

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 – 5:45 p.m.
CITY HALL**

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilor's Jeff Kolb, Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson, and Ross Lorinser.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Planner Lisa Krause, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

1. Transit Service along TH 65

Present were Kate Garwood, Anoka County Highway Department and Anoka County Commissioner's Erhart and Lang.

Garwood reported that they have received a bus grant and that this grant provides the opportunity to have transit service in Anoka County to the Blaine area. That with this grant they are looking at crossing boundaries from Anoka County into Isanti County that would allow for a better transit service.

Garwood stated that Isanti County is in MnDOT District 3 and that they are in the Metro District that creates a challenge to cross boundaries; that this makes it tougher but doable. That they would like to combine services with Heartland Express. That the Heartland Express service could go to the Anoka County Line or they could come into Isanti County; but this would take some working together in the exchanging of services.

Garwood stated that the funds are available for Federal Fiscal 2013 and that funds could be spent as early as October 2012. Garwood stated that she is looking for Isanti's support in crossing boundaries and combining services with Heartland Express. It was noted that Heartland Express is an Isanti County service. Garwood stated she would know more in the next five to six months and would stay in contact with the City.

There was general discussion on bus service coming into Isanti and the use of Park & Rides. It was noted that Isanti does not have a Park & Ride; however a designated location has been sited in the downtown development plans. It was stated that there is a location south of Main Street that could be used until a Park & Ride has been constructed to make bus services accessible.

Commissioner Erhart and Commissioner Lang made brief presentations to the Council in support of working with the City in bringing bus services to the area.

2. Snow Removal – Based on Citizen Concern at the 12-15-09 Council Meeting

Public Works Director Patrick Meyer was present and provided a general review of the snow plowing process in the downtown area. Meyer stated that they start snow plowing at 1:00 a.m. and work until done.

It was noted that the snow plowing process starts at an early time to provide for safe school routes, safe routes for citizens to get to their jobs, and for downtown businesses that open early.

There was general consensus that the snow plowing needed to start at an early hour to ensure that the roads were cleared.

Adjournment

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene J. Bauer
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk