

MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008 – 5:45 p.m.  
CITY HALL

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilmembers Alan Duff, Jeff Kolb, Ralph Johnson, and Sue Larson

Members Absent:

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, Community Development Director Carla Vita, Police Chief Ron Sager, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

**Isanti-Cambridge Bike Walk Trail**

Duff stated he is looking to see where the City's interest lies relating to the Bike/Walk trail that is proposed to be constructed between the Cities of Isanti and Cambridge. Duff stated he sees this project as bringing value to the City and the region.

Duff brought up the use of Park dedication funds that might be available for use towards the project; and suggested this is placed on the Park and Recreation Board agenda for discussion.

There was discussion on what funds might be available based on other projects and the need to connect trails within the City to the pedestrian bridge.

**Nuisance Enforcement**

There was discussion based on a recent Police Committee meeting whereas there was concern if campers and boats should be cited. It was stated because boats and campers are used primarily in the summer they should be allowed to be parked and not be cited.

There was statements made that priorities and a process has been established relating to nuisance enforcement.

There was discussion on areas that appear to be more heavily enforced than other areas; and it was stated that once a complaint comes in the CSO Officer then checks on other similar violations in the area the complaint was received.

There was a statement made that the City of Sleepy Eye does a full sweep of the City and letters are then sent out to properties that have nuisance violations and the property owners have thirty days to clean up.

There was comment that nuisance enforcement relating to campers and trailers and the enforcement process should go back to the Planning Commission for review.

### **Foreclosure Monitoring Update**

Vita reviewed a memo that provided an update of foreclosed properties. To date there are 152 foreclosed properties. Vita reviewed the 'Pin Map' that provided colored pins based on occupied, vacant, unknown etc. properties.

### **Cable Access Update**

Kolb provided an update on having cameras installed in the Council Chambers. Isanti, Cambridge and the School District have been working on this in a joint effort and are working towards a Joint Powers. The entities would share in the annual costs for the video.

There was discussion on placing the audio of Council meetings on the website until video is installed.

### **Friends of the Library**

Larson stated the Isanti Area Friends of the Library will be requesting \$5,000 from the City for budget year 2009. Larson reported on their non-profit status, working with the Council for a location of the library and if the architectural liquor store drawings could be used as a base for the library. Larson reported the East Central Regional Library Board is budgeting for supplies for the Isanti library for year 2011.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene J. Bauer  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk