

**CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
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, Council Members: Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Steve Lundeen, and Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources / City Clerk Katie Brooks, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Police Chief Gene Hill, Community Development Director Ryan Kernosky, Finance Director Mike Betker, and Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook

Others Present: Larry Merchlewitz, Sean Wilson, Jodi DeTomaso, Jill Hoffman, Tim Hoffman, Jeff Peter, Elizabeth Anderson, George Hemen, Carla Golden

D. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Collison, second by Lorinser to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

1. March 6, 2018 – Regular Meeting of the City Council

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

1. Park, Recreation, & Culture Board Meeting Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
2. City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Economic Development Authority Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
(Immediately following City Council Meeting)

I. Council Committee Reports

Mayor Wimmer mentioned that a mass email from the North 65 Chamber of Commerce had been sent out. The email cannot be responded to, nor can the Mayor or Councilmembers attend a private meeting as the email requested, since that would be an open meeting violation. The Chamber did meet with the Cambridge City Council and staff privately and asked Mayor Wimmer to step out of the room as they did so. Mayor Wimmer reiterated that it was not appropriate to have a closed or private meeting like that and there is a Chamber Liaison, which the Chamber needs to communicate through. Councilman Bergley suggested that it may be due to the new Chamber Director. Mayor Wimmer added that he would not be doing his State of the City Address at the Chamber luncheon since there was a fee to attend and would rather do an online version so anyone can listen to it.

During the discussion it was suggested that the Liaison position for the Chamber may need to be eliminated as other groups, such as the Rotary and the Lion's, are able to do great things without one.

Mayor Wimmer shared that he and Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan would be going to the League of Minnesota Cities and the capital to meet with a number of Senators and Representatives to discuss bills regarding Pre-Emption and the Retainage issue, which states that rather the City being able to hold funds back to ensure all projects are completed, the City will be required to pay back all funds upon "substantial" completion. This leaves no leverage to guarantee contractors complete all parts of a project, such as sod repair during a road project.

The Council has not heard back from the School District about the letter sent regarding the School Resource Officer. The District has shared they have an approximate 1.5 million dollar deficit and are looking for ways to implement cuts to close that gap. Mayor Wimmer remarked that when Officer Gau was hired in 2008, the City eliminated a full-time Administrative Assistant position to free up money for that to happen. This made things a little more difficult for City Hall staff, but the City prioritized safety and security.

Councilman Lundeen went back to the Retainage issue. He mentioned the additional example of construction done during the colder months when trees, plants, and sod could not be planted and driveways cannot be put in. If there was no retainage fee, many of these things would not be done at a later date.

Councilman Bergley asked if anyone had any thoughts regarding the upcoming Icicle meeting he plans on attending. Mayor Wimmer responded that he found the information the Superintendent put out regarding the incident interesting. He wondered what the point in saying everything went fine when it did not, which seems to be a troubling statement as to where the whole issue stands.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. Resolution 2018-062 Supporting Local Decision-Making Authority

This resolution was also passed last year and is in response to the State Legislature eroding local decision-making authority and concentrating it in the Legislature's hands.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2018-063 Approving the Transition Plan for the City Administrator Position

Motion by Collison, second by Bergley to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 2018-064 Approving a Special Event Application for BMX Race for Life and DK Gold Cup Qualifier Event

Larry Merchlewitz, Community Outreach Director with the Rum River BMX Association, explained that this is a two-day event. The first day is a Race for Life and the majority of the registration of the registration fees collected for this event will benefit the Cancer Society. The second day is the Gold Cup Qualifier where riders from numerous states will compete. Between 700-800 people are expected to attend the events each day. Promotional City bags with information about local businesses will be handed out at the events. Mr. Merchlewitz shared that this is the third year the Isanti track has been number one in the United States. Mayor Wimmer remarked that it is quite an accomplishment for Rum River BMX and gets the City's name out which is great for everybody.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

City Administrator Don Lorsung

- 4. Resolution 2018-065** Approving A Conditional Use Permit Authorizing Antenna Replacements and Upgrades for Sprint Wireless for the Tower Located At 601 E Dual Blvd NE – Isanti Water Tower

Motion by Lorinser, second by Bergley to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 5. Resolution 2018-066** Authorizing Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Community Pride Bank for Banking Services from April 1, 2018 Through March 31, 2021

Motion by Bergley, second by Collison to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

City Engineer Brad DeWolf

- 6. Resolution 2018-067** Authorizing Engineering Services for Clarifier Rehabilitation Work
Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook explained this item was adopted in the Asset Management Plan. This is regular maintenance with the work occurring while the clarifiers are already out-of-service.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

- 7. Resolution 2018-068** Authorizing Engineering Services for Storm Pond Maintenance Work

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$168,584.54 and Payroll in the amount of \$99,330.47
2. Final Meeting Minutes for the February 7, 2018 Economic Development Authority Meeting
3. **Resolution 2018-069** Authorizing Staff to Seek Help with Economic Development/Marketing Activities Through Providing a Paid Internship Opportunity and Accepting A \$1,000 Scholarship from The Minnesota Economic Development Foundation
4. **Resolution 2018-070** Approving Donation Box at Liquor Store for the MMBA Food Drive
5. **Resolution 2018-071** Amending the Holiday Policy as it Relates to the Liquor Store Policies
6. **Resolution 2018-072** Authorizing Staff to Apply to Become a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Greencorps Host Site
7. **Resolution 2018-073** Updating the Volunteer Policy for Movie Nights at the Isanti Community Center
8. **Resolution 2018-074** Authorizing the Creation of a Special Revenue Fund Entitled Isanti Indoor Arena Revenue Fund for the City of Isanti
9. **Resolution 2018-075** Authorizing Interfund Loan

Motion by Bergley, second by Lundeen to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

M. Other Communications

1. Draft Minutes of the March 6, 2018 Economic Development Authority Meeting
2. February Police Department Report
3. February Code Enforcement Report
4. February Building Inspector Report
5. March Engineering Report

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Bergley, second by Lorinser. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeannifer Anderson
Administrative Data Clerk