

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2015
ISANTI CITY HALL**

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilors Paul Bergley, Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Lieutenant Travis Muyres, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

None.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. Interview Applicant for the Vacant Term Seat on the Planning Commission

There are two vacant member seats for the Planning Commission, one seat is for a three year term and one seat is for a two year term. Two applicants were unable to attend interviews at the last City Council meeting. Since then, one of the applicants, Lisa Sanford, has withdrawn her application for the Planning Commission. Cindy Lind-Livingston was present for a second chance to interview for a vacant Planning Commission seat; City Council asked questions of Lind-Livingston relating to the Planning Commission.

a. Resolution 2015-012 to Appoint Candidate to Fill a Vacant Planning Commission Seat and Hereby Amend Resolution 2015-002

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to appoint Lind-Livingston for a three year term and approve Resolution No. 2015- 012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mosquito Spraying Requirements

Mayor Wimmer noted that the City Council had put aside a total of \$20,000 for mosquito spraying in 2015; \$10,000 for operations and \$10,000 for equipment for mosquito spraying. Mayor Wimmer indicated two employees went to obtain their mosquito spraying license and learned about a number of restrictions and issues that were not previously known, in regards to mosquito spraying. There are many restrictions in regards to fogging, drift, and record keeping for mosquito spraying, along with numerous liabilities. Mayor Wimmer also reported that in researching mosquito spraying, and its effects in other cities, it was found that the chemicals used to kill mosquitos also can kill plants and bees. Mayor Wimmer said that the cost for mosquito spraying would most likely double from what was previously budgeted. Mayor Wimmer noted that the City must follow compliance if the City is going to do mosquito spraying. If the City does not do mosquito spraying properly, it can open the City up to litigation issues.

Collison noted the City of Cambridge does mosquito spraying and that it is not difficult to do. Collison stated that the requirements and chemicals used may be different and less hazardous if you are not licensed; the City of Cambridge is not licensed. The City of Cambridge employees do go through safety classes for mosquito spraying.

Johnson stated that in reviewing the additional requirements and restrictions, it seems like spraying for mosquitos would be a lot of work and quite an expense for a small difference in terms of mosquito control.

Fleischhacker noted that he cannot guarantee that citizens will not be affected due to the chemical drift; the drift is what makes mosquito spraying effective. Fleischhacker noted this is a liability and he cannot be fully certain of where people or pets may be when this drift happens. City staff cannot guarantee there will not be individuals outside, or in their backyard where staff cannot see them, even if the mosquito spraying is noticed.

Mayor Wimmer noted there have been complaints of the mosquito spraying chemicals killing bees in other cities. Mayor Wimmer also noted he is not sure how the City can properly notify citizens in advance about mosquito spraying because of the conditions in which spraying can be done are so specific. The weather has to be just right, and weather can change quickly.

Bergley asked if there is a high demand from citizens for mosquito spraying. Mayor Wimmer explained from those he has heard from in regards to mosquito spraying there is a high demand.

Fleischhacker noted that in originally researching options for mosquito spraying, City staff was also trying to look for private companies that could do spraying for the City to compare costs; however, staff could not find a private company to do this for a City. The companies found that would do mosquito spraying would only spray for specific smaller areas for events - no private company was found that would spray for a whole City. Fleischhacker believes this is attributed to the liability.

Mayor Wimmer noted he is not sure logistically how the City would do mosquito spraying with the new information presented.

Fleischhacker also noted the City cannot spray by the ponds or creeks.

Mayor Wimmer asked Fleischhacker to work with Collison to find out what the City of Cambridge uses in terms of chemicals and to bring this information back to the Council.

Mayor Wimmer recommended tabling this matter until further information is found on different types of chemicals that could potentially be used, and what their effects would be.

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to table mosquito spraying until the next City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2015-013 Approving the Preliminary Plat for Fairway Greens Phase 8

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2015-013 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2015-014 Approving an Amendment to the Conditional Use Permit Approved by Resolution No. 2005-062 Allowing for the Construction of One 108-Unit Apartment Building Within the Fairway Greens Development

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-014 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2015-015 Approving the Site Plan/ Building Appearance For Evergreen Apartments III to be Constructed on the Property Legally Described as Outlot A, Fairway Greens Phase 5

Motion by Bergley second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2015-015 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 594 Amending Ordinance No. 445 Zoning; Section 2 Definition of Terms, Section 6 Residential Districts, Section 7 Business Districts, and Section 13 Use Regulations

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance No. 594 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance 595 Amending Ordinance No. 445 Zoning, Section 13 Use Regulations and Section 16 Signs

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Ordinance No. 595 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Ordinance 596 Dedicating a Public Utility Easement Across the Westerly 8.50 Feet of Certain Property Commonly Known as 236 Broadway Street SE

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 596 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 2015-016 Accepting State Bid for a Vacuum/ Jetter Truck

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2015-016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$543,519.33 and Payroll in the Amount of \$170,737.01
2. Pay Request No. 5 for the Isanti Indoor Arena in the Amount of \$266,950.00
3. Change Order No. 4 for the Isanti Indoor Arena
4. Final Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting
5. Final Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Economic Development Authority Meeting
6. Approve 2015 Council Committee Meeting Schedule
7. **Resolution 2015-017** Authorizing to Retain a Forfeited ATV for Police Department Service
8. **Resolution 2015-018** Approving a Check be Written to Rum River BMX for Volunteering at the Community Movie Night

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk