

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
March 17, 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, Police Lieutenant Travis Muyres, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, and Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook

D. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson 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 Collison to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 regular meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Mr. John Almos of the Cambridge-Isanti High School approached the podium to inform the Council of the Cambridge Isanti School Districts Bluejacket Robotics team. A packet of information was provided to Councilors and staff. Mr. Almos explained the robotics program and how well the team has been performing. The team's performance has led to the opportunity to participate in a tournament in St. Louis; however, the team needs to raise the funds in order to travel and participate. Mr. Almos stated his reason for approaching the Council was to get the word out about the robotics team; not to ask the Council for money.

Mayor Wimmer stated he felt more funding needed to be placed behind educational pursuits such as the robotics program, which will be discussed with the school's Superintendent at tomorrow's regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Mr. Almos announced several fundraising events.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Bergley reported on ICICLE, stating that a local government tax information meeting night was discussed. They wanted all local government units to have a table there. Bergley indicated he was looking for direction from the Council on whether Isanti has an interest in having a table at the meeting.

Mayor Wimmer stated that many entities are having an issue with their chambers being packed with citizens complaining about their taxes. That hasn't been an issue that we've faced. Is that something (the meeting) that we want to go to? Who do we send to staff it? What are the expectations? These are just some of the questions that come up.

Bergley indicated that the expectation is that you're going to inform your public.

Mayor Wimmer stated he wanted to know what the obligation was and further asked City Administrator Don Lorsung what was covered at the ICICLE meeting.

Lorsung stated that the discussion was pretty generic. There was an idea of having a larger group, possibly having Isanti County Assessor Michelle Moen there to provide an initial presentation on the values around the county and how they've been increasing. Then everyone would split off and go to their individual tables.

Mayor Wimmer indicated that most of the people who have been upset have been at the other two entities meetings (School and County), not necessarily at ours. He informed the Council that it's looking to be a double digit increase for the City of Isanti in valuations. The Mayor further indicated he didn't see a huge benefit in staffing a local tax information meeting night and asked when the committee expected an answer.

Bergley stated that he expected the committee to discuss it at their next meeting. He went on to mention that Isanti will have a table, the question becomes: will we show up?

Mayor Wimmer noted that the Finance Committee would look at this further and decide whether to put something together. It's a solution to a problem we haven't had yet. Not to say that we won't have an issue this fall.

Mayor Wimmer stated that the City received word back from the Cambridge City Council that they are willing to move forward with a Joint Planning Advisory Board. Staff is working on putting that language together. Clark Joslin, Isanti City Attorney, has been assigned to put that agreement together. Don and Roxanne will be working with Mr. Joslin on that matter. The Council should be seeing something in the next meeting or two.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. Special Event Requests - BMX Events

- a. **Resolution 2015-056 Approving a Special Event Application for the MN State Championship Race**
- b. **Resolution 2015-057 Approving a Special Event Application for the MN State BMX Finals**
- c. **Resolution 2015-058 Approving a Special Event Application for the Gold Cup National Event Qualifier**

Motion by Collison second by Johnson to approve Resolutions 2015-056, 2015-057 & 2015-058 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Special Event Request - Cambridge Isanti Soccer Club: State Level Tournament

- a. **Resolution 2015-059 Approving a Special Event Application for the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club State Tournament**

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-059 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Special Event Request - Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club: Kohl's Cup

- a. **Resolution 2015-060 Approving a Special Event Application for the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club Kohl's Cup**

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2015-060 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License Renewals

- a. **Resolution 2015-061 Approving a Liquor License Renewal for Sanbrook Golf Course**
- b. **Resolution 2015-062 Approving a Liquor License Renewal for Wintergreens Golf & Grill**

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolutions 2015-061 & 2015-062 as presented for Sanbrook Golf Course and Wintergreens Golf & Grill. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **No Action Approving a Liquor License Renewal for Rum River VFW Post 2735**

There was no one present to represent the VFW. No action was taken on this item.

Mayor Wimmer thanked the gentlemen for being present and for running good establishments. He also noted it is important for the Council to see the faces that go with the establishments. That is why representatives are being asked to come to the meetings.

5. Pawnshop License Renewal

- a. **Resolution 2015-063 Approving a Pawnshop License Renewal to Northern Pawn, Inc.**

Motion by Bergley second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-063 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wimmer complimented the owner of Northern Pawn on the operation of his business and thanked him for being present.

6. Interview Applicant for a Vacant Seat on the Planning Commission

There are two open seats on the Planning Commission; an application was submitted by Greg Cesafsky. Greg Cesafsky was present and the City Council asked questions of Cesafsky relating to the Planning Commission.

a. Resolution 2015-064 to Appoint Candidate to fill an Open Planning Commission Seat and Hereby Amend Resolution No. 2015-002

Motion by Collison second by Johnson to appoint Cesafsky for a two year term and approve Resolution No. 2015- 064 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2015-065 Approving Parking Improvements at the Isanti Primary School

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2015-065 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Ordinance 599 Approving an Amendment to the Zoning Map to Rezone Parcel No. 16.095.0500 and 16.106.0110.

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Ordinance No. 599 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution 2015-066 Terminating of Developer Rights for Outlot A, Isanti Centennial Complex 4th Rearrangement

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-066 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution 2015-067 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J. Robinson Construction, LLC on Lot 10, Block 1, Villages on the Rum Third Addition Phase Three

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-067 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Resolution 2015-068 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J. Robinson Construction, LLC on Lot 13, Block 2, Villages on the Rum Third Addition Phase Three

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-068 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Resolution 2015-069 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J. Robinson Construction, LLC on Lot 7, Block 2, Villages on the Rum Third Addition Phase Three

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-069 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Resolution 2015-070 Authorizing the Submittal of a Joint Application to Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF)

Mayor Wimmer stated that this is for an application we received from Sno-Bear for a project here in Isanti. We act as the applicant with them. The funds come to the City of Isanti. We would be the ones using the funds in the agreement to help incentivize their relocation to Isanti. Basically it is State funds that the City acts as the fiscal agent for.

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-070 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

14. Approval to Renew a Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Cambridge

Motion by Johnson second by Bergley to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$236,443.07 and Payroll in the Amount of \$85,979.11
2. Final Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Economic Development Authority Meeting
3. Final Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting
4. Approval of a Donation Box at the Liquor Store for the MMBA "Help Our Local Animals" Supplies Drive
5. **Resolution 2015-071** Approving a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Rum River VFW
6. **Resolution 2015-072** Accepting Quote for Cleaning Services and Authorizing Entering Into a Contract for Cleaning Services
7. **Resolution 2015-073** Accepting Quote for Fire Extinguisher Services for the City of Isanti and Entering Into a Contract for Fire Extinguisher Services
8. **Resolution 2015-074** Authorizing the Purchase of an Investigator's Vehicle for the Police Department
9. **Resolution 2015-075** Approving a Donation from the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association to the City of Isanti Police Reserves

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

Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Achman
Community Development Director