

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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

D. Public Comment

None

E. Committee Meeting Items

1. PW Updates

- Street painting of crosswalks, stop bars, school crossings, railroad crossings and parking lots was completed.
- Public Works crew repaired a storm drain on East Dual Blvd in front of UPS. The repair required a new casting to be installed as well as some curbing.
- Annual maintenance of the air release valves have been completed for the third time this year. This is part of the quarterly maintenance that is done.
- Sewer jetting has begun and this year jetting will be done at each lift station and cleaning the lift station itself. Primarily, Pubic Works jets to prevent sewer backups in the system but also to inspect the infrastructure itself.
- Generator pads have been poured and the generator installs should be starting soon. The work is scheduled to be completed in October.
- Staff worked through some filter issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. It was discovered that the filters were low on potassium Permanganate, allowed to sit then backwashed before being put back in use.
- Staff cleaned out the backwash tank which is part of annual maintenance. It is an opportunity to discard all the Iron and Manganese that is removed during normal operation.
- Staff verified gate valves were open prior to hydrant flushing, but during that time staff discovered that 8 gate valves were closed at different locations in town.
- Staff completed hydrant flushing and was able to complete a small list of hydrant repairs.
- The sledding hill project has begun and should be completed in late September weather permitting.
- Public Works crews have been fogging for Mosquitos and will continue through September.
- Staff was able to pour concrete curbing at Rum River Meadows Park and that will be the last park that gets curbing.

- The Compost Site is open and continues to be busy. The Sunday hours will begin on October 25th with the compost site closing for the season on November 8th.
- The Community Garden is slowing down but the Sunflower Maze is in full bloom.
- The Farmers Market is open until September 25th.

2. Pedestrian Bridge (New Information) Discussion

- At the January 2020 goal setting meeting discussion was held about a pedestrian bridge project.
- Council unanimously decided that there were other things to consider at that time.
- The Federal Highway Administration Division Central Finance Officer has reached out asking what the city is going to do with the funds that were allocated to that project.
- The total of the bridge is going to cost a little over \$4 million dollars and approximately \$2.1 million in federal funds and approximately just under \$2 million that could potentially be obtained from other grant opportunities.
- The amount is \$200,149,745
- The preliminary bridge project that was projected in the past was supposed to be placed where the Best Western Hotel is now.
- Recommendation from Committee is for City Engineer Jason Cook to bring updated cost and information for the project to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. Mixed Radio Network Participation (Mayor Johnson)

- Mayor Johnson was asked to be a guest on a podcast.
- The network are advocates for public safety and law enforcement.
- City Attorney does not recommend using a city facility.
- City Attorney recommended caution on the Mayor speaking on behalf of the city.
- Recommendation from Committee is for Mayor Johnson to participate in podcast with Fire Chief Al Jankovich and Chief of Police Travis Mures.

4. Legacy Pines 3rd Addition Letter of Credit

- A request came in from the developer of Everpine Landholdings, LLC for the development Legacy Pines 3rd addition, the request is for the following:
 - Pay all necessary fees City fees for the 32 lots in Phase II and the required escrows in connection with Phase II.
 - Post the minimum 10% of total construction costs amount that the City requires for the warranty period.
 - That at the end of construction season, whatever amounts are yet needed to complete the unfinished work be posted with the City at this time.
- The addition is broken up into three phases.
- Phase one is near completion.
- One option to consider is to break the letter of credit into two parts.

- Recommendation from Committee is to move forward with breaking the letter of credit into two parts and bring to City Council meeting later this night of September 15, 2020 for consideration.

5. Coaching Funds for Small Businesses (*Steve Fredlund*)

- Small Small Business Community has requested \$12,000 in funding to provide 20 small businesses in Isanti with four (4) hours of individual business coaching plus lifetime membership at smallsmallbusiness.com
- Membership also includes post-program discounts on private coaching, group coaching and mastermind groups
- Recommendation from Committee is to postpone until the October 6th City Council meeting to determine the amount of funding left from the CARES Act.

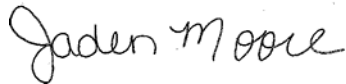
6. CARES Act Funding for Fire District

- Chief Jankovich shared that he is greatly appreciated for the CARES Act money that is allocated for the fire district.
- Jankovich provided a bid for the audio/visual distance learning equipment.
- Recommendation from Committee is for Fire Chief Al Jankovich, City Administrator Josi Wood and Finance Director Mike Betker to purchase items that have been allocated and approved to be purchased for the Fire District.

F. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaden Moore
Deputy City Clerk/ Human Resources