

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
April 5, 2011
Isanti City Hall**

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Bauer administered the Oath of Office to the following official elected at the March 15, 2011 Special Municipal Election:

Steve Lundeen - City Council

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilors Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson, Steve Lundeen, and Ross Lorinser.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, City Planner Lisa Wilson, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards.

1. Mayor's Proclamation of the "Week of the Young Child"

Mayor Wimmer read the proclamation for the 'Week of the Young Child' that is April 10 – 16, 2011.

2. Presentation of Arctic Plunge Check to Senior Dining

Mayor Wimmer presented a check in the amount of \$1,150.00 to Isanti Senior Dining to Helen Remmer representative for Senior Dining. The check was from part of the fundraising proceeds from the Arctic Plunge.

F. Approve Minutes

Motion by Larson, second by Lorinser to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council and the March 22, 2011 City Council Canvass Board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input.

H. Announcements - Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on the following meetings she had attended:

- Fire District

- Rescue / Medical Truck
 - 800 mhz radio grant
 - 2011 fund raising
- ICICLE
 - Warning siren upgrade – 2 bids received
 - Emergency management training
- Community Awareness Forum
 - April 7th
 - Transportation
- North Trunk Hwy 65 Coalition
 - Signage replacements
 - Transit
 - A minimum number of 50 passengers would be needed for public transit service for the service to be viable
- Friends of the Isanti Area Library
 - Fundraising
 - Plaque will be placed in the Library Link in memory of Ralph Johnson who built and donated the book shelves for the Link Site
- GPS 45:93 – ECRDC
 - Financial Resource Summit was held last Wednesday

Council Lorinser made comment on the North Highway 65 Coalition on destinations for commuters. That commuters from the area go in many various directions and stated it may be difficult to obtain the required minimum number of passengers of 50 that would be needed for public transit service.

J. Public Hearings

There were none.

K. Business

1. Resolution No. 2011-067, a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2011-02, a Resolution Designating Committees and Representatives for City Commissions and Advisory Boards for Year 2011

Mayor Wimmer stated there was a need to amend Resolution No. 2011-02 to appoint the newly elected City Council Member Steve Lundeen to the appointments that were held by Interim Councilor Louise Duff.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-067 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2011-068, a Resolution Repealing Resolution 2009-224 and Modifying Enabling Resolution and Bylaws for the Economic Development Authority of the City of Isanti

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2011-068 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Reconsider the 2011 Street & Utility Improvement Project

Mayor Wimmer stated that the 3-2 vote received at the March 16th City Council meeting was not enough votes to approve the 2011 Street Improvement project; that a minimum vote of 4-1 was needed. The matter has been brought back to City Council for further consideration.

Larson inquired if there was a breakdown of cost done to do just 4th Avenue SW. It was noted that direction was not given at the March 16th meeting for the City Engineer to do so.

It was stated that comparisons have been done from the previous 2007 project and for the current project and that the assessments for the 2011 project were four to five thousand dollars more ~~less~~ for the affected properties than what is proposed for the 2011 project. It was noted that the current project is proposed with narrower streets than what was proposed for the 2007 project.

There was review and discussion on the additional costs to do a lesser project now and in the future do the balance of the project. It was stated that there would be an approximate ten percent increase in mobilization costs if the current project was reduced in size.

There was comment that some of the old clay tile may not be deteriorated and would not be in need of replacement at this time. There was review and discussion on the current condition of the sewer infrastructure; and that the City would be taking a gamble by doing only 4th Avenue SW now and waiting to do the balance of the project at a later date.

Wimmer stated that his position on the project has not changed; that to split up the project is at a greater cost to the City and the affected property owners.

It was questioned by Kennedy what if the citizens cannot pay for the improvement? There was a reply that it may be a struggle for some of the citizens; however the situation will not improve if there is an increase to the project cost in the future.

Larson stated that she is not in favor of doing the whole project. That the City must be cognizant of where we are spending City dollars, that it is not right to do the whole project if only a part of the project needs to be done now.

Motion by Larson to move forward with the improvement of only 4th Avenue SW; and seconded by Lundeen.

There followed brief discussion on the 4th Avenue SW sewer issues and the cost for the repairs, and that there may be other areas that will experience the same sewer issues in the near or not so distant future that will cause sewers to backup in residents homes. That it is a gamble that the City will take if the whole project is not done now, and in the end when the balance of the project is done it will cost the affected property owners more.

There was ongoing discussion on the possible condition of the clay sewer pipe in the balance of the project area. Also, to delay in the bidding process will most likely result in higher bids.

DeWolf stated that he recommends that if the size of the project is reduced that it includes 4th Avenue SW and east on Elizabeth Street SW to 2nd Avenue SW that will include the storm sewer. Larson and Lundeen agreed to amend the motion accordingly.

Dave Denker, 204 4th Avenue SW – asked if the storm sewer can go the other direction. This was reviewed with DeWolf and DeWolf stated that he would not propose that as that area has been done.

Kathleen Mattson – 108 3rd Avenue SW – stated that there has been discussion should the City do just one part of the project and that there is talk about having to rip it up again, wouldn't only a little on the ends be ripped up? Wimmer responded that only the ends (intersections) would be ripped up again for a final improvement to those areas and that this will bring additional expense to the projects.

Mattson also commented if there is a need for curb and gutter on 3rd Avenue SW, as she does not see standing water on her street and would not see a need for the curb and gutter. Mattson stated that the mailman will not deliver mail on her street.

Mayor Wimmer called for a final vote on the motion (made by Larson, seconded by Lundeen) to do a smaller project that included 4th Avenue SW and east on Elizabeth to 2nd Avenue SW. Motion failed with a 2-3 vote (Wimmer, Lorinser, and Kennedy opposed)

a. Resolution Ordering the 2011 Street & Utility Improvements Project and Preparation of Plans

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve the Resolution Ordering the 2011 Street & Utility Improvements Project and Preparation of Plans. Motion failed with a 3-2 vote (Larson and Lundeen opposed)

4. Resolution No. 2011-069, a Resolution Approving the Loan Application for the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Funded Water System Improvements

DeWolf gave a staff report whereas the loan application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) for the water system improvement projects requires the City Council pass a resolution; and the resolution is to be submitted to the PFA. The resolution basically states that the City has the administrative, legal and financial means to repay the loan and operate the system improvements, and that the City may reimburse itself from the loan proceeds for any construction expenditures that may occur before the bond financing is totally in place.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-069 as presented.

5. Resolution No. 2011-070, a Resolution Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) for Evaluation of Older Storm Sewer Subwatershed Areas within the City

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2011-070 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution No. 2011-071, a Resolution Authorizing to Enter into an Agreement with Optum Health for Flexible Spending Account Administration

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2011-071 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution No. 2011-072, a Resolution Adopting the 2011 Comprehensive Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2011-072 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution No. 2011-073, a Resolution Approving the Park Name of 'Legacy Park' for the New Passive Park Area Located within VOR 3rd Addition, 2nd Replat, Park Addition

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-073 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9 Resolution No. 2011-074, a Resolution Accepting the Cost Estimate Provided by Bolton and Menk for the Boundary Survey of the City Park Area (Outlot A) within VOR 3rd Addition, 2nd Replat and Authorizing the Use of Park Funds

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-074 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Lorinser inquired why the park area would have to be surveyed as it is already platted. DeWolf stated that the park boundary is not staked and must be done so that any improvements that occur stay within the park boundary.

10. Resolution No. 2011-075, a Resolution Approving the Request from Mr. Kevin Johnson, Managing Partner on Behalf of Banksite Developer, for a Second (Final) Extension for the Final Plat for Banksite 2nd Addition

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2011-075 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Review of Community Meetings

Mayor Wimmer presented the feedback that had been received at the Community Meetings and stated that there was some interesting discussions that took place. That the overall feeling that came from the meetings was that citizens seemed to be happy with what the City is doing. That there were not a whole lot of real negative comments made, that the comments made were fairly constructive in conveying considerations and changes the City might make. The outcome of the meetings will be reviewed as the City goes through the upcoming budgeting process. Mayor Wimmer stated that he does not foresee that there will be major cuts needed at this time as the City goes through the budget process; however the outcome from the Community Meetings is good background information to have if it comes to the point of having to make cuts.

12. Consider Resolution No. 2011-076, a Resolution Accepting Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer's Letter of Resignation

Mayor Wimmer stated that Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk has provided her notice of retirement effective September 2, 2011.

Mayor Wimmer, Lorinser, and Lundeen made comment on Bauer's tenure with the City and the good job and the work load she has performed over the years.

Wimmer stated that the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the position and any changes to the position will be approved by City Council; the intent is to have the position filled prior to Bauer leaving so the new employee can shadow Bauer for six to eight weeks.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-076 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amounts of \$240,773.81 and Payroll in the Amount of \$144,928.62
2. Approval of February 22, 2011 Park and Recreation Board Minutes
3. Approval of February 22, 2011 EDA Minutes
4. **Resolution No. 2011-077**, a Resolution Approving ABM Equipment & Supply Quote for Repair to Vactor Tank
5. **Resolution No. 2011-078**, a Resolution Approving Safety Programs/Policies
6. Isanti Rodeo Association Request to Close Unity Park Ball Field July 8th and 9th
7. Krayola Kids Site Plan/Building Appearance Modifications
8. **Resolution No. 2011-079**, a Resolution Approving Submittal of the Completed Minnesota Business Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Application
9. **Resolution No. 2011-080**, a Resolution Approving First Amendment to Development Agreement

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:53 p.m. Wimmer announced that the Council would go into a brief recess to clear out the Chambers and that Council would then go into closed session to discuss the Public Work's 49's labor negotiations.

At 7:56 p.m. City Council went into closed session.

N. Closed Session

1. Labor Negotiations

At 8:06 p.m. Council came out of closed session. Mayor Wimmer requested City Attorney Clark Joslin provide a summary of the closed session.

Joslin stated that as noted in the agenda, the closed session was held for the purpose of discussion on labor negotiations. There was review and discussion on the current status of the Public Works International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49.

There was discussion on the initial proposal that was proposed by the 49'rs at the March 28, 2011 Personnel Committee meeting.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to direct the Personnel Committee to move forward on behalf of the City Council to continue the bargaining process. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene J. Bauer
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk