

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
June 18, 2013
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 Don Lorsung, Attorney Pat Moore, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Police Chief Ron Sager, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Planning and Parks Director Lisa Wilson and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 regular meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **ICC Task Force**
 - Petition
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
 - Book Sale
 - Events Committee
- **Community Education**
- **Fire District Meeting**

- **Arena Board**
 - Clean-Up Day
- **Chamber Events**
 - Rum River Float
 - Parade
 - Kids Day
 - Ambassadors' Coordination
- **GPS 45:93/ East Central Regional Development Commission**
 - Financial Summit
- **Farmers Market**

Mayor Wimmer stated that the parking ordinance regarding commercial vehicles should come back to Council soon, as the moratorium placed on it was to be for a year. Mayor Wimmer added if the July Planning Commission meeting does not make good progress on the ordinance that it should come back to Council, whether there is a recommendation to bring to Council or not.

Mayor Wimmer asked that a timeline be put in place for the Community Center petition and that the Council is updated on where it is at in July.

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. Resolution 2013-111 Approving a Special Event Request for Wintergreen's Golf and Grill

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2013-111 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Fire District Discussion

Mayor Wimmer stated the meeting regarding the Fire District that was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, which discussed matters of mutual concern to all parties of the Joint Powers Agreement, went well. Mayor Wimmer noted that there seemed to be no interest in adjusting the voting percentages between the entities for the Fire District. Mayor Wimmer stressed that he believes the City still has an unequal vote in comparison to how much the City pays for the Fire District. There was discussion on how the costs have gone up for the Fire District's services. Mayor Wimmer stated he would like to see the Fire District's budgets for the last four years to find out the reasoning behind the increase in costs.

3. Resolution 2013-112 Requesting Advancement of Municipal State Aid Funds

DeWolf reported in order for the Finance Department of the MN/DOT Municipal State Aid (MSAS) System to release the City's previously approved use of MSA funds, a resolution must be passed requesting the State-Aid advancement. This will release funds to reimburse the City for the 2013 Railroad & Walk Improvements project. DeWolf noted that \$805,880.40 of the \$861,578.23 total proposed project cost is eligible for MSA funding. However, \$631,589.74 is the maximum amount we are able to request at this time. In January 2014 the City will be able to request the advancement of next year's allotment in the amount of \$156,501 when it becomes

available. The remaining \$17,789.66 of the eligible costs would be funded by an advancement of funds in 2015.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2013-112 as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation on Storm Water Management / Utility

DeWolf presented a proposal for professional engineering services for the establishment of a storm water utility. A storm water utility is being proposed because the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is considering adding the City to the list of regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) because of its population and because it discharges to the Rum River, which is impaired water.

DeWolf briefly reviewed the maintenance that goes along with a full storm water utility system, and that the MPCA is adopting a new MS4 permit which has more stringent requirements. These requirements will involve more planning, maintenance and inspection costs to the City.

Mayor Wimmer and DeWolf further discussed the impacts of more stringent water quality standards and letters they have seen regarding the rising of standards. Mayor Wimmer noted that he wanted the Council to keep this in the back of their minds moving forward as there will be more costs coming that the City will have to respond to.

DeWolf reviewed some cost efficient preventive ways to keep storm sewer water cleaner, such as street sweeping.

DeWolf anticipates a storm water utility will cost around \$250,000 a year in annual expenses. DeWolf recommended having a monthly storm water utility fee to help collect back the costs associated with the storm water utility. The fund that would be set up for the fee would be an enterprise fund and therefore would not be a part of the property tax levy. This means all properties whether tax-exempt or not would pay.

Mayor Wimmer noted he likes having a fee, versus a property tax increase. Mayor Wimmer further made comment that this fee would be like all other fees for goods/services such as a monthly phone bill or utility bill. Also, as a fee, the money collected has its specific purpose and would not go towards anything else. Mayor Wimmer added this monthly storm water fee would be around \$7-10 dollars a month per household and around \$42 a month for a larger commercial property.

Larson stated she believed going with a fee was better as well and that this way the money is all in one spot and can be tracked easily.

Mayor Wimmer noted many cities are already doing this.

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve the engineering proposal for the establishment of a storm water utility in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2013-113 Authorizing Loan from Revolving Loan Fund to X Caliper Engineering, LLC

Mayor Wimmer made comment that this helps a great business buy some property in the City and takes care of some resurfacing issues on the property's parking lot. Mayor Wimmer noted this is a 7 year loan at a 3% interest rate.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-113 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2013-114 Authorizing the Police Department to Give Away Abandoned Property Through a Free Drawing to Assist in the Promotion of the Skate Board Park Summer Events

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-114 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution 2013-115 Approving the Variance Requested by Brandon & Keri Majewski For a Variance to Reduce the Front Yard and Street Side Yard Setbacks for the Property Located at 120 Broadway Street SE

Mayor Wimmer noted that City does not approve variances; however, this is a very different, specific, lot and interesting situation.

Lundeen stated that the Majewski's will make the place look a million times better and that they have already done a lot on it.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-115 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Brew Pub, Brewers, Brewers Tap Rooms and Micro Distilleries

a. Ordinance 554 Amending Ordinance No. 445 Zoning, Section 2 Definition of Terms, Section 7 Business Districts, and Section 8 Industrial Park District

Mayor Wimmer stated the reason for this ordinance is because the City has already had inquiries about brew pubs and wants to be prepared if anything should pop up. Wilson reported this would require a CUP for each district.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 554 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Brew Pub, Brewers, and Brewers Tap Rooms

a. Ordinance 555 to Amend the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 76 Alcoholic Beverages

b. Ordinance 556 Amending the Code of the City of Isanti Chapter 160, Fees

c. Resolution 2013-116 Adopting Fees within the City of Isanti

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 555, Ordinance No. 556 and Resolution No. 2013-116 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$138,856.77 and Payroll in the Amount of \$76,281.94
2. Final Minutes of the May 14, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting
3. **Resolution 2013-117** Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Isanti and I.U.O.E. 49 for a VNC Viewer Phone Application for Public Works Employees
4. **Resolution 2013-118** Regarding Work Hours for the Community Service Officer Position
5. **Resolution 2013-119** Approving Submittal of a Grant Application for Neighborhood Health Connection Health Activity Grant
6. **Resolution 2013-120** Approving Wiring Proposal for Isanti Street Dances

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk