

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

Pursuant to Minn Statute 13D.02, the public body has determined that the Isanti City Council will not be able to hold the meeting in person due to the pandemic COVID-19. Pursuant to Minn Statute 13D.021, The Isanti City Council will be holding the City Council meeting via telephone, by using GoToMeeting.com

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Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Jeff Johnson, Councilors: Jimmy Gordon, Paul Bergley, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Staff Present: City Administrator Josi Wood, Human Resources/ City Clerk Katie Brooks, Community Development Director Sheila Sellman, Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi and Chief of Police Travis Muyres

D. Public Comment

None

E. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Add K.9. Resolution 2020-111 Allowing In-Person Meetings of the City Council and Other City Meetings to Resume While Observing 6' Distancing

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve the agenda with the modifications listed above. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

F. Proclamations/ Commendations/ Certificate Awards

1. Mayoral Proclamation for High School Class of 2020

Mayor Johnson shared the proclamation by reading it aloud.

G. Approve City Council Minutes

1. May 19, 2020- Regular Meeting of the City Council
2. May 19, 2020- Committee of the Whole Meeting
3. May 19, 2020- Planning Commission Meeting

Motion by Bergley, second by Lundeen to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

H. Announcements

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| 1. Committee of the Whole | Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. |
| 2. City Council Meeting | Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. |
| 3. Planning Commission Meeting | Tuesday, June 16, 2020
(Immediately following the City Council Meeting) |
| 4. Park Rec and Culture Board Meeting | Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. |

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Steve Lundeen shared that the Joint Powers Agreement has not proceeded.

Councilmember Dan Collison shared that Rum River BMX is now opening the doors for limited practice and by appointment.

J. Public Hearings

None

K. Business Items

1. Resolution 2020-109 Declaring Isanti a Business Friendly Community

City Administrator Josi Wood shared that she had received a request from Councilmember Gordon to include a resolution for discussion for the possible approval which is to state that the City of Isanti is a business friendly community and encourages Governor Walz to allow for the safe opening of all Minnesota businesses which include Isanti businesses.

Mayor Jeff Johnson shared that this was a serious pandemic and that all could agree that opening the city and defying the governors order would not be a good idea but sending this proclamation encouraging the governor to open would be a good idea.

Councilmember Gordon stated that he agreed that the proclamation was a step in the right direction.

Councilmember Dan Collison asked if there are any restaurants utilizing outdoor seating.

Johnson stated that the city has lost the Creamery Crossing and possibly Great Clips within the city however, yet to be confirmed. Johnson continued to share that he does not want to see anymore businesses lost within the city.

Community Development Director Sheila Sellman shared that she has seen one business utilizing outdoor seating. Sellman continued to share that they are not in the parking lot as they have enough space so the business did not have to do anything additional. Sellman went on to share that Great Clips is unconfirmed on closing but there have been stylists that have confirmed it but corporate has yet to confirm. Sellman further shared that she spoke with the owner of the Creamery Crossing and the closing is due to rent increase.

Councilor Steve Lundeen stated that the governor has had his hands full the past week.

Councilor Paul Bergley stated that if we do not open up the city will be losing more and more businesses.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve resolution as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2020-XXX Off-Sale 3.2 Liquor License Application for Coborn's (*Mary Kruck*)

Mary Kruck shared that what they are asking for is the 3.2 license and the approval of the application. Kruck continued to share that this is one of the locations in the organization that does not sell 3.2 liquor and to this point is an option that Coborn's would like to offer their guests.

Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi shared that he has the gross profit and dollars that are made at the liquor store between two vendors showing 3.2 and NA profit. Jacobi continued to share that if this resolution is passed the city is giving up profit that goes back to the community and that is what the liquor store is all

about. Jacobi further shared that he has another vendor that has about \$10,000 more of the profit so the city would be giving up a percentage of \$45,000 profit.

Councilmember Dan Collison stated that a lot of Kwik Trips are equipped with 3.2 beer in their cooler as well.

Jacobi stated that city code does not allow for gas stations to sell 3.2 which is why Kwik Trip does not have it.

Councilmember Steve Lundeen stated that Cub Foods and Wal-Mart in Cambridge sell 3.2 liquor and he does not see it hurting the liquor store. Lundeen continued to share that

Councilmember Jimmy Gordon stated that he would be behind Coborn's to obtain a 3.2 liquor license and that it would be the right thing to do.

Motion by Gordon, second by Bergley to approve resolution as presented.

Collison that the liquor store earns money so taxes do not have to be raised that is why the city has a municipal liquor store. Collison further stated he is against anyone else having a 3.2 liquor license.

City Administrator Josi Wood shared that \$350,000 per year gets transferred from the profits from the liquor store to the general fund which directly offsets tax increases.

Motion failed 2-3 with Collison, Lundeen and Mayor Johnson voting nay.

3. Summer Events Discussion

City Administrator Josi Wood shared that Governor Walz shared that there will be multiple phases throughout the stay safe plan. Wood continued to share that in the governors list of what will be allowed in the phases, outdoor entertainment such as movies in the park and concerts which is where the street dances would fit. In phase 2, which was in effect on June 1st, it was only allowed to have drive-in events. Phase 3 would be for potential for phased opening with capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements. Wood went on to share that the phase after that would be increase capacity. Staff would like to city council to discuss if June 20th street dance will be held with the guidelines. Wood further shared that there is no date on when the governor will be releasing phase 3 to start. Wood stated that the vendors would need to know by June 11th so they could plan for food, beer, etc. Staff has still not heard back from the band if they are calling it yes or themselves. Staff is looking for direction from city council.

Councilmember Bergley stated to cancel June and keep July and August.

Councilmember Collison asked if phase 2 started yesterday, June 1st.

Wood confirmed that phase 2 began June 1st.

Councilmember Steve Lundeen suggested moving June's street dance to August.

Wood stated that staff can asked the vendors but they need to know a decision by June 11th.

Motion Lundeen, second by Bergley to postpone the June street dance to August. Motion passed 4-1 with Gordon voting nay.

Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi

4. Discussion for Accepting Cash and Liquor Store Hours for June

Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi shared that during the Committee of the Whole meeting and inquiry was made to go back to accepting cash on June 1st. Jacobi continued to share that discussion with staff has determined they are comfortable with doing so with the current hand sanitizing practices in place. Jacobi further shared that it was also discussed at Committee of the Whole to return to regular store hours on June 1st.

Regular store hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jacobi stated that discussion with staff and communicating with other municipal liquor stores the best option is to change the hours to Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jacobi further stated that Cambridge is still closed on Sunday and St. Francis is closed on Sundays. The store sees the heaviest amount of traffic between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and three to four times the number of customers in the store on Sundays since the beginning of the pandemic.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve liquor store hours to Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Motion passed 4-1 with Gordon voting nay.

Community Development Director Sheila Sellman

- 5. Ordinance-731** Amending the City Zoning Code, Ordinance 445, Section 2 Definitions: Section 7 Business Districts, Article one, “B-1” Central Business District and Article two “B-2” General Business District, Subd. 2: Permitted Uses, to add mobile food units as a permitted use.

Community Development Director Sheila Sellman shared that in February an ordinance was passed updating the peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants code to include food trucks so now zoning code needs to be updated to include food trucks to provide a definition and allow as a permitted use in commercial districts. Sellman continued to share that a public hearing at the last Planning Commission meeting and Planning Commission recommends approval.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve ordinance as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

- 6. Ordinance-732** Amending the City Zoning Code, Ordinance 445, Section 2 Definitions: Section 7 Business District and Article two, “B-2” General Business District, Subd 3: Conditional uses, to add micro distillery cocktail room as a conditional use.

Community Development Director Sheila Sellman shared that in February an ordinance was adopted regulating the possession and sales of alcoholic beverages and added micro distillery cocktail room so now the definition needs to be added to zoning code and added as a use in the zoning code. It is recommended as a conditional use in the business district. Sellman further shared that Planning Commission held a public hearing in May and recommended approval.

Councilmember Gordon asked if the liquor store has had any drop in sales since the distillery opened.

Liquor Store Manager John Jacobi stated he does not believe any sales have been lost.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve ordinance as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

- 7. Ordinance-733** Amending the City Zoning Code, Ordinance 445, Section 6, Articles 1, 2, Subd. 6.B. Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage.

Community Development Director shared that in the past few months there have been complaints from builders and developers about the city’s impervious surface maximum coverage and right now it is 25%. Planning Commission discussed raising this and staff has suggested 30% and Planning Commission recommends increasing to 40% which aligns more with the size of the houses Isanti is getting. Staff recommends approval with the Planning Commission recommendation.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve ordinance as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

- 8. Resolution 2020-110** Adoption of Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

Community Development Director Sheila Sellman shared that Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update and this is the final update for adoption.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve ordinance as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
Motion carried.

9. Resolution 2020-111 Allowing In-Person Meetings of the City Council and Other City Meetings to Resume While Observing 6' Distancing

City Administrator Josi Wood shared that on March 25th of the city council meeting due to the unprecedented uncertain times of COVID-19 a local emergency was declared and per state statute it was impractical to hold meetings in person and meetings had gone virtually. Wood further shared that passing this resolution is to open meetings back up and no longer have virtual meetings however, will ensure 6' distancing where the public will be able to come in but on a first come basis.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve resolution as presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

L. Consent Agenda

1. Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$240,454.52 Payroll in the Amount of \$116,767.37

M. Other Communications

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lundeen, second by Bergley. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaden Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jaden Moore

Deputy City Clerk/ Human Resources