MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010 – 5:45 p.m.
CITY HALL

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilor's Sue Larson and Jim Kennedy. Councilor Ross Lorinser arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Members Absent: Councilor Kolb.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Planner Lisa Krause, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

1. Embrace Open Space
Mr. Schiffman, representative of the organization Embrace Open Space, stated that the program is a collaborative of Twin Cities organizations to protect open space in the region. Mr. Schiffman gave a short presentation on defining open space and used information based on Washington and Hennepin Counties. Brief discussion followed the presentation.

2. Landscaping Requirements - Black Dirt
Councilor Lorinser questioned if the quality of acceptable topsoil should be reviewed again. Lorinser stated that a lawn with poor quality topsoil requires more water and maintenance to keep it looking nice.

It was noted that the City's current requirement for topsoil is the bottom standard as set by the State.

City Engineer DeWolf stated that there are tests that will detect the percent of organic compound that is in the topsoil. There was general discussion on testing topsoil for a standard that would be acceptable and the costs to do this. There was discussion on the additional costs to development by requiring imported topsoil.

There was direction that the City Engineer provide costs for testing top soil and to have this matter reviewed by the Planning Commission. There was direction that the City Engineer provide a memo comparing costs to development of utilizing existing topsoil versus importing higher quality topsoil.

Adjournment
Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene J. Bauer
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk