

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2012  
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 Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson and Steve Lundeen

Members Absent: Councilor Ross Lorinser

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Ron Sager, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Planning and Parks Director Lisa Wilson, City Engineer Brad DeWolf, Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook and Finance Director Sarah Cotton

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards**

**1. Mayor's Employer Celebration Day – June 20, 2012**

Mayor Wimmer read the Employer Celebration Day Proclamation.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2012 City Council Meeting and Closed Session Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **East Central Regional Library Board**
  - Cambridge Library Friends raised money in support of keeping the library open on Saturdays over the summer
- **Isanti Community Center Task Force**
  - Booth at Jubilee Days
  - Presentations to Council before budget talks

- **Liquor Committee**
  - Advertising
- **Anoka Ramsey Community College Advertising Committee**
  - Tour of new health and wellness center
  - Violence and bullying presentation
- **Highway 65**
  - Resurfaced sections
  - Lane closures expected for 2015
- **School Resource Officers**
  - Upcoming presentation on bullying and cyber bullying
  - Discussion on planning
- **East Central Regional Development Commission**
  - Upcoming annual meeting
- **Chamber of Commerce**
  - Downtown planters planted
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Rodeo and Jubilee days July 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

## **J. Public Hearings**

### **1. Resolution 2012-108 Approving Spending Plan for the Use of Tax Increments to Stimulate Construction**

Sullivan reported that the project, Pat's Small Engine Expansion (Duncanson Enterprises, LLC) has an estimated tax market value of \$130,000 which will result in approximately \$6,000 in new annual taxes. The project estimates it will create 2-3 new jobs with wages starting between \$10-12/hour. Both EDA and DAC have reviewed the project and proposed assistance package and recommends approval for the spending plan. The project, if approved, would receive \$16,500 of TIF assistance.

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

With no discussion Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Larson made comment that it is exciting to see a small business that needs to expand.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-108 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Resolution 2012-109 Authorizing Nuisance Abatement on Part of a Property Identified by PID # 16.098.0010, owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, located within the City of Isanti, Isanti County, Minnesota**

Mayor Wimmer noted he would like to have a time frame set in place that the property must be cleaned up by. Mayor Wimmer asked City Attorney Joslin if the end of the day on May 31, 2012 would be appropriate; Joslin confirmed it would be.

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

With no discussion Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Larson inquired if the rest of the area would be cleaned up as well. Mayor Wimmer stated this clean-up would only be for the debris from the fire.

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2012-109 contingent upon having the property cleaned up by May 31, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **K. Business Items**

##### **1. Resolution 2012-110 Approving a Special Event Application for the Minnesota State BMX Finals**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-110 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **2. Resolution 2012-111 Approving the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application; Providing City Services; Approving Temporary Sign; and Waiving Temporary Sign Application Fee; and Street Closures**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-111 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **3. Discussion Regarding Northern Lights Express (NLX) Alliance Presentation**

Larson stated she would like to request a presentation from the Northern Lights Express Alliance in regards to safety and the high speed train that will be running through Isanti. The high speed train will run from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Duluth, Minnesota. Larson recommends a presentation be done before the plans for the high speed train go any further and indicated a letter will need to be sent out requesting that Ken Buehler from the NLX Alliance come to Isanti for a safety presentation.

There was discussion that the presentation should be during the day. Mayor Wimmer noted that it will need to be looked into further so that a majority of those affected by the high speed train will be able to attend the presentation and ask questions.

Mayor Wimmer asked how long the presentation would take. Larson stated it would take around 20 minutes. Mayor Wimmer made comment that at least 30 – 45 minutes would need to be allowed so that way after the presentation questions could be asked and answered.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to have a letter sent to the Alliance requesting for a presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **4. Ordinance 532 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 227 Parking and Storage**

Mayor Wimmer made comment that the amendment removes “thereof for camping purposes” from the ordinance; this would prohibit such vehicles from parking on City right-of-way.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Kennedy to approve Ordinance No. 532 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Resolution 2012-112 Approving the Interim Use Permit as Requested by Minnco Credit Union to Permit Temporary Motor Vehicle Sales on the Properties Located at 309 and 311 Credit Union Drive NE**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-112 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Site Plan/Building Appearance and Easement Vacation Request from Pat Duncanson, on Behalf of Pat's Small Engine, LLC to Allow for a Building Addition on the Property Located at 6810 E Dual Blvd NE**

**a. Resolution 2012-113 Approving the Vacation of a Drainage & Utility & Pond Easement Pertaining to Lot 1, Block 1 Isanti Centennial Complex 3<sup>rd</sup> Rearrangement**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-113 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Resolution 2012-114 Approving the Site Plan/Building Appearance to Construct an Addition on to the Existing Structure for Pat's Small Engine Located on the Property at 680 E Dual Blvd NE**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-114 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution 2012-115 Approving the Preliminary Plat for Banksite 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-115 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution 2012-116 Approving the Creation and Use of QR Codes for the City of Isanti**

Given the length of the rules for the signs that will sit on the ends of the bike/walk trail a QR code was created for Council review. It is recommended that a QR code is placed on the signs. Trail users would be able to scan the code and be linked to the full version of the bike-walk trail rules. QR codes could be used for links to other City information as well.

Kennedy stated that this was a great idea.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-116 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Resolution 2012-117 Awarding Contract for Removal of Hazardous Conditions on Tax ID 05.032.3200 (Towns Edge Road SE)**

Sullivan stated there are two levels of clean-up. The first level is to push the building over and leave it lay. The second level is to push the building over and remove the debris.

Kennedy suggested Hanson Homes as they are the lowest responsible bidder.

Mayor Wimmer suggested that the second level of clean-up should be done for public health issues.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-117 with Hanson Homes for both parts of the clean-up. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Resolution 2012-118 Providing Written Notice of Default to C.L. Hough, LLC**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-118 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Review of Traffic Study**

Mayor Wimmer noted that a traffic study was requested to be done by the City Council at the Goal Setting Session. Chief Sager stated the study was done by two methods to ensure accuracy. A radar unit was used to collect readings in addition to student service officers physically standing outside and checking readings. The student service officers watched each moving vehicle and checked the radar speed against its visible speed. Two methods were used because sometimes the radar units give false reports. Chief Sager noted that Main Street was not as active in speeding as reported but that there are areas of concern for speeding near the primary school, Towns Edge and Whiskey Road South.

Mayor thanked Chief Sager for doing the traffic study and to work on the above stated areas.

**12. Resolution 2012-119 Approving a Gambling Premise Permit Application from Cambridge Drift Dusters at Northland Gas Station**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2012-119 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Resolution 2012-120 Establishing Dates for the Canvass Board Meetings**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-120 with the canvassing dates set as follows:

- Primary: Friday, August 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
- General: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. - Before Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Proposed 2013 Budget Calendar**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve the proposed 2013 Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$296,329.94 and Payroll in the Amount of \$69,258.48
2. Final Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting
3. **Resolution 2012-121** Approving the Modifications to the Site Plan/Building Appearance Approval as Requested by Father Jose Edayaidiyil, On Behalf of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Located on the Property at 207 Whiskey Road NW
4. **Resolution 2012-122** Approving Election Training Services for the Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk
5. **Resolution 2012-123** to Authorize Disposal of Forfeited Property – Vehicles

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

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk