

**CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
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, Dan Collison and Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: Councilors Steve Lundeen

Staff Present: City Attorney Clark Joslin, City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources/ City Clerk Lindsey Giese, Police Chief Gene Hill, City Engineer Brad DeWolf and Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

Others Present: K Courneya, MB Pieper, J Harris, A Maxwell, M Bettendorf, E Wissler, B T.L. Davis, B Davis, T Tawyea, CJ Davis

D. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None

F. Approve City Council Minutes

1. October 18, 2016 - Regular Meeting of the City Council

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the 10/18/16 City Council Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

James Harris, 459 3rd Ave N, approached the podium in regards to a questionnaire, frequency of well-testing, and a pothole he felt was of concern located near the Mobile Gas Station off of County Road 5.

H. Announcements

1. Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
2. CITY OFFICES CLOSED Friday, November 11, 2016
(In observance of the Veteran's Day)
3. Canvass Board Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:50 p.m.
4. City Council Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
5. Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
6. CITY OFFICES CLOSED Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2016
(In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday)

I. Council Committee Reports

Mayor Wimmer informed the Council that the City Municipal Liquor Store is now ranked 14th in the State for sales profitability. Previously, in 2010 we were ranked 70th. The Mayor believes this is due to the management of John Jacobi and the process improvements he has implemented with the store. This is a real significant

improvement. Councilor Lorinser also added that in 2010 we were 44th in gross sales ranking among all the liquor stores in the state and 43rd in 2015, so our sales have increased slightly. In that same time, five stores closed and in 2010 the City was contemplating closing or selling the store. Jacobi has reduced the operating expense by about \$20,000 since 2010. Lorinser commended Jacobi and stated that this is a very good testament to how well the store is doing.

J. Public Hearings

K. Business Items

1. Discussion Regarding Appeal for Revocation of Solicitor Permit for RG Enterprises, Inc. (*Mike Gerber*) Business Owner of RG Enterprises, Inc., Mike Gerber addressed the Council and explained he has received copies of two police reports. He stated that Brandon Wieland has been employed with him for a year and Mike Sanchez has been with him for four months. He does background checks on all his employees. Kirby Vacuums has been around for a long time and the company only allows them to sell one way, and that is door to door. Mr. Gerber read a list of satisfied customers. He stated that if they get revoked in any City, that they have to report it, and that this would be the first time. Mayor Wimmer stated that he had first-hand experience with a rude salesman, and provided feedback that has been received from citizens. Mr. Gerber questioned the Council by asking if he would get the permit back or not.

Motion by Lorinser to not return the Solicitor Permit, second by Collison. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Don Lorsung

2. **Annual Review of Snow Plowing Policy – Resolution 2016-318 and Exempt Sidewalks from Snow Removal – Resolution 2016-319**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution 2016-320 Amending the Procedure for Annual Walk Through of Building on City Property**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution 2016-321 Authorize Renaming of Isanti Tot Lot to Isanti Hills Neighborhood Park**

Motion by Collison, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

City Engineer Brad DeWolf

5. **Consider Resolution 2016-322 Authorizing Pink Water Monitor, ORP Probe for Water Treatment Plant**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Consider Resolution 2016-323 Authorizing Sodium Hypochlorite Feed System for Water Treatment Plant**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$146,483.49 and Payroll in the amount of \$107,981.18
2. Final Meeting Minutes for the September 27, 2016 Parks, Recreation and Culture Meeting
3. **Resolution 2016-324** Approving an Exempt Gambling Permit to the Cambridge-Isanti Red Line Hockey Club
4. **Resolution 2016-325** Demonstrating Support for the Isanti County Sheriff's Department Improvements

5. **Resolution 2016-326** Authorizing Contribution to Minnesota Economic Development Foundation (MNEDF)
 6. **Resolution 2016-327** Approving a Check Be Written to Friends of St. Scholastica for Volunteering at the Community Movie Night
 7. **Resolution 2016-328** Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Isanti on Behalf of Its City Attorney and Police Department
 8. **Resolution 2016-329** Accepting Loading Zone at 102 Dahlin Ave SE and Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Loading Zone Signs
 9. **Resolution 2016-330** Not Waiving Statutory Liability Limits for the City of Isanti
 10. **Resolution 2016-331** Approving City Assistance with Downtown Wreath Hanging
 11. **Resolution 2016-332** Accepting Change Order for Interim Finance Director Services
 12. **Resolution 2016-333** Approving Extended Leave for Public Works Technician Jake Pudlick
- Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:21 p.m. Mayor Wimmer announced that the Council would go into a brief recess, to clear the Chambers, and that Council would then go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

N. Closed Session

1. Discussion Regarding Personnel Matter

At 7:22 p.m. the City Council went into a closed session.

O. Open Session

At 7:31 p.m. Council came out of closed session. Mayor Wimmer requested that City Attorney Clark Joslin provide a summary of the closed session. City Attorney Joslin stated that at approximately 7:22, City Council went into closed session. He informed the Council that the purpose of the closed session was to discuss a proposed settlement of a grievance regarding tuition reimbursement under the Law Enforcement Labor Services contract. The dispute involved whether particular courses should be reimbursed and whether they were reasonably related to the enhancement of the skills for the position of Police Officer. Following the mediation, a settlement agreement was reached that provided for the resolution of the matter in a way that both the officer involved, Officer Valerie Zeman, and the City could get the matter resolved without proceeding to the next step, which would be arbitration. Legal Counsel from the Labor Council Office of Frank Madden, Susan Hansen, recommended approval of the settlement agreement and felt that it was a reasonable resolution to the matter. Following discussion among the Council and Labor Attorney, Susan Hansen, the matter has now come back to open session.

Motion by Lorinser to approve the Settlement Agreement, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Bergley, second by Lorinser. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Lutterman
Administrative Data Clerk