

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 18, 2012
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 Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson, Steve Lundeen and Michael Streiff

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Ron Sager, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Planning and Parks Director Lisa Wilson and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

1. Addendum - Renumber E.1 to E.2 Employee Recognition - Years of Service.
Add new E.1 Councilmember Kennedy - Recognition of Service on Isanti City Council.

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Councilmember Kennedy - Recognition of Service on Isanti City Council

Mayor Wimmer presented Kennedy with a certificate recognizing Kennedy's service on the Isanti City Council. Mayor Wimmer stated Kennedy's term will be expiring at the beginning of the year and that he has served two four year terms on the City Council. Mayor Wimmer noted the many boards Kennedy had sat on and that Kennedy has done a great job of representing the community.

2. 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 certificates of recognition to those employees present at the meeting. Liquor Store Clerks Carla Golden and Patricia Peterson were present and received certificates for their five years of service to the City of Isanti. Mayor Wimmer thanked Golden and Peterson for their continued service to the City.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2012 regular and closed 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:

- **GPS 45:93**
 - Angel Network
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
 - Marketing for community events
 - Upcoming book sale
- **East Central Regional Development Commission**
 - New transportation bill and impacts
 - Annual CEDS update approved
 - Downtown revitalization project
- **League of Minnesota Cities Election Task Force**
 - Review of elections
- **League of Minnesota Cities Development/Finance Task Force**
 - Legislative issues
- **Liquor Store Committee**
 - Pricing strategy
- **Arena Board**
 - January 8th is the 15th anniversary of the Ice Arena
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Regional tax reform luncheon

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **County Road 5 Addressing Issues**

Mayor Wimmer attended the Committee of the Whole meeting at Isanti County and there was discussion regarding the City's concern of the late notification of the addressing issue within the emergency response system at the County. The Sheriff's Department Deputy Chris Caulk stated that he would talk with the citizens and business owners that would be affected if the suggested re-addressing changes took place. Mayor Wimmer has sent out another letter to the County asking about costs associated with re-addressing and stating the need to carefully examine a long-term solution. There are around 200 total residences and businesses that would be affected by re-addressing changes.

There was discussion regarding the issues of Isanti having doughnuts holes, where the City of Isanti surrounds land located in the township. Mayor Wimmer is looking into this issue.

Mayor Wimmer noted the changing of the name of County Road 5 may be looked into and that he will discuss with the City Council the process for this at a future meeting.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. Report on Library Link and Extension of Agreements for 2013

a. Resolution 2012-272 Extending the Original Partnership Agreement between the City of Isanti and the East Central Library Board and the Isanti Area Friends of the Library

East Central Regional Library Director Barbara Misselt thanked the Mayor, Council and the Isanti Friends of the Library for the support of the Isanti Library Link.

Mayor Wimmer inquired of Misselt if the dip in this year's library link usage was just at the Isanti link site or if other link sites have seen a dip as well over the past year. Misselt stated that she believes the link peaked in 2008 and 2009 and now its users are leveling off. When the link sites started Misselt found more users coming in because it was new; now the users that come in are mostly regular customers.

Kennedy asked how long the agreement was for. Misselt stated it is renewed yearly.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-272 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2012-273 Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$2,160,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A

Mayor Wimmer noted that this will cause no new debt; the City is re-funding bonds to receive better interest rates to save the City money.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-273 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2012-274 Approving 2013 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Lundeen stated he would like to table this item until the new Councilmembers are seated. Mayor Wimmer noted that the City would be going against the negotiated union contracts if this item was withheld as it is for both union and non-union employees. Joslin confirmed this would be going against negotiated terms of the union contracts and stated if withheld until the new Councilmembers take their seats, the approval would have be retro if the City did not want to violate contract terms. There was discussion on the consequences of withholding the cost of living adjustment. Within the union contracts held with the City, the adjustment is to be done effective January 1, 2013. The new Councilmembers cannot take their seats until January 7, 2013 per Minnesota Law.

There was comment regarding the years that the City had pay freezes and that there has also been a significant amount of costs cut throughout the years along with employees.

It was noted that the City Administrator elected to not receive the cost of living adjustment.

There was discussion on approving the cost of living adjustment for union employees only and the issue of inequality amongst union and non-union employees if this were to be done. There was further discussion about the possibility of another employee union forming if only union employees received the adjustment.

There was discussion regarding future budgeting and larger costs to the City such as health care. There was comment regarding negotiating future union contracts and the cost of living adjustments monetary impact are less significant compared to the high cost of health insurance benefits that are provided to employees.

There was comment regarding approving the cost of living adjustments and the issue of if the City wanted to stop cost of living adjustments in the future, it would be harder to do if the City were to approve the current cost of living adjustment.

Motion by Streiff, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-274 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Amendments to the City Code and Fee Schedule

a. An Ordinance 546 to Amend The Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 160, Fees

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 546 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution 2012-275 Adopting Fees Within the City of Isanti

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-275 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2012-276 Authorizing Staff to act on Escrow Accounts

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-276 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2012-277 Approving MNDOT Master Partnership Agreement Renewal

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2012-277 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2012-278 Authoring City Staff to Work on Community Center Task Force Recommendations and to Research and Apply for Grants

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-278 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 2012-279 Adopting a Repayment Agreement for Deferral of SAC and WAC fees for Development in the City of Isanti

Mayor Wimmer noted that with this agreement the City will receive all of their money and what happens is the City helps finance deals for the first few months and is then made whole; this agreement will make it a lot easier for new construction to occur within the City. Kennedy made comment that this agreement was a very good idea.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-279 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 2012-280 Authorizing Staff to Obtain Quotes for the Isantian Newsletter

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-280 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution 2012-281 Approving a Service Contract With TR Computer Sales

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-281 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution 2012-282 Amending the City of Isanti Personnel Policy, Section 10, Leaves, Workers' Compensation

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-282 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$413,498.75 and Payroll in the Amount of \$99,227.79
2. Final Minutes of the November 13, 2012 Planning Commission
3. **Resolution 2012-283 Accepting Public Works Director Patrick Meyer's Letter of Resignation**
4. **Resolution 2012-284 Authorizing Signatures for the Purpose of Accessing and Maintaining City Funds and Investments**
5. **Resolution 2012-285 Authorizing a Refund for Police Department Report Copy Fee**

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

Adjournment

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk