

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MARCH 17, 2015
ISANTI CITY HALL**

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

Members Present: Mayor Wimmer, Councilors Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen, Dan Collison

Members Absent: Councilor Paul Bergley.

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, Finance
Director/Assistant City Administrator Sarah Cotton.

Councilor Paul Bergley arrived to the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Review of City Council Meeting Safety

Police Chief Gene Hill gave a presentation regarding dealing with upset Constituents and City Council Meeting Safety, in the instance of an active shooter situation. He shared that individuals that are angry should not be dismissed, but listened to so they know that they have been heard and if possible, have their needs met. Be engaged in the conversation and be calm. Allowing them to vent will go a long way to defusing the situation. Be clear and concise, use plain English and their name in conversing with them on any next steps, etc. However, be aware that sometimes there is no reasoning or next steps in dealing with a situation.

Chief Hill showed clips regarding the New Hope shooter situation and a prior instance when that individual appeared before the City Council regarding his concerns. Chief discussed the escalation and key words that were used by the individual in the prior appearance before the City Council. He then showed the shooting situation. He reviewed situation options for the City Council in event of an active shooter in the Council Chambers.

It was stressed that concerning activities by individuals inside or outside City Hall should be reported. Chief Hill addressed the rights of individuals and expectations of privacy by Councilmembers and Board members.

Mayor Wimmer discussed upcoming safety improvements in City Hall, and what neighboring communities were doing for City Council meeting safety.

Questions were addressed regarding permit to carry at Council meetings. It was also discussed that a permit to carry holder can defend another person.

Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Lorsung
City Administrator/City Clerk