

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 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, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: Adam Johnson

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/ Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, Police Chief Gene Hill, Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Isanti Liquor Store - MMBA Support our Troops Winner - Presentation of \$200 Contribution to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Mayor Wimmer and Liquor Store Manager Jacobi presented a \$200 contribution check to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. Isanti Liquor was an MMBA Troop Supplies winner and received a \$200 contribution check to further support the City's effort to support troops.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

1. September 15, 2015 - Regular Meeting of the City Council

Motion by Bergley second by Collison to approve the City Council Minutes of September 15, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Rodney Wolf, 1113 Blossom Blvd. NW Isanti, addressed with the Council his belief that the City ordinance on kennel licenses should be changed and that a household should not be allowed to have five dogs under a kennel license. Wolf also inquired as to if the properties given kennel licenses are ever inspected. The Mayor explained that if there is a complaint, the properties are inspected by the Police Department. Police Chief Hill noted he spoke with Wolf at length about kennel licenses and that the property Wolf had a concern with was looked into. Mayor Wimmer asked Wolf if there is a current issue with a kennel license or property with dogs. Wolf stated no, there had been in the past, but currently there are no issues. Wolf stated a concern about being able to sell a house with a neighbor having multiple dogs living next store. Mayor Wimmer noted the process for reviewing any complaints regarding code or kennel licenses with Wolf.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

The Mayor stated his desire to discuss two items, the first of which was the Two Cities, One Community event which took place on Saturday, October 3rd. The Mayor noted that Public Services Director Wood and newly hired Community Events and Parks Coordinator Everett did a great job organizing the event with Cambridge and that it went very well. The Mayor also commended the City of Cambridge staff and Police Department for having done a great job. The Mayor stated that this is an event that the Cities hope to continue each year, making it a bigger and better event each subsequent year. There were a number of things learned from this first event, but it was a really positive experience for everyone involved.

The Mayor then stated a concern regarding traffic control for the construction project on County Road 23. The Mayor noted he did not see any radios being used to assist with traffic control. The Mayor mentioned that in his experience, radios are typically used for projects on larger spans of road for traffic control. He also stated that there had been a couple of accidents that day at that location. The Mayor stated that there were many delays and quite a bit of disorder as a result of the project work. The Mayor asked that this situation be addressed. The Mayor indicated aside from the traffic control issues, he was pleased to see that project is moving along quickly.

J. Public Hearings

1. Resolution 2015-228 to Authorize Nuisance Abatement on the Property Located at 803 Whiskey Road NW

Mayor Wimmer noted that the development sign at this site is in poor condition and has not been maintained. Collison asked whether the company was in business anymore; to which Achman responded that grass abatement letters sent to the company are being addressed. Achman also noted that the company still owns several properties within the city.

The public hearing was opened at 7:11 p.m.

There were no comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

The Mayor asked for the Council's approval to proceed forward with the abatement process for removing the sign.

Motion by Collison second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2015-228 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Business Items

1. Resolution 2015-229 Approving a Special Event Permit for BMC British Automobile, LLC Open House

Motion by Lundeen second by Collison to approve Resolution 2015-229 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2015-230 Authorizing Water and Sewer Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrades

The Mayor indicated this item is in regards to updates for the computer and alert systems within the water and sewer treatment plants.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-230 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2015-231 Rejecting Bids for the Public Works Overhead Door

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-231 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2015-232 Authorizing the Testing of Air Quality Including Humidity and Carbon Monoxide Levels at the Isanti Indoor Arena

Motion by Bergley second by Collison to approve Resolution 2015-232 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2015-233 Approving Amendments to the City of Isanti Personnel Policy: Section 2, Definitions, Core Hours, and Section 5, Hours of Work

The Mayor noted that this resolution is taking the current practice and placing it in policy.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-233 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2015-234 Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate Drainage and Utility Easements within Lots 4 & 5, Block 1, Anlauf Commercial Park

The Mayor stated that this is something which is typically done much earlier in the project but needs to be done now.

Motion by Lundeen second by Collison to approve Resolution 2015-234 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2015-235 Authorizing Execution of Repayment Agreement with J. Robinson Construction, Inc. on Lot 9, Block 2, Villages on the Rum Third Addition, Phase Three

8. Resolution 2015-236 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J. Robinson Construction, Inc. on Lot 8, Block 2, Villages on the Rum Third Addition, Phase Three

The Council motioned to approve both repayment agreements for J. Robinson Construction, Inc. at the same time.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolutions 2015-235 and 2015-236 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 2015-237 Authorizing Execution of Repayment Agreement with Holl Construction Company on Lot 3, Block 1, Sun Prairie First Addition

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-237 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution 2015-238 Authorizing Staff to Accept the Bureau of Justice Programs - Ballistic Vest Grant

Motion by Bergley second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2015-238 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution 2015-239 Authorizing Staff to Accept the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Office of Traffic Safety - Safe and Sober Grant Program

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-239 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor and Council noted that the Police Department does a great job with obtaining grants.

12. Resolution 2015-240 Authorizing the Acquisition of a Revised Right of Way Easement for Improvement of a Road as Part of the 2015 City Parking Improvements Project

The Mayor acknowledged the lack of power the City has had in this negotiation. DeWolf was invited to speak on this issue. DeWolf indicated the original cost to purchase the desired easement from the Railroad was \$49,000. Given how expensive the cost was to obtain the area, the City then requested to simply obtain just the roadway, an area slightly over 5,000 square feet, to which the Railway agreed and provided a cost of \$21,000. However, when it came to drafting the final document, the Railroad came back to the City and indicated the City would be required to purchase a remnant piece for 3,000 square feet as the Railroad did not want to retain a remnant piece on the other side of the roadway. DeWolf concluded that before Council is a revised agreement in the amount of \$31,000, should the Council wish to go forward. Bergley asked if this was the final proposal. The Mayor responded yes, this should be, and noted that if the City disagrees, the City would need to go through the Railroad's own appeal process.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to approve Resolution 2015-240 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$341,236.09 and Payroll in the Amount of \$83,946.06 and Third Quarter City Council, Board, and Commission Pay in the Amount of \$9,655.44
2. 2014 BMX & Public Works Site Improvements Pay Request No. 5 in the Amount of \$82,033.72
3. Final Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Park, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
4. **Resolution 2015-241** Approving a Local Gambling Permit to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5. **Resolution 2015-242** Approving a Local Gambling Permit to the Knights of Columbus
6. **Resolution 2015-243** Accepting Annual Walkthrough of Buildings on City Property Report
7. **Resolution 2015-244** Acknowledging Permanent Employee Status for Part Time Clerk Emily Cavallaro
8. **Resolution 2015-245** Acknowledging Permanent Employee Status for Part Time Clerk III Angie Kersting
9. **Resolution 2015-246** Acknowledging Permanent Employee Status for Part Time Building Inspector Nick Henly
10. **Resolution 2015-247** Approving the Sale of Surplus/ Abandoned Property held by the Police Department at Public Auction
11. **Resolution 2015-248** Approving to Sell the Forfeited 2000 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab 4x4 Truck at Public Auction
12. **Resolution 2015-249** Offering the Position of Part Time Liquor Store Clerk to Matthew Ferris

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

Adjournment

Motion by Bergley second by Collison to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Scharber
Administrative Data Clerk