

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
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 Paul Bergley, Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Sarah Cotton, Police Chief Gene Hill, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

**D. Adopt Agenda**

Addendum:

Add K.4 Resolution Approving MOU between the City of Isanti, Rum River BMX Association and Steel Structures, Inc.

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve the agenda 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 January 20, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council, the January 20, 2015 work session of the City Council, and the January 26, 2015 Goal Setting meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Mayor reported the City of Isanti met with Cambridge on the Cambridge – Isanti Bike Walk Trail. You'll see an addendum to that agreement coming forward dealing with some of the costs.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> we're going to be having our version of Oktoberfest for the two communities with events. You'll see more of that coming down the line.

Lundeen stated that the Fire District met and came to an agreement that we can look at restructuring the formula. When further information comes along he will forward that on.

**J. Public Hearings**

None.

**K. Business Items**

**1. Fire District and Levy**

Mayor Wimmer noted that we're in the district, unless someone here wants to make a motion to leave the district; we'll continue to be in the district. The levy portion will include taking a look at what we've been absorbing in cost. When it originally started we were at about \$87,000. Now what we're looking for is the projected cost going forward. We're also looking at separating out that levy amount as costs increase. So if costs increase the levy will increase, and if they decrease, that will be a direct decrease. You'll start seeing that as we are budgeting.

Wimmer wanted to clarify, there was a comment made about the City denying the Fire District use of the water tower. Staff looked into that comment and the City had received a request to use the water tower for training on a Thursday afternoon. The City responded that Friday morning that the request was something that had to be approved by the City Council and then also our insurance carrier, which is what happened the year before. We did approve it that year. There is no Council meeting between Thursday and Saturday, so we couldn't approve it. That message was communicated back to Assistant Fire Chief Jankovich. He informed us that they would find another location to do that training. The decision wasn't something the City was doing to try to punish the district, it was a timing issue.

Wimmer noted that Councilor Lundeen is going to continue attending the Fire District board meetings and work on these matters.

**2. Mosquito Spraying**

Mayor Wimmer noted that at the last meeting Councilor Collison had mentioned the chemicals used by the City of Cambridge are different. We have since found that they are basically the same chemicals. He stated that the Public Works Director had put forth a lot of the concerns about how the chemicals are used and how they are supposed to be used according to their data sheets. It's interesting that they say – do not allow cold fog products to drift onto surface waters, homes, gardens or other areas where people, pets or fish, and other aquatic organisms may be affected. That's kind of everywhere.

Collison noted that if you look at any MSDS, on any kind of chemical, it says the worst.

Wimmer stated that to use this in a way the Material Safety Data Sheet says not to use it, that has to put a certain amount of liability on the City. Wimmer noted that he had information from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture that outlines the penalties to businesses and communities for misuse of chemicals. Many of these chemicals are as simple as weed killer and fertilizer.

Johnson stated this puts a lot of liability on the City.

Lundeen noted that this doesn't seem financially feasible at this time. Residents don't want to see that cost passed on.

Collison stated he thought residents would be willing to pay that extra cost based on the people he's spoke to.

Wimmer stated Cambridge is not doing it correctly.

Collison responded that's a matter of opinion. It's not mandated by the state, Agricultural Department, or anybody, that they (municipalities) be licensed.

Wimmer noted that the Isanti staff that went to training and received their license said that the requirements are a lot different than what was conveyed and how it's used in Cambridge. Such as: providing each customer with a copy of the appropriate record.

Collison stated that's for private entities, not municipalities. If you're doing it for profit, the laws are a lot different.

Wimmer stated that when the City does something, they try to do it the way it's supposed to be done. Our guys have received the training and licensure. It's not required by law, but our guys are much better trained because they went through that process.

Collison stated that reading a book doesn't mean you won't make mistakes.

Wimmer stated that the issue is whether or not we're going to do it with people that are licensed and trained to do it in a certain way.

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to eliminate mosquito spraying. Motion carried 4-1 with Collison voting against the motion.

### **3. Ordinance 597 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 8 City Council, Article I, Advisory Boards**

Wimmer stated that the Planning Commission had a seat for someone from the township. This was practical when we had a lot of Tier One, which was primarily in the Isanti Township area. It's been other townships. We have not had an Isanti Township person in that seat, we have had a Bradford Township person in that seat. We are looking to change that position to a city resident position. Wimmer stated that when we get to the 2015 Goals, one of the goals is to create a joint advisory committee with Isanti, Cambridge and Isanti Township for when we start growing together. We would want an Isanti Township representative on that board.

Lundeen stated that someone from Isanti Township would be more apt to be on the City's Planning Commission than someone from Bradford Township.

Wimmer noted that we've grown into much of the Tier One area and the position has gone beyond its usefulness. That's why we are looking to move forward with this change. Wimmer further stated that it makes sense to have someone from a township you may grow into, but Isanti will not grow into Bradford Township.

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance 597 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2015-019 Approving an MOU between the City of Isanti, Rum River BMX Association and Steel Structures, Inc.**

Wimmer stated that the date for completion was supposed to be February 1<sup>st</sup>. It looks like it's going to be a week or two afterwards. This is to ensure the City still gets the same lease payments this year regardless of that. This way we are made whole.

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Resolution 2015-020 Approving the City Council Goals for Year 2015**

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-020 with the following amendments:

1. Host two public meetings to present the Pavement and Utility Management Plans on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Noon;

2. Send Cambridge an invite to work with the City of Isanti on the creation of a Joint Planning Advisory Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution 2015-021 Accepting the Quote for Publication of the City Newsletter for Year 2015-2017**

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2015-021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Acknowledge Receipt of Housing Needs Analysis for the East Central Regional Housing Collaborative and Isanti County Executive Summary**

Motion by Johnson second by Bergley acknowledging receipt of the Housing Needs Analysis for the East Central Regional Housing Collaborative and Isanti County Executive Summary. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution 2015-022 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with Holl Construction Company on Lot 4, Block 1, Sun Prairie First Addition**

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2015-022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Resolution 2015-023 Approving Amendment to General Lease for 236 Broadway St SE**

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-023 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$359,981.08 and Payroll in the Amount of \$82,963.44
2. Final Minutes of the November 25, 2014 Park, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting
3. **Resolution 2015-024** Approving to Proceed with the Application to Shakopee Mdewakanton Community Public Safety Grant
4. **Resolution 2015-025** Approving the Purchase of City Clothing
5. **Resolution 2015-026** Offering the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk to Ms. Raquel Rudolph-Swenson
6. **Resolution 2015-027** Approving Advertising for “The Many Faces of Isanti County” ECM, Inc. Publication

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

**Adjournment**

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Achman  
Community Development Director