

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
May 6, 2014
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 Sue Larson, Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Sarah Cotton, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Gene Hill, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Add New F.2 April 15, 2014 - Closed Session City Council Minutes

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Mayor's Proclamation - Mayor's Employer Luncheon June 17, 2014

Mayor Wimmer announced that the Mayor's Employer Luncheon will be held on June 17, 2014.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular and closed session meetings of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Jim Harris, 439 - 3rd Avenue N, asked the City Council again if they had filled out their questionnaire that he had provided them with at the February 5, 2014 City Council meeting. Mayor Wimmer responded the City Council will not be filling out the survey. Harris again brought to the Council's attention his continuing concern with the City not doing anything about his case he had filed alleging police brutality and that he feels the City is blowing him off. Harris stated that the Mayor and City Council are corrupt. Harris read aloud the definition of corrupt. Mayor Wimmer asked that Jim Harris be seated. There was no further discussion in regards to this matter.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Northern Lights Express**
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
 - Library drop box
 - Bowling for books
 - Senior dining book sales
- **GPS 45:93**
 - Job profiling
- **Isanti Area Joint Fire District**
 - Joint Powers Agreement
- **Upcoming Events**

J. Public Hearings

1. Wellhead Protection Plan (Resolution 2014-085)

DeWolf reported that on behalf of the City of Isanti, Bolton & Menk prepared the Wellhead Protection Plan Part II. The next step is to hold a public hearing to discuss issues and address all comments related to the Wellhead Protection Plan. If the comments from the public hearing do not require revision to the plan, the City will be able to approve the final plan and authorize the submittal of the plan to the Minnesota Department of Health for final approval and acceptance.

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

There were no comments.

Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-085 approving the final Wellhead Protection Plan Part II and authorizing the submittal of the plan to the Minnesota Department of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Business Items

1. Discussion on Prescription Drug Drop Box

Chief Deputy Chris Caulk and Chief of Police Gene Hill informed the City Council about the prescription drug drop box located at the Isanti County Sheriff's Office lobby. Chief Deputy Caulk noted that Allina Health is donating the money to dispose of the prescription drugs and will be providing literature to hand out to the citizens to inform them of the drop box. Chief Hill stated that citizens could also drop off their prescription drugs at the Isanti Police Department and the Officer's would drive up the prescriptions to the County Drop Box. Mayor Wimmer thanked Chief Deputy Caulk and Chief Hill for this service.

2. Update from the Sheriff's Office on the Dispatch Remodel Project

Chief Deputy Chris Caulk stated the County is trying to update their 30 year old dispatch center. The current dispatch center is very small. Mayor Wimmer attested to this. Chief Deputy Caulk

continued that it is the County's goal is to expand the center and build a new garage. This adds room for a third additional dispatcher for when three are needed and also allows enough space for a fourth, if a fourth dispatcher is needed in the future as the County grows.

3. 2014 Patriot Ride

Patriot Ride Representative Jeff Good stated this year the Patriot Ride will be going through the City of Isanti on Heritage Boulevard Saturday, June 14, 2014 around 12:30 p.m. and that there would be over 3,000 riders. Good explained that the Patriot Ride honors those soldiers, past and present, who have served the Country. Good invited all to attend and to have flags to show support to the soldiers.

4. Fire District - JPA Amendment Questions

Mayor Wimmer stated that he would like to hold a City Council Work Session on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. ahead of the City Council meeting to discuss fire services for the City of Isanti. Mayor Wimmer stated he wants to see changes made if the City is to stay in the fire district, those changes are:

- Weighted voting based on financial contribution
- Maintain current level of service
- Reimbursement for usage of City owned Station 1
 - The City allows the fire district to use the facility for \$1 and allows free water use; Fire District pays more for the use of other facilities
- Restructuring of contribution formula to a valuation only format
 - A majority of Isanti's calls are medical calls, which take 15 minutes - yet it is counted as one run
 - Brush fires, which could take up to four hours, is also counted as one run - there needs to be more consistency/evaluation done as to what should count as one run

Mayor Wimmer noted the current amendment process is detrimental to any changes being made. There has to be consensus. If one entity votes no - this blocks everything from changing.

Mayor Wimmer noted if the City were to leave the fire district, the level of service would not change and the City would always have fire service, even through the transition process.

Mayor Wimmer and Larson discussed that if the City were to leave the Fire District, and provide its own services, that it would be a long process and that it takes a 15 month advanced notice to the District, just to inform the District the City would be leaving.

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve posting for the May 20, 2014 Work Session to discuss fire services for the City of Isanti, and Council agreement on the above desired changes to the Fire District. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Batting Cage - Redbird/Sportsman Field (Resolution 2014-086)

Mayor Wimmer reported the Redbirds are requesting a change from the collapsible batting cage, which was previously approved, to a permanent batting cage.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-086. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Bike/Walk Trail Use Request

Mayor Wimmer noted that Cambridge wants to hold a Community Health Challenge Walk on the Bike/Walk Trail as a kick off to Cambridge Medical Center's Community Health Challenge. Mayor Wimmer noted Isanti should have been informed and involved in the process sooner, and that it feels like Cambridge notified Isanti at the last minute of this event. Mayor Wimmer recommended approval, but noted he would like to see more respect shown in the future.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the Bike/Walk Trail use request. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Presentation of the Revenue Check to the City by Vision Wake Park

Mayor Wimmer reported that Vision Wake Park was unable to be in attendance for the meeting but noted that the City received \$700 from Vision Wake Park's revenues. Mayor Wimmer stated that Vision Wake is looking to expand its operating hours and that over the summer it is looking to bus kids from Community Education to use the facility. Mayor Wimmer noted Vision Wake is also working with Red Bull in regards to the potential of snowboarding at the park.

8. Friends of the Library Request

Penny Golden from the Friends of the Library was present and thanked the Council for sponsoring the *Off Leash Area Theater* and asked if the Friends of the Library could help co-sponsor the event.

9. Special Event Permit – Car Shows (Resolution 2014-087 & 2014-088)

Collison stated this will be the fourth year that the car show will be taking place. This year the event will be moved to Downtown Isanti on Wednesday nights. The car shows help raise food and money for Family Pathways.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-087 & 2014-088. Collison abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Special Event Permit – Bluebird 5K run (Resolution 2014-089)

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-089. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Indoor BMX Facility (Resolution 2014-090)

Mayor Wimmer stated this lease agreement has been laid out in such a way that all payments from Rum River BMX will tie in nicely with the 15 year bonding payments. The City is deflecting any negative cash flow by doing this. Mayor Wimmer noted the lease agreement has been covered in detail. Sullivan added adoption of the resolution takes care of the finance options, lease agreement, and all contingencies.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-090. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Approval of Plans and Authorization to Advertise Bids: Bluebird Park Parking Improvements

13. Approval of Plans and Authorization to Advertise for Bids: Isanti BMX Building

14. Approval of Plans and Authorization to Advertise for Bids: Public Works Parking Improvements

Mayor Wimmer reported that staff looked at bonding options and the City is looking at doing a tax abatement bond for the facility. Mayor Wimmer noted the facility bonding is estimated to be under \$1.6 million, and that the City is looking to start the bidding process and to move forward with the best financing option. Mayor Wimmer noted that over the next two years there are two significant public works projects happening. The City is trying to bundle all upcoming projects together to get the best financing package so it costs the City as little as possible to do the projects.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to go out for approval of the plans for the Bluebird Park Parking Improvements, Isanti BMX Building and Public Works Parking Improvements, to advertise for bids and to move forward with the best financing options. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Resolution 2014-091 Accepting Bid for a Street Sweeper

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-091 with staff's recommendation, based on best value, to purchase the 2012 Elgin Pelican sweeper from MacQueen Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Resolution 2014-092 Accepting State Bid for a Public Works Service Vehicle

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-092. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Resolution 2014-093 Approving an Amendment to the Management Agreement and Operating Policy Between the City of Isanti and Vision Wakes Park Corp, a Minnesota Corporation, Doing Business as 10k Wakes for Operation of a Cable Wakeboard Facility Located Within Bluebird Park

Mayor Wimmer noted the City simply cleaned up the language within the agreement for when Vision Wake Parks is supposed to get information to the City and take care of tax obligations.

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-093. Motion carried unanimously.

**18. Re-roofing Project for Shelters at Mattson Park and Isanti Tot Lot Park
(Resolution 2014-094)**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-094. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$277,749.21 and Payroll in the Amount of \$77,962.54
2. Final Minutes of the March 25, 2014 Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
3. **Resolution 2014-095** Approving the Interim Use Permit as Requested by the City of Isanti to Permit a Farmer's Market to Locate on Property Legally Described as Lots 19,20,21,22,23 and 24; Block 7 Original Town site (Eagle Park Area)
4. **Resolution 2014-096** Updating a Process for Code Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement
5. **Resolution 2014-097** Awarding Bid and Authorizing to Enter into a Two year Contract for Refuse Service
6. **Resolution 2014-098** Terminating Ms. Amanda Gagnon from the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk
7. **Resolution 2014-099** Offering the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk to Ms. Laura Pope
8. **Resolution 2014-100** Authorizing City Administrator Don Lorsung to Serve on the LMC Fiscal Futures Policy Committee
9. **Resolution 2014-101** Authorizing Chief Gene Hill to Carry Over Excess Vacation Hours
10. **Resolution 2014-102** Approving the Relocation of Northern Pawn, Inc.
11. **Resolution 2014-103** Accepting the Revised Quote by Linda's Animal Control for the Weekly Service Fee for Animal Control Services

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

Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk