

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
June 15, 2010
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, Jeffery Kolb, Sue Larson, and Ross Lorinser.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Chief Ron Sager, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf.

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Introduction of 2010 Isanti Ambassador Candidates and 2009 Isanti Ambassadors

The 2009 Isanti Ambassadors and the 2010 Isanti Ambassador candidates introduced themselves and stated who their sponsors were. They invited the Mayor, City Council, and members of the public to one of the upcoming Ambassador and Jubilee Days events to be held throughout Jubilee and Rodeo Days.

2. Proclamation Proclaiming Mayor's Employer Celebration Day – June 24, 2010

Mayor Wimmer read the Mayor's Proclamation to proclaim June 24, 2010 as 'Mayor's Employer Celebration Day'. An appreciation luncheon to the City of Isanti employers and their employees is scheduled for June 24th on the grassy area located on the east side of City Hall.

F. Approve Minutes

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2010 Work Session, Regular and Closed Session of the City Council as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input – John Bettendorf – 738 Park Brook Road thanked the Mayor for proclaiming June 24th as 'Mayor's Employer Celebration Day' and supporting Isanti businesses.

H. Announcements - Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on the following meetings she had attended:

- Community Education Advisory Council
 - o Collaboration with Anoka Ramsey offering Quick Books Training
 - o Collaboration of Community Ed Programs between school districts
- Historic Downtown Committee
 - o Ambassador Project
 - Recycle bins
 - o Isanti Farmer's Market
- Friends of the Isanti Area Library
 - o Book sales at the upcoming Isanti Farmers Market
 - o Story time for the kids
- Jubilee Committee
 - o Finalized their calendar of events for July 8 - 11
- Isanti County Human Rights Commission
 - o Will be at the Isanti County Fair at the Sheriff's booth
 - o Will be at Braham Pie Days on August 6
 - o Diversity dessert recipes for after the Snowflake Parade held in Cambridge
 - o Hosting an Anti-bullying training
- ICICLE
 - o IT Technology
 - Speaker Steve Johnson from US Cable
 - Telephone & voice messaging needs
- Community Involvement Team
 - o Rum River Float – June 27th
- Annual League of Minnesota Cities Conference
 - o City Services and Funding

Mayor Wimmer reported on the following matters:

Announced that the June 22, 2010 EDA meeting has been cancelled.

Reported on the response received from the School District of their decision to not participate in cost sharing in the maintenance of Unity Park parking lot. That the School District plows the lot in the winter time for their use and there should be consideration of sharing in maintenance cost. Briefly noted that Council will have to determine if the lot is to be barricaded when the use of the park is done for the summer.

Inquired of Chief Sager how often the Police Reserves are policing the City parks. Sager stated that they are policing every other weekend. There was brief discussion that the parks need daily policing by Police Reserves. Sager was directed to report back to Council on this matter.

J. Public Hearings. There were none.

K. K. Business

1. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon – Bob Boone

Bob Boone, Chair of 'Beyond the Yellow Ribbon' program made a presentation to Council on the organization and how they have assisted veterans in the community.

Boone requested consideration that the Council approve the placement of magnets and stickers on Police and public vehicles to indicate support of the group.

Motion by Larson, second by Kolb to approve placing magnets on City vehicles and the placement of a 4' x 8' sign in the Industrial Park location adjacent to Highway 65 using the posts that are already in the park signing that the industrial lots are for sale. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 2010-144, a Resolution Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$835,000 General Obligation Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A

Financial Advisor Paul Donna, Northland Securities presented the sale of the \$835,000 General Obligation Utility Revenue bonds. That the bond rating was increased from an A+ to AAA. Donna stated that there were two bidders for the bond with the lowest bid submitted by Northland Securities at a True Interest Cost of 3.31% and the second bid received was from Bernardi Securities, Inc. at a True Interest Cost of 3.53%. Donna recommended the sale of the bond to Northland Securities, Inc. and stated that the closing of the bond issue is set for July 8, 2010.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2010-144 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2010-145, a Resolution Approving Liquor License to Captain's on Long Lake, Inc. for DJ's Grill House

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2010-145 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 2010-146, a Resolution Approving Preliminary CIC Plat – First National Bank of Elk River

Krause gave a staff report whereas First National Bank of Elk River is the current property owner of the subject property and that they are seeking preliminary approval of a Common Interest Community (CIC) plat for the Towns Edge Business Center located at 2 Enterprise Avenue NE. Krause stated that parking facilities and the access drive located on the property would be owned and maintained by the overall condominium association.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2010-146 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wimmer made comment that there was past discussion on access roads in the subject area and that the City cannot lose sight of this as the project moves forward to ensure the area develops out properly.

5. Ordinance No. 486 , an Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance 445, Section 2.Subdivision 5.C. to Include a Definition and Requirements for Topsoil

Krause gave a staff report whereas the City Council previously reviewed the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the residential soil requirements and were in agreement with the Planning Commissions recommendation. Council directed City staff to work on an educational piece for developers, builders, and homeowners regarding the benefits of having good soil. Council had also directed that the residential top soil requirement be amended to require 4" of topsoil meeting MN/DOT's specification for premium topsoil.

The Planning Commission reviewed the item in public hearing held on June 8, 2010 and the motion failed to approve the proposed definition and requirements for topsoil.

There was general discussion on the benefits for having better topsoil and there was comment made that the topsoil leeches back into the sand and therefore there is little benefit. There was comment and general discussion on the additional expense to the properties to enforce better grade topsoil and that this may cause a slow down in the sale of properties. There was comment made to support a higher grade of topsoil whereas it provides for a better sustainable yard and requires less watering.

There was review and discussion on the additional cost that would be \$2,100 for a standard lot in a R-2 District and \$3,000 in a R-1 District.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kolb to adopt Ordinance No. 486 as presented. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote (Larson and Kennedy opposed).

6. Resolution No. 2010-147, a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the Wetland Alteration Permit Application as it Relates to the Railroad Avenue SE Improvement Project

DeWolf gave a staff report whereas the design for Railroad Avenue will impact the adjacent wetlands along the proposed improvement project. The wetland alteration permit must state the City's intention to either mitigate the disturbed wetland or purchase credits from a preapproved wetland bank. DeWolf stated that the engineers are recommending the City purchase wetland credits to offset the amount of wetlands being disturbed and can do so from a wetland bank in Morrison County. That the fee to purchase the wetland credits is \$1,277.18 and that Minnesota State Aid (MSA) funds for streets can be used for the cost to purchase the credits.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2010-147 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Ordinance Amending City Code Part II: General Legislation – Chapter 258-Regulating Secondhand Goods Dealers

Lorsung introduced the proposed ordinance regulating secondhand goods dealers. John Bettendorf, 738 Park Brook Road expressed his concern of the requirements within the ordinance. Bettendorf stated that there are loopholes within the proposed ordinance and questioned the enforceability of the ordinance. There followed discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to indefinitely table action on the proposed ordinance regulating secondhand goods dealers and send the matter back to the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) and to work with a Chamber Committee on the ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider Filling Public Works Position/s

Lorsung gave a staff report whereas staff is seeking direction if there should be a continuation of the process to hire either one or two Public Works Maintenance Technicians.

There was brief discussion if seasonal employees would also be hired and there was confirmation that if full time employees were hired there would be no need to hire seasonal employees.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to authorize staff to move forward with the hiring of two full time Public Works Maintenance Technicians using the applications received from the earlier posting. Motion carried unanimously.

There was brief comment that a new group of finalists would be selected for interviews.

9. Tasking a Committee Relating to Replacement Planning for the Community Center

Lorsung gave a staff report whereas there was past discussion at the Council Work Session held on June 1, 2010 to develop a replacement plan for major capital building, equipment, and other capital items for the Community Center.

There was brief discussion if this should be tasked to the Building and Grounds Committee or the Finance Committee.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to task the development of a replacement plan for major capital building, equipment, and other capital items for the Community Center to the Building and Grounds Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Consent Agenda

1. Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$246,179.05 and Payroll in the Amount of \$68,209.87
2. Approval of the May 11, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution No. 2010-148**, a Resolution Approving Nick Graziani to Assume the Duties of the Clerk III Position on an Interim Basis
4. **Resolution No. 2010-149**, a Resolution Approving Neighborhood Stabilization Program Item
5. Resolutions Relating to the Hire of Two Part-Time Police Officers:
 - a. **Resolution No. 2010-150**, a Resolution Offering the Position of Part-Time Police Officer to Mr. Brandon J. Oliver
 - b. **Resolution No. 2010-151**, a Resolution Authorizing Part Time Police Officer Enrollment in the Police and Fire Plan of PERA
 - c. **Resolution No. 2010-152**, a Resolution Offering the Position of Part-Time Police Officer to Mr. Noah Buecksler

- d. **Resolution No. 2010-153**, a Resolution Authorizing Part Time Police Officer Enrollment in the Police and Fire Plan of PERA
- 6. **Resolution No. 2010-154**, a Resolution Approving the Placement of a Sign Identifying the Library Link Site on Public Sidewalk Located at 105 Main Street West
- 7. **Resolution No. 2010-155**, a Resolution Accepting Donation by ACE Solid Waste for the Mayor's Employer Celebration Day
- 8. **Resolution No. 2010-156**, a Resolution Authorizing Approval and Installation of a Dead End Road Sign on Whiskey Road NW
- 9. **Resolution No. 2010-157**, a Resolution Authorizing Drawing on Letter of Credit for Bank Site First Addition
- 10. **Resolution No. 2010-158**, a Resolution Accepting Economic Development Board Member Branden Apitz's Resignation and Authorize to Fill the Vacant Seat
- 11. **Resolution No. 2010-159**, a Resolution Accepting Donation from Riverside Grocery for the Mayor's Employer Celebration Day

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

Adjournment

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene J. Bauer
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk