

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 17, 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

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 and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. 2012 Jubilee Parade Mayor's Choice Award

Mayor Wimmer presented the 2012 Jubilee Parade Mayor's Choice Award to the Friends of the Isanti Library for their float that portrayed all of the wonderful things the library has done.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2012 regular meeting and closed session of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **GPS 45:93**
 - Angel Fund Committees
- **Isanti Community Center Task Force**
 - Presence at Jubilee days
 - Petition for improvements for the Isanti Community Center
- **Friends of the Isanti Library**

- Trophies for most creative float and the Mayor's choice award
- **East Central Regional Library**
 - Budget Meeting
- **Liquor Committee**
 - Increase in sales for the month of June
 - Possibility of removing a tree to help the Liquor Store's visibility
- **League of MN Cities Policy Meetings**
 - Improving local economies

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Looking into the Possibility of Community Center Improvements**
 - Staff is running numbers to see what impact a tax would make on homeowners and businesses to fund the improvements

J. Public Hearings

None.

K. Business Items

1. **Resolution 2012-162 Approving a Title, Description, Point Total and Salary Change for Planning and Parks Director Wilson**

Mayor Wimmer stated that this is to finalize the transition of the responsibilities of the Assistant City Administrator in the City Administrator's absence since the retirement of the Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk.

Motion by Streiff, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-162 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Resolution 2012-163 Approving a Special Event Application for the BMX National Race**

Mayor Wimmer noted that the Isanti BMX track is one of the top ranked BMX tracks and inquired of BMX representative Kevin Riedemann how many people are anticipated to attend the event. Riedemann stated that this is expected to be a large event and it is estimated that around 3,000 people will be in attendance. Riedemann announced the event is free for spectators and it is a great event to watch with friends and family.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-163 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution 2012-164 Giving Authorization to have Bolton and Menk Quote Professional Services for Site Improvements for Undeveloped Lots in Isanti Centennial Complex**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-164 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution 2012-165 Authorizing Revolving Loan Fund Agreement K&D Investments, LLC**

Mayor Wimmer noted this will create 2-3 new jobs with wages ranging from \$13-25/ hour. Only 9.7% of the estimated project costs are anticipated to be funded by the RFL, which is well within the loan criteria estimated in the policy. This project meets the goals established by the RFL.

Motion by Larson, second by Streiff to approve Resolution No. 2012-165 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Resolution 2012-166 Appointing Member to Revolving Loan Fund Advisory Committee**

Mayor Wimmer stated that this appoints Tracy Niefert to the advisory committee.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-166 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Repeal of Ordinance No. 254 and Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision and Platting of Lands for the City of Isanti**
a. **Ordinance 536 Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision and Platting of Lands for the City of Isanti (Ordinance and Summary Ordinance)**

There was discussion on allowing residents to plant trees within the boulevard and the burden of the removal of trees, as there are site line issues and only certain trees can be planted on the boulevard. There was consensus that residents should not plant on the boulevard.

Motion by Larson, second by Streiff to approve Ordinance No. 536 with the removal of residents having the ability to plant trees within the boulevard and also adding in staff recommendations from the findings of fact. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Resolution 2012-167 Approving an Amendment to the Villages on the Rum Third Addition, Phase Two Planned Unit Development to Allow for a Reduced Cove Line Setback for the Property Located at 1303 Blossom Blvd NW**

Larson mentioned that the size of the lots would not be a problem for what is being requested.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-167 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Request from Kardo Properties LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for Landbanked Parking and Site Plan/Building Appearance Review, Which Would Allow for the Construction of an Addition to the Existing Structure Located at 605 1st Avenue NW**

- a. **Resolution 2012-168 Approving the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) as Requested by Kardo Properties LLC to Allow for Landbanked Parking on the Property Located at 605 1st Avenue NW**
- b. **Resolution 2012-169 Approving the Site Plan/Building Appearance to Construct an Addition on to the Existing Structure Located on the Property at 605 1st Avenue NW**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-168 and 2012-169 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Whisper Ridge Park Discussion

Wilson reported the Park and Recreation Board looked into the future of Whisper Ridge Park and all members agreed that before any decisions could be made a public engagement or outreach effort from the City to the area residents should be implemented. 184 letters were sent out to property owners within the area and only 9 responses were received back. From the responses it was found some residents were not aware of the park and some residents would prefer money spent on bike-walk trails. There were additional comments that because of the seclusion of the park it draws in older kids (teens) and there are often undesirable activities that take place.

The Park and Recreation Board recommended to maintain the basketball court and explore options for the removal of the tennis court area. Also, upon review of the Comprehensive Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan next year Whisper Ridge should be further reviewed.

Mayor Wimmer stated it would cost around \$10,000 to \$12,000 dollars to refurbish the park.

There was consensus to maintain the basketball court and to allow the rest of the park to go to green space; this was directed back to the Park and Recreation Board for further review.

10. Resolution 2012-170 to Order Public Hearing to Consider Nuisance Abatement for Properties in Violation of Nuisance Code §216-2 (L.)

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-170 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Legacy Park Trail Update

DeWolf stated that in order to obtain all of the necessary permits for the Legacy Trail Park project, a few modifications needed to be made to the proposed Legacy Park Trail plan. Minor adjustments were made to the proposed trail alignment shifting it outside the defined wetland boundary. An archaeological site needed to be avoided and two additional culverts were added to the project to satisfy the DNR fisheries requirements.

12. Ordinance 537 to Amend the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 325, Water

Lorsung reported that this ordinance corrects the use of waterline connections for individuals in a building with their own property identification numbers, such as condominium units. This allows each unit to have a separate meter and secured shut off.

Motion by Larson, second by Streiff to approve Ordinance No. 537 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$201,302.31 and Payroll in the Amount of \$73,083.21
2. Final Minutes of the June 12, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting
3. **Resolution 2012-171 Appointing Election Judges for the 2012 Primary Election**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson 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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk