

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
July 16, 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, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Finance Director Sarah Cotton, Police Chief Ron Sager, Public Works Director Nick Fleischhacker, Police Lieutenant Gene Hill, 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**

**1. 2013 Jubilee Parade Mayor's Choice Award**

Mayor Wimmer presented the 2013 Jubilee Parade Mayor's Choice Award to the Cub Scouts.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of the July 2, 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:

- **Street Dance**
  - July 27<sup>th</sup> in downtown Isanti
- **Farmers Market**
  - Every Friday
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
  - Bowling for books

- **Isanti Community Center Task Force**
  - Parade
  - Petition
- **National Night Out**
  - August 6<sup>th</sup>

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

### **1. Special Event Permit – Rum River BMX**

- a. **Resolution 2013-131 Approving a Special Event Application for the MN State Championship Race**
- b. **Resolution 2013-132 Approving a Special Event Application for the National Pre-Race**
- c. **Resolution 2013-133 Approving a Special Event Application for the Land O' Lakes National Racing Event**

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2013-131, 2013-132 and 2013-133 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Resolution 2013-134 Approving a Special Event Application for a Street Dance to be Held on July 27, 2013 From 7 PM to 11 PM**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-134 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Community Center Task Force Request**

Councilor Larson reported that the Community Center task force brought in around \$600 through sponsorships, donations and activities in 2012. For 2013 the task force has brought in \$2,301. Larson noted that the task force has been working on the petition, currently there are 462 signatures. Some petitions are still out.

Mayor Wimmer asked about the option the task force had presented last fall or winter, to help get more money for the community center, where non-profits would start paying to use the community center. Mayor Wimmer stated charging non-profits for their use of the community center would help defray some of the costs associated with the community center.

Mayor Wimmer stated at this time, with the signatures collected, it does not appear that the petition will be able to generate more signatures than the referendum that was voted on last fall.

Mayor Wimmer stated his concern about the community center and scheduling events months out in advance when the community center needs to be fixed; something could go wrong or fail within the community center at any time. Mayor Wimmer commented that there needs to be some type of understanding if events are scheduled months out in advance that there is no certainty the community center will be in an operating condition for the event.

Larson noted the community stepped forward to get the new roof on when the community center needed a new roof. Larson believes this would happen if the community center needed further work.

Larson talked about the sponsorship program, the petition and fundraisers that were done for the community center. Larson stated the task force is well on their way to raising public awareness.

Mayor Wimmer asked if the Council is okay with keeping the community center open, so long as individuals sign a form acknowledging that it might not be able to be open if something fails within the community center. Mayor Wimmer added that the continuation of scheduling events and requiring all users to pay for use of the community center will help keep the community center up and running. Mayor Wimmer encouraged the continuation of fundraisers, sponsorships and grant seeking as well.

Mayor Wimmer also noted that \$6,000 will be saved by bringing the operating costs in-house.

Mayor Wimmer stated if the Council agrees he can work with staff to bring the scheduling and management of the community center in-house in September.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve bringing the operations of the community center back in-house in September and to continue community center operations. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Businesses with Delinquent Obligations Owed to the City**

Cotton reported that two businesses are delinquent, Keith Investments and SDL Services. Cotton noted the City does not do business with Keith Investments as it is a tax abatement project. Mayor Wimmer noted that any business with delinquent obligations owed to the City should be removed from the City vendors list and that the City needs to go out and get RFP's for those services.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to remove those doing business with the City who have delinquent obligations, in this case SDL Services, and to go out for quotes for those services. Motion carried unanimously. Lundeen abstained.

**5. Resolution 2013-135 Approving a Computer Software and Services Contract with Civic Systems, LLC**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-135 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution 2013-136 Approving a Service Agreement with Payment Service Network, Inc.**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2013-136 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Request for Use of Straight Salt for Road Deicing**

Fleischhacker requested to use straight salt for the 2013-2014 year, as a trail year. Fleischhacker noted there would be increased costs with straight salt as straight salt is more expensive and a vehicle would need to be updated if this is approved permanently.

Larson asked about salt damage. Fleischhacker stated he believes salt damage would be the same as in years past, but noted there will be no more sand in the streets. The city will see a huge cost savings by not having sand in the streets because sweeping the sand off the streets will not need to be done as frequently.

Larson asked if this would affect the storm water. Fleischhacker stated he does not believe a net increase in salt would be seen in the system.

Mayor Wimmer noted with using straight salt versus a salt/sand mix, citizens will see a huge decrease in sand on their lawns.

Mayor Wimmer noted in the long run using a straight salt mix will be cheaper and cuts down significantly on sweeping costs.

Lorsung noted that sand still will be used when traction is needed.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve the use of straight salt. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution 2013-137 Authorizing the Update of TIF Management Plan**

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 2013-137 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier Piping Repair**

Mayor Wimmer noted this needs to be repaired.

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to repair the wastewater treatment plant clarifier piping as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Ordinance 557 Amending Ordinance No. 536 Subdivision and Platting of Lands for the City of Isanti Article 7 Design Standards, Subdivision 6 lots and Article 11 Required Improvements, Subdivision 2 Required Improvements (B) (2)**

Wilson reported this is an amendment that would require those platting on a commercial or residential subdivision to put a storm water pond on an outlot instead of private property.

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Ordinance No. 557 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Financial Surety for Site Plan/ Building Appearance Approvals**

- a. Ordinance 558 Amending Ordinance No. 445 Zoning; Section 18 Site Plan Review; Subdivision 16 Performance Bond**
- b. Ordinance 559 Amending the Code of the City of Isanti Chapter 160 Fees**
- c. Resolution 2013-138 Adopting Fees Within the City of Isanti**

Mayor Wimmer noted that this is requesting an escrow be put in place for things such as driveways or other issues that need to be fixed.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance No. 558, 559 and Resolution 2013-138 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **12. Chapter 227 Parking/Storage Ordinance**

Mayor Wimmer recommended that the language be cleaned up in the ordinance and to stick with the basis of what the ordinance was previously.

Larson noted she would like to grandfather in those with large lots that are not affecting anyone.

There was discussion on noise and safety issues, and screening issues.

Mayor Wimmer noted everyone has to be treated the same.

Motion by Collison, second by Larson to approve keeping the ordinance as written but to clean up the language. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wimmer placed the City Council meeting into a recess at 7:32 p.m. to go into the City Council Budget Work Session.

Mayor called the regular meeting of the City Council back to order at 7:46 p.m.

#### **13. Resolution 2013-139 Accepting Quote for Fire Sprinkler System Inspection / Maintenance Services and to Enter Into a Contract for Fire Sprinkler System Inspection / Maintenance Services**

Lorsung reported the City received 5 quotes from vendors. The low bidder was Summit fire protection; references were checked.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve Resolution No. 2013-139 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **14. Residential Street Lighting**

Lorsung reported that per City Council goal setting direction, staff, the Public Works Committee and Connexus representative Leo Offerman, worked to identify street lighting in-fill needs. They identified up to 20 locations in residential areas and lighting on adjacent collector roads (4-6 lights) where street lighting could be added. Lighting in residential areas would be a "Traditionaire" type fixture. In areas on collector roads, the type of commercial lighting would need to be evaluated. Such lighting could be free standing commercial box lights or cobra head lighting off arms where existing power poles are available. For new lights, using LED lighting systems would save operating costs.

There was discussion on the costs of the lights and whether to do all the lights at once, through phases or do them at all.

Mayor Wimmer asked if there was any cost savings by doing 30 lights instead of 5 lights. Offerman stated no.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to look at phasing in street lights in the 2015 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **15. Fire District Relief Association Report**

Mayor Wimmer stated his frustration regarding no re-distribution of the voting power.

Mayor Wimmer noted the City does have to sign the Fire District Relief Association report.

Mayor Wimmer requested that the townships vote to sign the report and that the townships send an affirmation that they are going to pay their portion. Larson noted she believes the City could ask for that.

Mayor Wimmer noted he would also like to see the Fire District budget.

Larson was directed to ask of the Fire District to have the townships vote on the report and to get the Fire District budget for the City Council to review.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve signing the Fire District Relief Association Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$188,120.31 and Payroll in the Amount of \$71,494.92
2. Final Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting
3. **Resolution 2013-140** Approving Two On-Sale Liquor Licenses for the Isanti Lions for the July and August Isanti Street Dances

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

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk