

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
June 3, 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 and Dan Collison

Members Absent: Steve Lundeen

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

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2014 regular and work session meetings of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Jeff Duncan, 407 - 12th Avenue Northwest, addressed the City Council with his and his neighborhood's Community Watch concerns regarding mosquitos by the Rum River. Duncan asked that the Council look at doing something this year to help control the mosquitos and to set up an ongoing program for years to come.

Mayor Wimmer noted that this item has been placed on the next City Council agenda for review and discussion. Mayor Wimmer explained that he had looked into this matter and talked to other communities. He found that the best resolution to this issue would be to spray the City's residential areas for mosquitos. In looking at costs, the Mayor found that if the City itself were to spray, it would cost around \$5,000 to \$15,000 annually. The City would also have to purchase equipment to do the spraying which would range from \$5,000 to \$9,000 dollars. Mayor Wimmer noted he is unsure if the City would be able to get the public works staff trained and purchase the equipment needed in time to spray this year.

In looking at alternatives, if the City were to get a contractor to do the work the cost jumps significantly. A better priced option for this year would be for the City to ask another community to spray. It was found that the City of Cambridge would be willing to spray for the City of Isanti. However, there is a downside to this option. The conditions in which residential areas can be sprayed for mosquitos have to be just right - the wind has to be extraordinarily calm. When the ideal conditions arise, Cambridge will naturally need to spray their City first, so Isanti might have to wait a while before being sprayed.

Duncan thanked the Mayor and Council for looking into this matter and for addressing it at the next City Council meeting.

Jennifer Reinhard, 509 Heritage Boulevard, asked if the City could work with a private vendor to get a discount for citizens and that the citizens themselves could spray their yards for this year. Asking that for those who work with the private vendor to be sprayed, receive discounts on their property taxes. Noting this way the City would not have to take care of the matter this year.

Mayor Wimmer stated the City looked at private options per lot, and per residential application, and the best price the City could find for this would not be per lot, but per residential application - \$80 per residential application, - therefore the other options (breaking down to around \$50 per application) as mentioned before would be more feasible.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Farmers Market**
 - Great opening last week
 - Runs through September
- **Take a Kid Fishing**
 - June 7th
- **GPS 45:93**
 - Marketing committee
- **Arena Board**
 - New lease
- **Isanti Area Joint Fire District Board**
 - Isanti County Star's incorrect reporting on the City pulling out of the Fire District
 - June 26, 2014 a meeting will be held regarding the Fire District Joint Powers Agreement and the City's requested changes

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. **Presentation of Center Point Energy Community Partnership Grant Check**

Mr. R.J. Sauvageau, from CenterPoint Energy, presented the Community Partnership grant check to the Mayor and City Council in the amount of \$2,500 for the Police Department. With the grant money the department will be able to purchase, three to four body-worn cameras (depending on pricing), an automatic electronic defibrillator (AED), and a 3M opticom squad light.

2. **Resolution 2014-116 Approving a Special Event Application for the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-116. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution 2014-117 Approving a Special Event Request for a Run/Walk for the Isanti Intermediate School and School for All Seasons**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-117. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Report on Outcome of Mediation**

Joslin reported that the Personnel Committee attended the mediation meeting on May 28, 2014 for the pending grievance pertaining to tuition reimbursement for a Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) union member. The Committee was unable to reach an agreement and LELS has filed for binding arbitration. An agreement was unable to be reached due to an economic issue the City has for funding the requested reimbursement.

Mayor Wimmer further explained that however the arbitrator rules, the City must adhere to it. Mayor Wimmer continued to mention that if the arbitrator's ruling is for the City to reimburse for such requests, that this will cost the City tens of thousands of dollars. Mayor Wimmer noted the City must proceed forward with its budgeting process and timeline as planned, but mentioned depending on the ruling outcome of the arbitration - the budget could potentially be hit with a huge financial impact. The City's budget is only 3 million dollars.

5. **Resolution 2014-118 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J Robinson Construction LLC on Lot 22, Block 1, Villages on the Rum Third Addition Phase Three**

Motion by Johnson, second by Collison to approve Resolution 2014-118. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Resolution 2014-119 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J Robinson Construction LLC on Lot 23, Block 1, Villages on the Rum Third Addition Phase Three**

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-119. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request to Help Sponsor the Youth Bike Rodeo**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson authorizing the Police Department to help sponsor the Youth Bike Rodeo. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Resolution 2014-120 Approving the Purchase of a 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD Pursuit Vehicle**

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-120. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Resolution 2014-121 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Isanti Police Department and Cambridge-Isanti School District #911 for the School Resource Officer Program**

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-121. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Resolution 2014-122 Approving the Placement of a Residential Fence Along the Property Line of 1116 Maplewood Ct. SW Owned by Todd Ham and 1112 & 1110 South Passage SW Owned by the City of Isanti**

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-122. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Resolution 2014-123 Adopting a Sign Retro-reflectivity Policy**

Mayor Wimmer explained that the City must adopt a sign retro-reflectivity policy by June 14, 2014 per State and Federal rules. This policy is to make sure street signs can be seen far away in the distance to aid in public safety. This is an unfunded mandate.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-123. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$348,943.81 and Payroll in the Amount of \$79,285.48
2. Final Minutes of the April 22, 2014 Park, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
3. Request for Authorization to Advertise for Quotes for Lease of City Owned Crop Land
4. **Resolution 2014-124** Authorizing Submission of Letter of Intent and Grant Application to the Initiative Foundation for BMX Project
5. **Resolution 2014-125** Adopting Amendment to the Purchasing Policy
6. **Resolution 2014-126** to Declare Certain Property as Surplus and Authorize Its Disposal

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

Adjournment

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk