

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 5, 2012  
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, Sue Larson, Steve Lundeen and Michael Streiff (appointed)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Ron Sager, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Planning and Parks Director Lisa Wilson, City Engineer Brad DeWolf and Assistant City Engineer Jason Cook

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

**E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards**

None.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Mayor's Celebration Day**
  - Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- **East Central Regional Development Commission**
  - Upcoming annual meeting Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Revolving loan fund money available for businesses
- **Circus**
  - Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

- **League of Minnesota Cities**
  - Upcoming convention
- **Arena Board**
  - Pricing for ice hours
- **GPS 45:93**
  - Business summit
  - Economic Development Director Sullivan is the new Vice President for GPS 45:93
- **Corridor Investment Strategy Meeting**
  - Highway 65 & 25
  - The importance of transportation in regards to economic development

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

1. **Interview Candidate for Interim Appointment to Vacant City Council Seat**
  - a. **Resolution No. 2012-124 Making Appointment to Fill the Vacant City Council Seat on the Isanti City Council until such time as a Candidate is elected through the Election Process**

One uniform application from City resident Michael G. Streiff III was received for the interim appointment to the vacant City Council seat. Mr. Streiff meets the qualifications for candidacy for interim appointment to the vacant Council seat.

Mr. Streiff was present and the City Council asked questions of Mr. Streiff relating to the City Council seat.

Voting Ballots were passed out to the Mayor and Council, completed, and collected by Mayor Wimmer. Once all ballots were received, Mayor Wimmer announced that the City Council unanimously approves Mr. Streiff for the vacant Council seat.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-124 appointing Michael G. Streiff III to fill the vacant City Council seat. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Streiff was given the oath of office and sworn in by Lorsung.

Mr. Streiff took his seat among the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

2. **Resolution No. 2012-125 To Amend Resolution No. 2012-003 Designation of Council Committees, and Representatives for the City Commissions and Advisory Boards for the Year 2012**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-125 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Discussion Regarding Semi-Tractor Parking in Residential Districts**

#### **a. Ordinance No. 533 An Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on the Enforcement of City Code Chapter 227, Article II Parking and Storage of Recreational and Other Equipment as it Relates to the Parking or Storage of Semi-Tractors on Residential Properties**

Douglas Anderson, 30 Buckskin Blvd, addressed the Mayor and Council and spoke of his issue with his inability to park his semi-tractor on his property due to the newly passed ordinance (No. 532) amending chapter 227 of the City Code. Mayor Wimmer noted that semi-tractors were never supposed to be parked in the City of Isanti residential areas. Anderson stated he has been parking his truck on his property since 1999, and even had a special driveway built to hold the weight of his truck. Anderson brought the Council's attention the costs he would incur for having to park his semi elsewhere and his need to have his semi plugged into an electrical outlet due to some of the equipment within his truck.

Lundeen asked how many days in a row is Anderson's semi is parked on his residence. Anderson stated a couple of weeks at a time.

There was discussion on the hindrance of line of sight for neighbors of those who have large vehicles parked on their driveways and the concern of safety.

There was discussion on those living and working within the City and how City Code 227 can affect the jobs of those living in the City who drive semi-tractors.

Mayor Wimmer thanked Anderson for bringing this matter to the Council. Mayor Wimmer also noted that the code has to be fair to all and that the code is to protect the value of property in the City and sets standards to enhance the community.

Mayor Wimmer recommended that a moratorium be placed on the enforcement of Chapter 227 of the City Code and for Planning Commission to review this as soon as possible; noting three areas of concern that need to be looked at by the Commission: line of sight, sound and impact on traffic.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance No. 533 placing a moratorium on Chapter 227 of the City Code, Article II, General Parking Prohibitions until further review by Planning Commission and City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Resolution No. 2012-126 Approving a Special Event Application for the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club**

John Kinsey representing the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club stated that the event would be from July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. The estimated amount of people to be in attendance is around 10,000 (3,000 players and 7,000 staff and spectators).

Mayor Wimmer made comment that the Cambridge-Isanti Soccer Club does a great job, there seem to be no issues when the club holds their events, and it's great to have them within the community.

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2012-126 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Resolution No. 2012-127 Accepting the Cost Estimate Provided by Bolton and Menk for Review of the County Road 5 NE Sidewalk Areas**

Mayor Wimmer stated this has come up at Park and Recreation Board Meetings, to place a Sidewalk along Highway 5. This was discussed earlier in the year and the thought process was that placing a sidewalk along 5 could be possible if the City could show the landowners that this would not affect any of their existing land area, and only shrink up the ditch for the storm water, as well as have no impact to parking or businesses. The resolution allows the City Engineer to take a look at this and see if it is possible. If the Engineer finds this project of placing a sidewalk along Highway 5 possible without affecting the existing land, parking, or business, it would increase the odds of having a sidewalk being placed in.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-127 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution No. 2012-128 Accepting Bid(s) for Outlot A and Outlot B Hillock 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition**

Mayor Wimmer noted that Kenny Anderson's bid for Outlot A was retracted. Mr. Anderson was the highest responsible bidder for Outlot B.

Bryan Revier/Ashley Brown was the highest responsible bidder for Outlot A.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-128 awarding the bid to Bryan Revier/Ashely Brown for Outlot A and Kenny Anderson for Outlot B. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution No. 2012-129 Authorizing Preparation of a Survey and Changing of the Location/Time of the June 26<sup>th</sup> Park and Recreation Board Meeting to Allow for a Community Outreach Effort for Whisper Ridge Park**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-129 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution No. 2012-130 Authorizing Placement of a Park Bench from the Cambridge-Isanti Rotary Club along the Bike Walk Trail**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-130 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Resolution No. 2012-131 Approving Parking Area for Rum River BMX Association**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-131 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Resolution No. 2012-132 Authorizing Staff to Apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership 2012 Grant**

Mayor Wimmer stated this is to take advantage of some grant funding to help purchase bulletproof vests for the Police Department.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2012-132 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Ordinance No. 534 To Uncombine the Office of the City Clerk-Treasurer and Reestablish the Offices of City Clerk and City Treasurer**

Mayor Wimmer made comment that now that the City has filled the vacant Finance Director Position, the office of the City Treasurer can be moved back to the new Finance Director.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 534 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$321,481.76 and Payroll in the Amount of \$66,934.97
2. Final Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting
3. **Resolution No. 2012-133** Approving Temporary 3.2 Beer Licenses to the Blaine Jaycees for the Redbirds Tournament Event
4. Request to Authorize Advertising for Quotes for Lease of City Owned Crop Land
5. **Resolution No. 2012-134** Offering the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk to Ms. Michelle Dowd-Sivigny
6. **Resolution No. 2012-135** Accepting Donation By Ace Solid Waste for the Mayor's Employer Celebration Day

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

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk