

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
December 17, 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, and Dan Collison

Members Absent: Councilor Steve Lundeen

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Police Lieutenant Gene Hill, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

**D. Adopt Agenda**

**Addendum:**

**Add L.1. a.** Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$375,174.85

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addendum as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

**1. Employee Recognition - Years of Service**

Employee recognition was given for those hitting the five, ten, fifteen, twenty, etc. years of service mark. Mayor Wimmer presented a certificate of recognition to the employee present, Anna Wegwerth, for five years of service to the City of Isanti. Mayor Wimmer thanked Wegwerth for her continued service to the City.

All employees recognized for their years of service are as follows:

**Five years of service**

- Angela Perkins
- Anna Wegwerth
- Michael Vogel
- Linda Goldben
- Victor Fanth

**Ten years of service**

- Rick Sames
- Katie Matthews

- Val Zeman
- Matt Sylvester

#### **Fifteen years of service**

- Steve Callahan

#### **F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 regular meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **G. Citizens Input**

None.

#### **H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

#### **I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **ATV Parade**
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
  - Inviting other friends groups for dinner
  - Book sale
  - Field trip
- **East Central Regional Development Commission**
  - New Commission member
  - Senior linkage
- **Upcoming Events**

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Hockey Association**
  - Association will no longer be maintaining the hockey rink
  - Public concerns regarding the hockey rink no longer being maintained
  - The City would flood the rink if can find enough volunteers to agree to maintain the rink
    - So far only two potential volunteers
  - City still maintains the pleasure rink for citizens and is larger than in years past
- **Fire District**
  - Potentially a change within the information sharing policy
    - If an incident occurs within the City limits Mayor Wimmer was always contacted within the past
    - There was an incident today (12-17-2013) within the City limits and the Mayor found that the Fire Chief had directed that no information be shared for the specific incident
      - Trying to find a resolution and information regarding incident
- **Snowmobiles Trespassing on Sidewalks and Private Property**

- Issues with trespassing again
- Will talk to different snowmobile clubs to get the word out again

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

### **1. Discussion on Board Membership of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board**

Mayor Wimmer stated that the youth seat for the Park, Recreation and Culture Board is still open and that there was interest expressed from a middle school student in regards to the youth seat. Mayor Wimmer further explained that currently, the youth seat is for high school students and asked the City Council if they would be open to considering a student from the middle school level. The Council had no objections to a middle school student being considered for the youth seat.

### **2. Report on Library Link and Extension of Agreements for 2014**

Barbara Misselt, East Central Regional Library Director, was present on behalf of the Library Link and thanked the City of Isanti for considering the extension of the agreement for 2014, and for sparing the City's space with the Library Link. Misselt reported there have been a few changes to the agreement. There was confusion over the Library Link being called the Library 'Link' and therefore a change has been made to the name to Library 'Outreach Stop'. Also, numbers are down for those visiting the City of Isanti Library, so the Library Outreach program is modifying its hours slightly and will be opening up two hours later.

#### **a. Resolution 2013-248 Extending the Partnership Agreement between the City of Isanti and the East Central Library Board and the Isanti Area Friends of the Library**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-248 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Consider Amendments to the City Code and Fee Schedule**

#### **a. Ordinance 570 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 160, Fees**

#### **b. Resolution 2013-249 Adopting Fees Within the City of Isanti**

Cotton reported that annually the updated fee schedule must be approved by the City Council and requested City Council's approval of the 2014 fee schedule.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 570 and Resolution No. 2013-249 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Resolution 2013-250 Authorizing Staff to act on Escrow Accounts**

Cotton requested that staff be able to act on outstanding escrow accounts.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-250 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Proposed Ordinances to Amend the Water and Sewer Sections within the City Code - Commercial Base Fees**

**a. Ordinance 571 to Amend the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 325, Water**

**b. Ordinance 572 to Amend the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 260, Sewer**

Mayor Wimmer stated the proposed amendments will clean-up any issues with multi-tenant units and is based off usage; which is similar to what the City of Cambridge does.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Ordinance 571 and 572 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution 2013-251 Establishing No Parking on Particular Municipal State Aid Routes within the City of Isanti**

DeWolf stated that some of the municipal state aid routes are not wide enough for parking and South Passage, from Railroad Avenue to Whiskey Road, falls into this category.

Motion by Larson, second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2013-251 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution 2013-252 Approving the Existing Financial Terms for Vision Wake Park (Escrow and Percentage Share of Gross Revenue) as Identified in Resolution No. 2012-068**

Mayor Wimmer stated this item was tabled at the last City Council meeting (12-03-2013). This was due to the City receiving a tax statement on behalf of Vision Wake Park; there was a need for the City to ensure that communication was reached with Vision Wake Park regarding payment of the tax fees. City staff has contacted Vision Wake Park to notify them of their responsibility to pay the tax.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-252 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Ordinance 573 Approving an Amendment to Ordinance No. 247 (ZONING): The Official Zoning Map, Request of Jeffery Benny and Norma Benny to Rezone Property Located at 444 East Dual Blvd. NE From “B-2” General Business District to “I-1” Industrial Park District**

Jeffery Benny was present and asked if any adjustment could be made on the number of required parking spaces. Mayor Wimmer stated that what has been put in place within City Code needs to be followed. Loring reviewed the parking requirements for industrial uses. Mayor Wimmer related parking requirements for a project the City worked with and shared that if Benny had more information on the use of the building that potentially could change the number of required spots, he could review that with staff and the Development Advisory Committee could also review this matter.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance No. 573 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Resolution 2013-253 Approving the Interim Use Permit as Requested by Paul and Amy Gauer to Allow for a Veterinary Clinic to Locate on Property at 120 Heritage Blvd.**

Motion by Larson, second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2013-253 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$201,830.78 and Payroll in the Amount of \$119,732.57
  - a. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$375,174.85
2. Final Minutes of the November 12, 2013 Planning Commission
3. **Resolution 2013-254** Approving Application for an Exempt Gambling Permit for Isanti County Sportsman Club
4. **Resolution 2013-255** Accepting Quote from Bjorklund Companies for Ancillary Snow Removal
5. **Resolution 2013-256** Accepting Code Enforcement/ Zoning Technician Laura Leckband's Letter of Resignation
6. **Resolution 2013- 257** Authorizing Adoption of Standardized City Revolving Loan Fund Documents

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

At 7:25 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 Police Department Employee Union, LELS, labor negotiations.

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

**N. Closed Session**

**1. Labor Negotiations**

At 7:36 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 held discussion in regards to the second negotiation meeting with LELS that took place on December 10, 2013. Joslin reported that following the second negotiation session, a tentative agreement was reached and that the City Council reviewed and held discussion regarding the tentative agreement.

Mayor Wimmer added that the entire negotiation team did a great job and that this is the first time that the Council has been able to approve both the Public Works and Police Department employee union contracts before the start of the new calendar year. Mayor Wimmer also noted he hopes this will be a model moving forward for future negotiations.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson for staff to work through the final contract with LELS and to make sure that the final language is consistent with the terms discussed within the closed session; and given terms are consistent with those discussed within the closed session, that the Mayor and City staff are authorized to sign the LELS contract (**Resolution 2013-258**). Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk