

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
January 4, 2011  
Isanti City Hall**

Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bauer administered the Oath of Office to Mayor elect George Wimmer.

Bauer then turned the meeting over to Mayor Wimmer.

Bauer administered the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

Sue Larson        - City Council  
Ross Lorinser    - City Council

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilors Louise Duff, Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson, and Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:        City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf.

Motion by Larson, second by Lorinser to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards.** There was none.

**F. Approve Minutes**

Motion by Larson, second by Duff to approve minutes of the December 21, 2010 Regular Meeting of the City Council as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input.** There was none.

**H. Announcements** - Announcements were read.

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported the Isanti Community Involvement Team held their last event, the Snowmobile-ATV parade on January 1<sup>st</sup>. 196 bowls of chili were served after the parade.

**J. Public Hearings.** There were none.

**K. Business**

**1. Consider Designating an Official Newspaper and Appointing Depositories and Professional Services for Year 2011**

**a. Open Bids for the Designation of the City's Official Newspaper**

Bauer opened and read the bids that were received for the Official Newspaper as follows:

Isanti County News: \$4.65 per column inch ( 11 lines/inch); said paper has a current circulation of approximately 13,000, including 4112 distributions in the 55040 zip code area and all of the City of Isanti.

Isanti-Chisago County Star: \$1.95 per column inch; said paper distributes 237 papers in the City of Isanti.

**b. Resolution No. 2011-001, a Resolution Designating an Official Newspaper and Appointing Depositories and Professional Services for Year 2011**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to award the Official Newspaper for year 2011 to the Isanti County News at the bid received in the amount of \$4.65 per column inch based on the higher circulation of their paper within the City of Isanti; and to approve the professional services and depositories for year 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Interview Applicants for the Vacant Term Seats for the Park and Recreation Board and the Planning Commission**

It was reported that no applications were received for the Park and Recreation Board seat.

Two applications were received for the two open Planning Commission seats and were received from Nick Dimassis and Sean Stevens. The open seats are for a term from January 2011 through December of 2014. Mr. Dimasis was not present to answer questions that are asked for candidates who wish to be considered to be appointed to City boards. Council was in consensus to direct Staff to invite Nick Dimassis to the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission.

Sean Stevens was present and the City Council asked questions of Mr. Stevens relating to the Planning Commission seat.

Motion by Duff, second by Kennedy to appoint Sean Stevens to fill one of the two open seats on the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**a. Resolution No. 2011-002, a Resolution Designating Appointments and Representatives for the City Commissions and Advisory Boards for Year 2011**

Mayor Wimmer stated that Council appointments to committees and boards would remain the same except for the following changes:

- Remove Councilor Kennedy as Mayor Pro-Tem and appoint Councilor Lorinser to serve in this capacity.
- Remove Councilor Kennedy to serve as the representative to the Fire District Board and appoint Councilor Larson as the primary appointee and Councilor Lorinser as the alternate.

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2011-002 with appointment changes as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution No. 2011-003, a Resolution Identifying Official Signatures on Documents Pertaining to City Matters**

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2011-003 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution No. 2011-004, a Resolution Authorizing Signatures for the Purpose of Accessing and Maintaining City Funds and Investments**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2011-004 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Resolution No. 2011-005, a Resolution Authorizing Compensation to Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer and Finance Director Kristi Smith in the Interim Period of a Vacant Liquor Store Manager Position**

Mayor Wimmer stated that Council may want to consider providing additional compensation of \$4/hr to the current salaries to Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Bauer and Finance Director Smith for assuming additional responsibilities in the management and operation of the Liquor Store until such time as the Liquor Store Manager position is filled. There was brief review of the additional time Administrative Staff is expending on Liquor Store operations.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-005 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution No. 2011-006, a Resolution Approving making Application and Entering into a General Users Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and City of Isanti to Participate in the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange Information Sharing Initiative**

Sager gave a staff report whereas the Police Department has an opportunity to share records with the F.B.I.; that because the Police Department will be used as a pilot project there will be no cost to the City.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-006 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Review Conflict of Interest Policy**

Joslin reviewed the City of Isanti's Conflict of Interest policy with Council and the information on Conflict of Interest from the League of Minnesota Cities. Joslin stated that all City Council members must complete and submit to Staff the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms.

**8. Approval of City Attorney's Training Request**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Duff to approve City Attorney Clark Joslin's training request.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amounts of \$56,208.29 and \$39,108.34 and Payroll in the Amount of \$73,653.86, and 2010 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Council and Commission and Board pay in the Amount of \$6,898.56
2. **Resolution No. 2011-007, a Resolution Terminating Lease Agreement with Viking Coca-Cola Bottling Company**

**3. Resolution No. 2011-008, a Resolution Approving Temporary 3.2 Beer Licenses to the Blaine Jaycees**

Motion by Larson, second by Lorinser to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**N. Closed Session**

At 7:37 p.m. Wimmer announced that the Council would go into a brief recess to clear out the Chambers. Wimmer stated that the City Council would then go into closed session to discuss LELS labor negotiations.

At 7:40 p.m. City Council went into closed session.

**1. Labor Negotiations**

At 8:15 p.m. Council came out of closed session. Mayor Wimmer requested City Attorney Clark Joslin provide a summary of the closed session.

Joslin stated that as noted in the agenda, the closed session was held for the purpose of discussion on labor negotiations and to provide an update to the Council regarding the status of the negotiations. There was discussion by the Council on the issues involved in the labor negotiation, specifically the LELS Law Enforcement Union contract. That following discussion the closed session was ended and Council came back into open session.

Wimmer stated that he and Councilor Lorinser are on the Personnel Committee and are bargaining on the City's behalf and are seeking guidance from the City Council on the City's position and to move forward with the mediation process.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to direct the Personnel Committee to move forward on behalf of the City Council in the LELS negotiating process and to not exceed the 2011 budget to settle the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Duff, second by Lorinser to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene J. Bauer  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk