

MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETING
APRIL 7, 2015
CITY HALL

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Wimmer, Councilors Paul Bergley, Adam Johnson, Steven Lundeen, and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Police Chief Gene Hill, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

B. Opening Remarks

Mayor Wimmer opened the Community meeting and noted that no members of the public were present.

C. Presentation of Pavement and Utility Management Plans

City Engineer Brad DeWolf briefly went through the presentation of the pavement and utility management plans. Below are some highlights:

Pavement Management Plan

- Many streets in Isanti currently need maintenance of some form
- Maintenance has not been performed for the past 5 years
- Current conditions, the proposed maintenance, and budget plan/ options were reviewed
- Maintenance costs versus reconstruction costs were reviewed
 - Over time maintaining the roads will lead to savings
 - Reconstruction costs are more expensive than maintenance costs
- Combined total for the pavement cost summary: \$9,252,163
 - \$6,884,499 local funding
 - \$2,367,633 MSA funding
- Local funding options were reviewed
- A 10 year pavement plan implementation is recommended

Asset Management Plan

- Having an asset management plan helps with better decision making and financing long-term capital improvements
- Core components of the asset management plan include things such as level of service, asset inventory, critical assets, life cycle costs, and financing
- The water treatment facility and its current conditions were reviewed
 - Built in 2008
 - Structure and equipment are in good condition
 - Wells have adequate capacity

- Meeting water quality standards and goals
- Review of capital improvement plan for the water treatment facility & financing
- The wastewater treatment facility and its current conditions were reviewed
 - Built in 1996
 - Some structures require immediate repair
 - NPDES permit expires in 2017
 - Meeting current NPDES permit requirements
- Assets with the highest criticality for the wastewater treatment system were reviewed
- The annual allocation plan for the wastewater treatment facility was reviewed

It was also noted that this summer the County plans to start road reconstruction on CSAH 23/Whiskey Road.

Johnson and DeWolf held a conversation in regards to low priority roads significantly decreasing in quality and then needing repairs sooner than other roads currently listed as a higher priority on the pavement maintenance plan. The potential for this is rare, unless there is a high increase in heavy traffic from trucks due to something such as a new industry in town. DeWolf also explained that the roads will be monitored every two years to make sure there are no significant changes in terms of maintenance needed to the roads.

D. Presentation of Financial Information

Mayor Wimmer reviewed the current financial information for the City, below are the highlights:

- The 5 year revenue plan was reviewed
- The County anticipates the City's valuations to go up 15% this year
- Loss of money to the City due to tax statement challenges
- Revenue shortfalls for the City in terms of vacant lots
 - City portion of tax for an undeveloped lot is around \$100
 - City portion of tax for a developed lot is around \$1,000
- The City is looking at doing the pavement management plan with a portion of the funding from franchise fees
- The City's current assessment policy was reviewed
 - 25% cost assessed to property owners for reconstruction or resurfacing projects
- Planned/potential funding sources for the water and wastewater treatment facility improvements were reviewed
 - 2015 GO utility revenue bonds
 - Utility rate study in 2015 (establish rates for 2016 -2020)
- Review of estimated debt service payment for water and sewer

Mayor Wimmer asked the Council if they had any questions. There were none.

Mayor Wimmer reiterated that no one showed up for the April 7, 2015 Community meeting and mentioned that there will be another Community meeting on April 10, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

Adjournment

Motion by Johnson, second by Collison to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

The April 7, 2015 Community Meeting ended at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/ Deputy City Clerk