

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.  
CITY HALL**

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilmembers Alan Duff, Ralph Johnson, and Sue Larson. Councilmember Jeff Kolb arrived at 4:43 p.m.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, Community Development Director Carla Vita, and Public Works Director Patrick Meyer

**Work Session Items**

**1. Interview Finalist for Professional Engineering Services**

Finalist as recommended by the Public Works Committee and approved by City Council in response to the RFP's received for Professional Engineering services for the City were as follows:

- BDM, P.L.C.
- Bolton & Menk
- MFRA
- Wenck

Each engineering firm was granted 30 minutes to answer five general questions and four questions specific to that firm. The engineering firms were brought before Council individually to allow fairness to all when they were asked the general questions and then the specific questions relating to their firm.

Firms were represented as follows:

BDM, P.L.C. - Brian Miller and Steve Winter.  
Bolton & Menk - Mr. De Wolf and Mr. Ken Adolf.  
MFRA - Bryan Oakley and Darin Ellingson  
Wenck - Vince Vander Top and Paul Eickenberg

The representatives present stated they were the engineers that would be the primary engineer to serve Isanti and would be present at Council meetings.

Each of the firms were informed that Council would be considering which firm would be offered to provide their services at the regular meeting that would start at 7:00 p.m. on this date.

## **2. Reader Board – Councilmember Duff**

Duff stated that he would like further consideration to have a reader board installed along Highway 65. Duff stated this will allow for another way to communicate with the residents and could act as another EDA tool. Duff stated he would like to see the board placed on the pedestrian bridge once it has been constructed. Members of the Council expressed concern if placing a reader board on the Pedestrian bridge would be allowed by MnDOT.

Council expressed interest to further explore a reader board concept and requested this is placed on the next EDA agenda for further discussion and consideration.

## **Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene J. Bauer  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk