NYBERG PARKING LOT PAVING

- Paved the Al Nyberg Parking Lot, Total Project cost of \$91,650.00.

# WASTE COLLECTIONS

## SANITARY SEWER LINING

- Rehabilitated 11,966 feet of sanitary sewer mains with an in-place sanitary sewer liner.
- Total Project Cost of \$547,790.00
  - City cost \$247,900.00
  - IRRR Grant \$150,000.00
  - St. Louis County CDBG Grant \$150,000.00

The City of Hibbing has rehabilitated 94,264 feet of sanitary sewer main since 2013.

## KELLY LAKE LIFT STATION RECONSTRUCTION

- Total Project cost of \$599,762.00 for Consultant Service and Contractor Construction
- IRRR Grant \$150,000.00
- American Rescue Plan \$449,762.00

## EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

- 18 Lift Stations
- 81 Miles of Sanitary Sewer Main
- 10.5 Miles of Storm Sewer

# PUBLIC WORKS

## STREETS & ALLEYS

- Installed 63 driveway and storm sewer culverts.
- Cleaned five blighted properties.
- Demolished two residential condemned houses.
- Installed the subbase for new pickle ball courts.
- Maintained 98 miles of gravel roads with grading and snow removal.
- Maintained 227 Miles of bituminous roads with pothole patching and snow removal.
- Maintained 27 miles of alleys with pothole patching and snow removal.

## SANITATION

- Residential - hauled 5,250 tons of trash and 225 tons of recyclables to the transfer site.
- Commercial – hauled 4,975 tons of trash and 28.75 tons of recyclables to the transfer site.

## RECYCLE CENTER

- Added a base layer of bituminous millings to the driving surface.
- Installed new directional signs.
- Added 6 more containers to handle the increase in recyclables.

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT

This year, we were able to purchase equipment for the start of our pond dredging project.

We rebuilt main lift pump #4 and purchased a new grinder for the digester. We patched a large section of wall on one of the trickling filters.

## STATISTICS

**\$871,518,000**

Gallons of Water Treated through October

**\$79,505**

Annual savings through September from generator program. Estimated savings for 2022 is over \$100,000

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## City of Hibbing Government

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statistics and may vary by  
department.*