

**CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, November 21, 2017 – 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, Council Members: Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, and Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources/City Clerk Katie Brooks, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Ryan Kernosky, and Chief Gene Hill

Others Present: Derek Ogren, Lori Kenison, Andy Strom, Jason Bourke, Elizabeth Anderson, George Hemen, John Moore, members of the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club

**D. Adopt Agenda**

1. Councilmember Lundeen requested Consent Item L.5. Resolution Amending Council Meeting Procedures to Clarify Agenda Requests Process, be moved to Business Item K.4. for discussion by the City Council.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve the agenda with the modification above. Motion carried.

**E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards**

None.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

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Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

1. Parks, Rec, and Culture Board Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
2. **CITY OFFICES CLOSED** Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23 & 24, 2017  
(In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday)
3. City Council Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
4. Economic Development Authority Meeting Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017  
(Immediately following the City Council Meeting)

## **I. Council Committee Reports**

Mayor Wimmer reported there was a request from the Fire District to look at the lease agreement. He said they are trying to discuss what changes the Fire District is wanting so it does not have to be mediated.

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

### **1. Resolution 2017-282 Accepting Picnic Table Donations from the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club**

Derek Ogren, President of the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club, along with several other Rotarian members presented the City of Isanti with five industrial-grade picnic tables to be used in City of Isanti parks. Two of the construction grade steel picnic tables are ADA compliant with an extendable platform for wheelchair users. Mayor Wimmer said the City of Isanti has received several donations through the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club, for which he profusely thanked them for, and that the picnic tables were a great donation to the parks.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Lorinser to accept the donation of the picnic tables from the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club. Motion carried.

### **2. Resolution 2017-283 Approving a Special Event Permit Application for Art and Science Academy 5K Color Run**

Lori Kenison, a member of the Board of Directors for the Art and Science Academy (ASA), would like to do a color run on April 28, 2018 as a fundraiser for the school. The ASA Board has obtained permission from the soccer complex to use the parking lot and tracks for the event. The color material is cornstarch and food coloring which will easily wash off. She said it will be a great day to run a 5k, throw color, and have fun while supporting the school.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

### **3. Resolution 2017-284 Approving a Special Event Permit Application for the BMX Fire and Ice Series Final**

Andy Strom, President of Rum River BMX, said the BMX Fire and Ice Series Final is coming up. It is the local track point series and is a great event which showcases the City of Isanti. It draws people in from five different states and is a fan favorite with huge awards. Mayor Wimmer agreed that it pulls in a large number of people into the City of Isanti, which is great.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

### **4. Resolution 2017-286 Amending Council Meeting Procedures to Clarify Agenda Requests Process**

Councilmember Lundeen said he has received some calls regarding the resolution, and he agrees that it seems like censorship on the part of the City. Mayor Wimmer shared that other cities, such as Cambridge and North Branch, do not allow for their residents to add agenda items to the City Council Agenda at all. This resolution is to prevent the addition of agenda items that are not germane to City Council business. Nothing prevents that now as long as they get it in by the deadline of noon on Wednesday.

Councilmember Lundeen said he understands where the Mayor is coming from, but felt that worded as it currently was, it did not allow for citizens of the City to approach the Council with any issues they wanted addressed. He was concerned that it would fall to one person that would make the decisions, and that person may not feel an issue needs to be heard. Councilmember Collison asked if it would work if the committees handled the decision of including citizen-generated agenda items. Mayor Wimmer said he would be happy with that. Councilmember

Bergley clarified that if something were to be denied by a committee, the Mayor or Councilmembers could still put it on the agenda if they felt it needed to be discussed. Mayor Wimmer agreed they could.

After the Councilmembers further discussed the issue, Councilmember Bergley made a motion to table the issue for further study. The motion died for lack of a second. The Mayor and Councilmembers continued to discuss this matter for several minutes.

Councilmember Lundeen said he agrees with Councilmember Collison that it would be nice if citizen-generated agenda items went to a committee to be reviewed. Councilmember Bergley said even with a committee review, the City of Isanti would still be offering more options than other cities.

Discussion on the issue continued which resulted in a motion by Collison to approve the resolution providing it was changed to allow the appropriate committee to review citizen-generated items for inclusion to the Agenda.

Motion by Collison, second by Bergley to approve the Resolution with changes. Motion carried.

#### **L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$163,008.37 and Payroll in the amount of \$119,431.62
2. Contractor Pay Request No. 2-Final 2017 Pavement Management Project Payment to Astech Corp. in the amount of \$7,938.54
3. Final Meeting Minutes for the October 3, 2017 Economic Development Authority Meeting
4. **Resolution 2017-285 Approving Gambling Permit for Cambridge-Isanti Redline Hockey Club**
5. **Resolution 2017-287 Approving the Engagement Letter for the 2017 Audit**
6. **Resolution 2017-288 Approving Authorization of Certified Student Attorney Representation by City Attorney Student Intern Megan Guphill**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Lorinser to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### **M. Other Communications**

1. Draft Meeting Minutes for the November 7, 2017 Economic Development Authority Meeting
2. October Police Department Report
3. October Code Enforcement Report
4. October Building Inspector Report
5. November Engineering Report

#### **N. Closed Session**

1. City Administrator Performance Review

At 7:21 p.m. the City Council went into a closed session.

#### **O. Open Session**

At 7:54 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 said the Closed Session began at 7:36 p.m. for the annual performance review of City Administrator Don Lorsung. During the closed session, Council addressed Mr. Lorsung as to his job performance. It was the consensus of the Council

that Mr. Lorsung has done, and continues to do, a fine job as City Administrator. Following discussion with Mr. Lorsung, closed session ended.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Lundeen, second by Bergley. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannifer Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeannifer Anderson  
Administrative Data Clerk