

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Member Present: Mayor Jeff Johnson, Councilors: Jimmy Gordon, Paul Bergley (Via Zoom), Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Staff Present: City Administrator Josi Wood, City Clerk Jaden Strand, Public Services Director Matt Sylvester, Finance Director Mike Betker, Chief of Police Travis Muyres, City Engineer Jason Cook and Community Development Director Sheila Sellman

**D. Public Comment**

None

**E. Committee Meeting Items**

**1. Public Works Updates**

- Staff began fogging for mosquitos last week.
- Staff has been busy spraying for weeds in bike paths and parking lots.
- Hot patching has been completed for now.
- Street painting has begun. This year Public Works will be painting the Parade Route and high traffic areas.
- An early spring has left Public Works with 400 tons of leftover salt that will be able to be used next year.
- Staff received some odor complaints that were coming from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Although it is normal to have odors in the spring as the ponds turn over these lingered longer than normal. The odors were coming from pond 1. It is likely a shock was received from somewhere in the system that pond 1 could not keep up with. Staff responded by taking the pond out of service. Valve adjustments were done to give the pond more oxygen to help it recover. A pump was also out of service for about two weeks and is now back to normal operation.
- New pumps were installed at the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave lift station.
- There have been record setting pumping levels at the Water Treatment Plant with the warm weather.
- 1.558 million gallons were pumped in a single day last week which is an all-time high.
- For the month of June, it is averaging 1.28 million gallons per day. Last year in June it was averaged 1.07 million gallons per day.
- The Well II Rehab work was completed on schedule and in time for Water Main Flushing.
- The Farmers Market opened on May 28.
- New Bleachers have been installed at Unity Park.
- Curious Creatures was held at Bluebird Park that day.

**2. American Rescue Funds Discussion**

- The City of Isanti is planned to receive approximately \$700,000.00 in American Rescue Funds from the Federal Government.

- The funds have treasury guidance but slightly different than the Cares Act Funding.
- The American Rescue Funds will be able to be more widely divided for other City focuses which include impacts to the economic portions of the pandemic but also infrastructure needs.
- The funds do not need to be spent until 2024.
- Recommendation from Committee is to use funds for infrastructure needs and consider other uses at the next Committee meeting.

### 3. Small Small Business Request (*Steve Fredlund*)

- Steve Fredlund from Small Small Business shared that the difference between the Cares Act Funding and the American Rescue Funds is that there are some opportunities to help some of the small businesses beyond the economic relief such as technical assistance and business coaching and asked for consideration of that.
- Recommendation from Committee is to add American Rescue Funds Discussion to the July 20<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

### 4. Park Archery Range (*Councilmember Gordon*)

- Councilmember Gordon suggested a possible archery range in River Bluff Park.
- Parks, Recreation and Events Coordinator Alyssa Olson suggested fencing and mesh for backstop so arrows are not going through.
- City Code would need to be amended as it does restrict bows, arrows and slingshots in the park.
- City Administrator Josi Wood suggested the Compost Site as a possible location for the archery range.
- Recommendation from Committee is to look into possibly having the range at the Compost Site and bring back to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

### 5. Editorial and Legal Analysis Review and Modifications to Ordinances

- Staff has continued to review City Code for the following:
  - Correct and updated MN statute references
  - Consistencies of terminology within the Chapters and among the Chapters
  - Legal analysis for compliance
  - Inserting policies by Resolution that should be within Ordinance
- As a part of the City Code project update that was initiated in 2020, General Code went through all the codified Chapters for an Editorial and Legal analysis. The purpose of the Editorial and Legal Analysis is to give City officials an overview of the codification project and to give an in-depth chapter-by-chapter review of the City's Code. It is a guide to help facilitate areas of question and give an opportunity to have the City make revisions to legislation, if desired.
- Recommendation from Committee is to move forward and publish Editorial and Legal Analysis overview document and bring to City Council for consideration.

### 6. Speed Limit Sign and Crosswalk on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Discussion (*Mayor Johnson*)

- Mayor Johnson has received concerns of the speed by the Soccer Complex.
- Residents have requested a sign stating beginning speed and ending speed sign in the area.
- Recommendation from Committee is to move forward with beginning and end signs to be put up in the area.

### 7. Ducks Discussion

- There has been interest by residents in the city to keep certain animals, specifically ducks. The request would be to allow these domestic fowl in residential areas.
- Surrounding cities do not allow domestic fowl to be kept in residential areas.
- Some cities allow ducks to be kept only in areas that are zoned agricultural land would be the R-1A Residential Rural District. This zoning district has a minimum lot size of 1 acre.
- Recommendation from Committee is to move forward with allowing 2 ducks for less than 3 acres and 4 ducks for more than 3 acres with clipped wings and bring to City Council for consideration.

**8. Sewer Extension on Heritage Blvd**

- City Engineer Jason Cook received an email from a resident with concerns.
- The sewer extension on Heritage Blvd was removed from the project because the cost per property was too high and the assessments for residents would be considerable.
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- All the homes along this run could elect to drill across under the County Road to the nearest sewer and make a connection. The estimated amount to do so is less than what the residents would be assessed.
- Committee had no further recommendation.

**9. Fairway Greens First Right of Refusal Discussion**

- The County does not want to allow for another access for the development from County Road 5.
- Recommendation from Committee is to not have attorney draft agreement in regards to the City having a first right of refusal for the lots.

**F. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



Jaden Strand  
City Clerk