

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 5, 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, Finance Director/ Assistant City Administrator Sarah Cotton, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Police Chief Gene Hill, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Add New L.6 Resolution Accepting Donation From the Isanti Soil And Water Conservation District for City of Isanti

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Allen Garber – 1223 Blossom Blvd NW – Garber asked if the City had any plans to re-open or re-locate the compost site.

Mayor Wimmer informed Garber that the original motion left room for discussion on re-opening the site once it was secured and evaluated. It most likely will not be re-opened this year if it does reopen. It was closed because it was not being used properly. The compost that was created was essentially contaminated. It wasn't something residents could use. Mayor Wimmer further

stated that the City is looking at roughly \$11,000 to clean up the site. The City has run-off and pollution control standards that need to be met as well. There is a long list of things that need to be addressed and complied with before it could be opened again. Mayor Wimmer indicated that he did not see it re-opening at all in 2015 if it ever does re-open.

Garber stated that as a resident he must now use plastic bags for his yard waste. Plastic bags are not good for the environment. The other choice is to burn the leaves, which also has safety and environmental concerns. Garber asked that the City Council open it in the future for limited periods, having it monitored, and perhaps having it posted.

Mayor Wimmer stated that it comes down to the costs and the functionality of it. If it were to be re-opened it would need to be a secure site. Unfortunately, people have turned it into a dump site. Mayor Wimmer stated that options such as passes and limited operating hours have been looked at. The City of Isanti is the only one who has had a facility like this in the area. Re-opening it would take a significant investment and it's something that would need to be budgeted for.

Garber reiterated that it is an important part of the community.

Mayor Wimmer stated that residents are allowed to compost on their property.

Theresa Hanson – 28674 Verdin St NW- Approached the City Council and was informed that she was not a resident of the City of Isanti. Ms. Hanson wanted to know who to contact regarding flies from nearby fields.

Mayor Wimmer stated he would meet with Ms. Hanson after the City Council meeting to direct her to the appropriate contact in her area.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

None

J. Public Hearings

None

K. Business Items

1. Council Representation on Boards & Committees – Voting on Policy and Fiduciary Matters

Mayor Wimmer reminded the City Council that any members who sit on a board or committee that has budgeting or hiring/firing functions, those decisions need to come back to the City Council for a decision before you vote on behalf of the City Council as part of those outside bodies. This was a reminder as we come into the budgeting season.

2. Resolution 2015-102 Approving Purchase and Placement of One Hour Parking Signs in Bluebird Park

Mayor Wimmer stated this is in response to so many events going on near Bluebird Park and residents not being able to use the park during those events. Josi and Public Works were able to stripe an additional 16 parking stalls on the southern large lot in Bluebird Park. Twenty, one-hour parking signs will be installed in front of the play equipment so that when big events are occurring, someone can't park there and take up the spot for the entire day. If someone has rented the shelter, then Josi will provide them with an extended parking pass for that day.

Collison asked if there was a way to cut back on the number of signs. Do we have to post every individual parking spot?

Mayor Wimmer stated that there may be confusion on which spots are one-hour if they are not all signed.

Collision stated that would be a lot of sign posts to weed whip around.

Mayor Wimmer stated there are 250 parking spots total between Bluebird Park and the BMX facility. That's not including the soccer fields.

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to Approve Resolution 2015-102 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed 2016 Budget Calendar

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to approve the Proposed 2016 Budget Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2015-103 Approving the Purchase of Liquor Store Software

Motion by Collison second by Johnson to Approve Resolution 2015-103 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Engineering Proposal for 2015 Wastewater Improvements

DeWolf stated this project would be for 2015, 2016 and 2017 by the time it's completed. It's for replacement of the main lift station, new pretreatment improvements, replacement of the aeration equipment and rehabilitation of the filters. It's an hourly not to exceed proposal as all other engineering proposals with the City are.

Motion by Lundeen second by Bergley to Approve the Engineering Proposal for 2015 Wastewater Improvements as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2015-104 Approving the Position of Administrative Data Clerk and its Points and Pay

Mayor Wimmer stated that this was budgeted for last year and will replace the intern position the City currently has.

Motion by Johnson second by Bergley to Approve Resolution 2015-104 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Ordinance No. 607 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 260, Sewer, Article II, Sewage Treatment System, Section 260-13, Responsibility for Repairs**

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to Approve Ordinance No. 607 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Resolution 2015-105 Accepting Donation From the Isanti Soil And Water Conservation District for City of Isanti**

Item L.6 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and acted on as a business item.

Motion by Lundeen second by Johnson to Approve Resolution 2015-105 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$266,739.41 and Payroll in the Amount of \$84,470.31
2. Final Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Park, Recreation and Culture Meeting
3. **Resolution 2015-106** Approving a Check be Written to Heavenly Sunshine Preschool for Volunteering at the Community Movie Night
4. **Resolution 2015-107** Approving to Proceed with the Purchase of Investigator Vehicle Computer Equipment
5. **Resolution 2015-108** Authorizing Staff to Apply to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the COPS Hiring Grant
6. Resolution Accepting Donation From the Isanti Soil And Water Conservation District for City of Isanti (Pulled as Business Item K.8.)

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

Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Achman
Community Development Director