

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
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/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, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

**D. Adopt Agenda**

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

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

**1. Commendation to Ron Sager**

Mayor Wimmer recognized Police Chief Ron Sager for exemplary service to the City of Isanti from January 26, 1990 - February 27, 2014. Mayor Wimmer thanked Ron Sager for his hard work and dedication to the City of Isanti and its residents.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2014 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:

- **Bowling for Books at Junction Bowling Alley**
- **Heavenly Sunshine Tour of City Hall**
- **Friends of the Isanti Library**

- Book Sale
- **Fire District**
  - Met February 6<sup>th</sup> Regarding Special Taxing District

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Chamber Luncheon at Spectacular Events - Tuesday, February 19, 2014**
  - Mayor's State of the City Speech
- **2014 Artic Plunge**

**J. Public Hearings**

1. **Public Hearing in Regards to Repealing Resolution 2011-068 and Modifying the Enabling Resolution and Bylaws for the Economic Development Authority of the City of Isanti**
  - a. **Resolution 2014-023 Repealing Resolution 2011-068 and Modifying the Enabling Resolution and Bylaws for the Economic Development Authority of the City of Isanti**
  - b. **Resolution 2014-024 Amending Resolution 2014-002 Designating Committees and Representatives for City Commissions and Advisory Boards for Year 2014**

Mayor Wimmer reported that this would convert the EDA to a majority membership of the Council with two citizen representatives.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2014-023 and 2014-024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wimmer announced the first meeting of the newly constituted EDA would be Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

**K. Business Items**

1. **Denied Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Fairway Greens Addition Planned Unit Development to Combine Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, Fairway Greens Addition**
  - a. **Denied Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat for Arvold Addition**

Achman reported that the Arvold's are requesting to join two lots that they currently own in order to build a home they are designing. Mayor Wimmer noted usually the City does not allow this in developed areas. There was discussion amongst the Council in regards to SAC/WAC fees and the costs needing to be re-cooped. Larson made comment that she was pleased the couple chose Isanti to build their home, as they are from out of town. Mayor Wimmer recommended this be denied with the advisement that this be directed to DAC for further review.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to deny the request by the Arvold's with the recommendation that the Arvold's meet with DAC to further review this matter. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Resolution 2014-025 Approving to Advertise in the *Many Faces of Isanti County* Publication**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2014-025 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution 2014-026 Adopting 2014 EDA Marketing / Work Plan**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2014-026 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2014-027 Approving Purchase of Public Parking Signs**

Sullivan noted that both quotes received are the exact same in price. Mayor Wimmer stated he would recommend awarding the quote to Signs by Jill, because Signs by Jill has done volunteer work within the City and had recently donated a sign to the Community Center. Larson noted she would also like to award the quote to Signs by Jill, because of the donated work that has been done for the City.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2014-027 awarding the quote to Signs by Jill because of the donated work that has been done for the City. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consider Options for 236 Broadway St SE**

Mayor Wimmer stated the renters for the rental property on 236 Broadway St. SE are moving. Mayor Wimmer mentioned that there had been past discussions of purchasing properties within that business corner, however only one or two things have popped up over the years. Mayor Wimmer asked if the Council would be looking to hold on to 236 Broadway St. SE or if they would like to sell it. There was consensus that the Council would like more time to think about whether or not to sell the property. Mayor Wimmer made a recommendation to table this matter until March 4, 2014 EDA meeting.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to table this matter until the March 4, 2014 EDA meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution 2014-028 Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment**

Mayor Wimmer noted this is to purchase a Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader. The equipment would be used for sidewalk snow removal and other tasks.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2014-028 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution 2014-029 Amending the City of Isanti Water Tap Policy**

Mayor Wimmer stated there have been several issues with frozen pipes this winter - and only in the older areas of the City, mostly on Main Street, Broadway, and North Brookview. This is due to the unusually cold winter and the pipes not being placed far enough underground when they were installed. Mayor Wimmer noted the proposed amendment is only to clarify the City's position regarding the costs associated with frozen pipes. Mayor Wimmer explained if it is on the City's side of the connection, the City will pay for the expense/cost for the plumbing, but if it is on the property owner's side, it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2014-029 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$252,568.77 and Payroll in the Amount of \$84,460.85
2. Final Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting
3. **Resolution 2014-030** Approving Amendments to the Police Chief Job Description
4. **Resolution 2014-031** Accepting Part Time Liquor Store Clerk Danyette Phelps Letter of Resignation
5. Approval of Letter of Understanding Between Isanti County Public Health Services and the City of Isanti Relating to the Administration of Hepatitis B Vaccinations
6. **Resolution 2014-032** Authorizing Updates to the City Code

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

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk