# MINUTES CITY OF ISANTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. CITY HALL

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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, Chief of Police Travis Muyres, Finance Director Mike Betker and Community Development Director Sheila Sellman.

Others Present: Larry Merchlewitz, Sean Wilson and Josh Robinson

# **D.** Public Comment

None

#### E. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Add L.8

**L.3 Revision** Resolution 2020-140 Accepting PT Liquor Store Clerk Letter of Resignation from Sheila Johnsrud

## F. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Legacy Award: Rum River BMX is being presented with the Legacy Award for having the #1 BMX track in the Nation in 2019 (*Sean Wilson, Larry Merchlewitz, Josh Robinson*)

Mayor Johnson presented Rum River BMX with an award for recognition for the #1 BMX track in the nation in 2019 followed by a picture.

# G. Approve City Council Minutes

- 1. July 7, 2020- Regular Meeting of the City Council
- 2. May 19, 2020- Planning Commission Meeting
- 3. June 2, 2020- Economic Development Authority Minutes

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

#### H. Announcements

- 1. Park, Recreation, & Culture Board Meeting
- 2. City Council Meeting
- 3. EDA Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (*Following the City Council Meeting*)

# I. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Steve Lundeen shared that there is no news on the Joint Powers Agreement. Lundeen also shared that Oxford Township is having an election in November and the Fire District is in discussion whether to send flyers to Oxford residents informing them of the situation.

# J. Public Hearings

None

# K. Business Items

1. **Resolution 2020- 137** Consideration of Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Thunder Brothers Brewery

Mayor Johnson shared that there was discussion at Committee of the Whole meeting earlier in the evening regarding an application received from Thunder Brothers for a temporary liquor license to sell alcohol at the upcoming street dances. Dahlheimer Beverage sponsors the street dances and the Lions are the only ones that have been selling alcohol at street dances for the last few years.

Councilmember Bergley asked if there was a written contract of the sponsorship with Dahlheimer Beverage.

City Administrator Josi Wood stated that Dahlheimer verbally agreed to give sponsorship to the City of Isanti for the Lions to sell alcohol if there were not competitive alcohol vendors. However, there is not specific contract in writing for the monetary donations and sponsorships other than the fee that the City has accepted.

Motion by Bergley, second by Gordon to approve the resolution as presented. Motion passed 3-2 with Johnson and Lundeen voting nay. Motion carried.

## **Chief of Police Travis Muyres**

2. Resolution 2020-138 Accepting DOJ COPS Hiring Program (CHP) 2020 Grant Chief of Police Travis Muyres shared that there are two parts to the item, accepting the grant itself and hire for a fulltime police officer position sometime this fall.

Finance Director Mike Betker shared that the City did receive \$125,000 for the grant. Betker continued to share that the Levy projections and tax rate projections are just projections, but Council was made aware that in 2022, on a calendar year basis, if an officer is hired, that a tax rate decrease to a small tax rate increase will likely happen. The City has already planned to add another fulltime officer 2022, but this grant will be able to make it happen sooner than projected. Fortunately, the budget is being managed well so this would about 1 to 1.5 % increase in the tax rate.

Mayor Johnson asked if the grant was for mental health for the officers.

Muyres stated that the position is a patrol officer that will focus on the aspect of mental health in the community.

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

# L. Approve Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$767,554.05 Payroll in the Amount of \$101,392.69
- 2. Resolution 2020-139 Accepting PT Liquor Store Clerk Letter of Resignation from Sarah Cisar
- **3. Resolution 2020-140** Accepting PT Liquor Store Clerk Letter of Resignation from Sheila Johnsrud
- 4. **Resolution 2020-141** Approving Contract with LanguageLine Services
- 5. **Resolution 2020-142** Acceptance of Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Program Grant
- 6. Resolution 2020-143 Acceptance of Urban Area Security Initiative Federal Grant
- 7. Resolution 2020-144 Offering the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk to Elizabeth Kerr
- 8. Resolution 2020-145 Offering the Position of Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk to Cory Hed

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve Consent Agenda as Presented. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

## M. Other Communications

- 1. June Police Department Reports
- 2. June Code Enforcement Officer Report
- 3. June Building Inspector Report
- 4. July Engineering Project Status Report

## N. Closed Session

**1.** Closed Session for review and consideration of sale of City owned Real Property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 Subd3 (c) for PID 16.0401.030 and 16.0400.960

Mayor Johnson announced the Council was going into closed session at 7:25 p.m. regarding consideration of sale of City owned real property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 Subd3 (c) for PID 16.0401.030 and 16.0400.960

Mayor Johnson reopened the meeting for a decision. A motion was made by Lundeen, seconded by Bergley directing staff into negotiations regarding the sale of City owned real property at PID 16.0401.030 and 16.0400.960. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lundeen, second by Collison. Motion passed 5-0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jaden Moore Deputy City Clerk/ Human Resources