

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 5, 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, 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, Planning and Parks Director Lisa Wilson and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

1. Addendum:
 - Add New 7a. Resolution of Support for the 2013 Safe Routes to School Grant Application for Sidewalks along County Road 5 NE
 - Add New K.10 Resolution Offering Public Works Director Position to Mr. Nicholas Fleischhacker

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 regular meeting and January 28, 2013 goal setting meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Mike Warring, 123 Cajima Street NE, stated there has been dirt and sand in his water periodically. Mayor Wimmer asked if Warring had contacted staff about this issue. Warring stated he had not contacted staff. Mayor Wimmer stated Warring should get in contact with staff right away when this happens so it can be looked into. Lorsung stated he would send out someone from Public Works tomorrow to look into this issue.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Fire District**
 - Audit
 - New duty crew program
- **Friends of the Isanti Library**
 - Upcoming book sale
- **GPS 45:93**
 - Rain fund meeting
 - Rapid response team
 - Tools for excellence
- **Trunk Highway 65 Meeting**
 - Knife Lake speed issue
 - Safety and preservation
- **Northern Lights Express (NLX)**
 - Station study
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Expo
 - City wide garage sale
 - Law day
- **Isanti Community Center Task Force**
 - Upcoming Lion's breakfast fundraiser

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Mayor's Reading Day**
 - Next year hopes to have more schools attend and for the Police and Fire District be involved as well

J. Public Hearings

1. Wellhead Protection Plan

DeWolf gave a brief summation of the wellhead protection plan and the two components of the plan that must be completed. DeWolf defined the wellhead protection area, informed the Council that notification has been given to all necessary agencies and discussed federal regulations and City compliance.

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

With no public comment, Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

K. Business Items

1. Resolution 2013-018 in Support of Special Legislation to Grant the Isanti Area Joint Operating Fire District Special Taxing Powers

Mayor Wimmer noted that this would benefit the City and Fire District quite a bit. Currently the City is the representative for the Fire District in regards to taxing, which places extra liability on

the City. This resolution will help the Fire District work towards operating as an independent taxing district. Larson stated this would shift the collection of tax dollars; instead of the City collecting it the County would collect it. The operation of the Fire District would not change.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2013-018 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$2,160,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds
a. Resolution 2013-019 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$2,160,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A, Pledging for the Security Thereof Special Assessments and Net Revenues and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof

Northland Securities Representative Paul Donna reviewed the financing of the general obligation refunding bonds and noted the refunding is for two bonds which have been placed into one offering. The refunding of the bonds would replace the current higher level interest rates with lower level interest rates. Donna announced four bids were received for the refunding; the best bid was from United Bankers Bank in Bloomington, MN with a true interest rate of 1.49%, which will end up in a net savings of \$100,025 for the City.

Donna added as part of the process for issuing the bonds, the City's credit rating was reviewed. The City did receive an A+ credit rating from Standard and Poor's. Donna made comment that the City has great household income levels in comparison to its peers and has strong financial operations with a strong fund balance.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-019 with United Bankers Bank for a true interest rate of 1.49%. Motion carried unanimously.

2. County Road 5 Addressing Update

Mayor Wimmer stated the Chamber held a public meeting with the Isanti County Sheriff's Department and that there was discussion on the pros and cons of possible resolutions to the addressing issue along County Road 5. Mayor Wimmer noted there was also talk of how a large issue, such as the addressing issue, needs to be more inclusive of local communities up front. Mayor Wimmer asked of Council if they had thought about the renaming of County Road 5. Mayor Wimmer discussed the possibility of the renaming process to happen through a contest held by the Chamber of Commerce, and that the best names could be brought to the Council for consideration, if the Council were to decide to rename County Road 5. Mayor Wimmer reviewed again the issue of the addressing on County Road 5, noting there is duplicate addressing which interferes with emergency response calls and may continue to cause problems with future growth.

There was discussion in regards to the effect readdressing would have on businesses and the costs associated with readdressing. Mayor Wimmer noted many residents and businesses will be affected with a change to County Road 5's name. The average cost to businesses for an address change would be around \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Collision asked what the time frame would be if County Road 5 was changed to a different name. Mayor Wimmer noted he was unsure, however once a decision is made he anticipates the change would be made fairly quickly.

There was further discussion on the effects of County Road 5's name being changed and the amount of time businesses would have to get everything switched over.

Mayor Wimmer stated he did talk to the County and requested of them, if the City does change the name of County Road 5, that they work to change the doughnut hole issues - where the City of Isanti surrounds land located in the township.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to move forward with the process of renaming County Road 5 and to ask of the County to work with the City on the doughnut hole issues. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2013-020 Approving City Council Goals for Year 2013

Mayor Wimmer asked of the Council if they had any questions on the goals for 2013. There was none.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2013-021 Adopting the 2013 EDA Marketing/Work Plan and Amending EDA Budget

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2013-022 Accepting Quote for Publication of the City Newsletter for 2013-2015

Mayor Wimmer noted the quote received remains the same as it has been for the past couple years.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2013-023 Authorizing City staff to Prepare and Submit the Application for the 2013 Solicitation of the Safe Routes to School Grant

a. Resolution 2013-024 of Support for the 2013 Safe Routes to School Grant Application for Sidewalks along County Road 5 NE

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2013-023 and 2013-024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution 2013-025 Appointing a Representative from the City of Isanti to Serve on the Isanti County Water Management Plan Task Force

Mayor Wimmer noted the City was just made aware of the startup of the Water Management Plan Task Force and asked of Council if any of them would like to sit on the task force, or if they

would like to delegate a staff member to sit on the task force. There was discussion that the Public Works Director, when one is hired, should sit on this task force.

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-025 appointing the Public Works Director to the task force. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 2013-026 Approving a Policy Regarding Incomplete Site Development Items

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution 2013-027 Offering Public Works Director Position to Mr. Nicholas Fleischhacker

Mayor Wimmer introduced the proposed resolution to hire Mr. Nicholas Fleischhacker as the Public Works Director. Mayor Wimmer touched on the many years of experience Fleischhacker has in public works along with his education and training, which made him stand out as a candidate. Mayor Wimmer noted Fleischhacker holds a class B water license and a class C wastewater collections license - explaining Fleischhacker will need to obtain his full class C wastewater license. Mayor Wimmer mentioned that Bolton and Menk has prepared a proposal to assist Fleischhacker in the training and attainment of his class C wastewater license. Mayor Wimmer made comment that due to the need of attainment of the C wastewater license Fleischhacker will start at the bottom of the pay scale. The proposed resolution approves both Fleischhacker's hire and training.

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-027 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$500,973.52 and Payroll in the Amount of \$146,757.43
2. Final Minutes of the November 27, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting
3. Final Minutes of the November 27, 2012 EDA Meeting
4. **Resolution 2013-028** Authorizing Part Time Police Officer Enrollment in the Police and Fire Plan of the Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association

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

Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk