

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 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, Human Resources/ Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Gene Hill, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Add New K. 4 Approval for Mayor Wimmer to Attend the LMC 2015 Annual Conference
Renumber Remaining Items K. 5 - K. 10

Motion by Collison second by Johnson to approve the agenda with the addendum as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

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

Mayor Wimmer proclaimed that April 12th through April 18th, 2015 will be recognized as the *Week of the Young Child* and encouraged all citizens to work to make an investment in early childhood in Isanti, MN.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting, March 17, 2015 work session, and March 26, 2015 special meeting of the City Council.
Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Mayor Wimmer thanked Commissioner Warring, Sheriff Caulk, Chief Deputy Lovering, Chief Hill, and Lieutenant Muyres for participating in a meeting with one of Isanti's Neighborhood Watch Groups.

Mayor Wimmer noted that the school district's test scores were reviewed at a Community Education Board Meeting and that there is a difference in scores between the Isanti and Cambridge students. Isanti student scores are lower. The City will be further looking into this and what is causing the discrepancy in scores.

Paul Bergley reported on the Public Works Committee meeting. The City will be filling in the roadway adjacent to the railroad with gravel from Main Street down south to Broadway. This should ideally help get water off of the road.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. **Resolution 2015-077 Approval of an On-Sale 3.2 Liquor License, Wine License, and Sunday Sales for MOMS Food Corporation, City Center Market dba The Green Table**

Hans Christensen, a representative of City Center Market/The Green Table, was present and noted that The Green Table plans to focus on serving local beers and wines.

Motion by Johnson second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2015-077 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Resolution 2015-078 for Approval of a Strong Beer License for MOMS Food Corporation, City Center Market dba The Green Table**

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-078 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Compost Site Discussion**

Mayor Wimmer stated staff met with the local garbage haulers; many haulers take compost. If the City were to shut down the compost site, citizens would need to contact their garbage hauler for disposal of their compost. It will cost around \$11,000 to get the compost site cleaned up. There would be new additional costs with keeping the site open. Due to new requirements, the site's compost would now need to be tested if it were to stay open. The City will still need to do some type of fencing regardless if the site stays open or not. The current compost is not useable and would need to be sorted through and tested before the City would be able to allow citizens to have compost. The City would need to monitor the compost site if it were to remain open to make sure only appropriate composting items would be placed in. This would cost more money and staff time.

There was discussion amongst the Council that if there is a strong desire to reopen the facility this could always be reviewed at a later date.

Motion by Bergley second by Johnson to approve option #3 for the compost site - to discontinue public operation of the compost site as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval for Mayor Wimmer to Attend the LMC 2015 Annual Conference

Mayor Wimmer requested approval to attend the 2015 League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) annual conference in Duluth. Mayor Wimmer also noted that he would like the Council to revisit the training amounts allocated to each Councilmember. Currently, each Councilmember has \$500 for training for the entire year - this does not even cover the costs for Mayor Wimmer to attend the 2015 LMC Conference. Mayor Wimmer requested to have the total cost for this conference to be covered by the City.

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Mayor Wimmer's attendance at the 2015 LMC Conference, to approve to total cost of the conference to be covered by the City, and to approve looking into adjusting the training budget for Councilmembers. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2015-079 Approving to Enter Into an Agreement with Isanti County to Administer SSTs Program

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-079 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2015-080 to Return Portion of TIF 10 Fund Balance to Isanti County for Redistribution

Mayor Wimmer noted that this is to authorize the City to return \$160,000 from the TIF fund back to the County. \$63,000 of that amount is anticipated to be returned to the City.

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2015-080 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. City Hall Parking Lot Expansion – Status Update

Finance Committee met to review funding for the parking lot expansion. Mayor Wimmer explained the money reserved for the Community Center will be used to fund the parking lot over at the Community Center, and the City will be taking the \$63,000 returned to the City from the County from the TIF fund to help cover that funding gap for the City's parking lot. Mayor Wimmer noted this parking lot will also be an overflow lot for BMX facility and soccer fields; there will be a shuttle between the overflow parking lot and the BMX facility and soccer fields.

Motion by Lundeen second by Collison to authorize completion of the plans and specifications for the City Hall parking lot expansion as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Engineering Proposal to Address the MS4 Permit Requirements

DeWolf noted since the City is now designated as an MS4 community and asked of the Council to approve the engineering proposal to address the new MS4 permit requirements.

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

9. Feasibility Study for Sidewalk Infill on Whiskey Road

Mayor Wimmer stated the City has nothing currently budgeted for this. Mayor Wimmer recommends approaching the landowners first to get the easements (if possible), and then once that's worked out, to start looking at doing a feasibility study.

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to deny the feasibility study at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution 2015-081 Authorizing the City Hall Phone System Upgrade Project

Motion by Johnson second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2015-081 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$318,320.65 and Payroll in the Amount of \$83,135.88 and 1st Quarter Council and Commission and Board pay in the Amount of \$10,678.11
2. Pay Request No. 7 for the Isanti Indoor Arena in the Amount of \$80,983.70
3. Final Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
4. **Resolution 2015-082** to Approve a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License and a Gambling Permit for St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
5. **Ordinance No. 600** Amending Chapter 227 Parking and Storage
6. **Resolution 2015-083** Net Motion Software – Squad Cars
7. **Resolution 2015-084** Ending Probationary Period and Promotion to Permanent Employee Status for Utility Billing Clerk Shayna Forster
8. **Resolution 2015-085** Ending Probationary Period and Promotion to Permanent Employee Status for Chief of Police Gene Hill
9. **Resolution 2015-086** to Declare Certain Property as Surplus and Authorize It's Disposal

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/ Deputy City Clerk