

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
November 6, 2013  
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 Sue Larson, Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Police Officer Rodrick Barrows, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director/Assistant City Administrator Lisa Wilson, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

**D. Adopt Agenda**

1. Addendum:

**Add K.1** Resolution Accepting Donation by Ruby Johnson Trust Dated February 17, 2010 for Capital Improvements for the Isanti Community Center (*Councilor Larson*)

**Add K.2** Resolution Offering City Assistance to Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce for Hanging and Removal of Wreaths for the Holiday Season (*Economic Development Director Sullivan*)

**Renumber Remaining Items K.3 - K.5**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addendum 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 October 15, 2013 regular and closed session meetings of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

## **H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

## **I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Arena Board**
  - Promoting Hockey Games
- **East Central Regional Development Commission**
  - Electric Cars
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
  - Donations from Bear Books
- **GPS 45:93**
  - MN Housing Partnership Report
  - Economic Gardening
- **Cambridge Library Task Force**
  - New Library
  - New Technology

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

### **1. Resolution 2013-219 Accepting Donation by Ruby Johnson Trust Dated February 17, 2010 for Capital Improvements for the Isanti Community Center**

Mayor Wimmer reported that Councilor Larson has been working with the Trustees for the Ruby Johnson Trust dated February 17, 2010 regarding a possible donation for the Isanti Community Center. On November 6, 2013 Larson received a check for \$120,000.00 from the Trust and delivered it to the City of Isanti City Hall. This gracious donation was made on behalf of the Ruby Johnson Trust with the caveat that it be used for capital improvements to the Isanti Community Center including, but not limited to, remodeling and structural improvements, blacktop, etc. Mayor Wimmer added that the significant amount of money donated to the City will be able to help with funding much needed updates to the Community Center.

Larson noted that Ruby was married to the late Senator Ralph Johnson and that she loved education and books. Ruby strongly believed that all children should have equal access and opportunities to read and enjoy books. Ruby had a wealth of knowledge and a very big heart. Ruby was a huge cheerleader for the City of Isanti and the donation will help the Community Center with much needed updates.

Mayor Wimmer noted the City will commemorate Ruby's generous donation with a plaque.

Mayor Wimmer added the Community Center has been fully booked since the scheduling was brought in-house, which is helping fill the operating deficit.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-219 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Resolution 2013-220 Offering City Assistance to Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce for Hanging and Removal of Wreaths for the Holiday Season**

Sullivan reported the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce is asking for the assistance of the City of Isanti this season to hang and remove holiday wreaths on Main Street in Historic Downtown Isanti. Sullivan discussed this with Public Works Director Fleischhacker, and Fleischhacker has indicated this would be okay. The Chamber of Commerce would provide and pay for all of the equipment need.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-220 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution 2013-221 Adopting 2013 TIF Management Plan**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-221 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2013-222 Authorizing City Staff to Accept the Fee Allowing Exclusive use of the Mattson Park Tennis Courts by the C-I School District for Spring / Fall 2014 and 2015 Seasons and Waiving the Current Scheduling Requirements**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-222 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. TABLED - Resolution Directing City Staff to Work with the C-I Hockey Association to Explore Options for an Amendment to the Existing Agreement for Maintenance of the Outdoor Hockey Rink**

Mayor Wimmer reported that the Hockey Association would like the City to start making hockey ice again in the outdoor rink and change the current agreement in place. The City had in the past made ice for the outdoor hockey rink. The Hockey Association was never satisfied with the ice made by the City. Mayor Wimmer stated that making ice is very labor intensive and that this would take up a lot of staff time.

Mayor Wimmer noted that the Hockey Association was supposed to provide the City with more information regarding their request and suggested the Council table the current request until further information had been provided.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to table the above item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$391,164.48 and Payroll in the Amount of \$74,666.54
2. Final Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
3. Final Minutes of the September 24, 2013 EDA Meeting

4. **Resolution 2013-223** Increasing the Mileage Reimbursement Rate to be in Accordance with the Federal Rate
5. Authorization to Extend Employment Offers to Fill Two Vacant Part-Time Police Officer Positions:
  - a. **Resolution 2013-224** Offering the Position of Part-Time Police Officer to Mr. Travis Muyres
  - b. **Resolution 2013-225** Offering the Position of Part-Time Police Officer to Ms. Jennifer Zerwas
6. **Resolution 2013-226** Accepting Community Development Director/ Assist City Administrator Lisa Wilson's Letter of Resignation

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

At 7:24 p.m. Mayor Wimmer announced that the Council would go into a brief recess to clear out the Chambers and that Council would then go into closed session to discuss the Public Work's 49er's labor negotiations.

At 7:25 p.m. City Council went into closed session.

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

##### **1. Labor Negotiations**

At 7:35 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 during the closed session the City Council was apprised of the second negotiation meeting with I.U.O.E. Local 49, representing the City's Public Work employees. There was discussion on the terms of the proposed agreement with the Council, and the Council was given the opportunity and to ask questions regarding the provisions. Joslin stated that now back in the open City Council session, the Council may take any action deemed appropriate.

Mayor Wimmer requested the Council make a vote on the presented contract.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the I.U.O.E., Local 49 union contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk