

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF ISANTI**  
**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Johnson, Councilors: Jimmy Gordon, Paul Bergley, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Staff Present: City Administrator Josi Wood, Human Resources/ City Clerk Katie Brooks, Chief of Police Travis Muyres, Finance Director Mike Betker, Community Development Director Sheila Sellman, Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi and Public Services Director Matt Sylvester

**D. Public Comment**

None

**E. Committee Meeting Items**

**1. PW Updates**

- Public Works crew took advantage of an early spring and has been out patching potholes. Public Works has applied over 36 tons of hot patch to potholes this spring.
- Public Works crew has completed the spring cleanup of sweeping streets and will be sweeping as needed throughout the summer.
- The filter underdrain work at the WWTF was completed. The nozzle, media and piping from the blower building were all replaced. The filters are back in process and working great.
- Public Works replaced one air release valve to the force main from the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave LS.
- Air release valves have also been flushed on all force mains. Air release valves are installed at the high points in the force main to allow air out when the pumps start in when the pumps shut off to not surge in the line itself. They periodically need to be flushed of grease and grit to keep them functioning properly.
- Wellhouse II had a check valve that was not sealing. The leaking valve was causing influent pressure to drop at the WTP which in turn causing alarms when the well would start up. Public Works has since replaced the valve and some piping.
- Public Works crews have started fogging for mosquitos and will continue throughout the summer.
- Spraying for dandelions was completed in the city parks.
- The compost site is open and continues to be busy.

- The Farmers Market has opened up. As of now, there are 10 returning vendors and 5 new vendors with a different number that come weekly.
- The Community Garden opened up on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 2. Housing Study Update

- At the 2020 goal setting meeting the City Council directed staff to look into updating the City's housing study. Through GPS:45:93 a Humphrey School student group is researching housing in East Central MN and this includes Isanti. At the March 17, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff suggested waiting to do an update to the housing study until the City sees what the group produces and if it is sufficient enough to use.
- Recommendation from Committee is to go with current study and not perform a study in-house.

## 3. Liquor Store Market Study

- Committee of the Whole discussed various options of the liquor store market study and for a new liquor store and the future of the Fire Station as well as the Police Station.

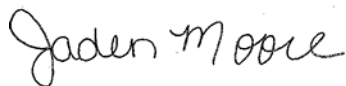
## 4. Public Safety Building

- Three options were provided to the Committee for consideration of acquiring a new safety building:
  1. Save and pay cash for new building
  2. Issue debt for new building
  3. Issue debt for new liquor store and renovate current liquor store for police department
- Recommendation from Committee is to explore plan #3 further to and build for a new liquor store and move the Police Department to Isanti's current liquor store.
- Recommendation from Committee is to put on City Council meeting agenda that followed the Committee of the Whole meeting to split costs 50% with Fire District for appraisal of current Fire Station/ Police Department.

## F. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaden Moore

Deputy City Clerk/ Human Resources