

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 3, 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 Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**1. Mayor's June Great Yard Awards**

Mayor Wimmer announced the winners of the Mayor's June Great Yard Awards as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1227 Blossom Blvd NW	Peter Lage & Amber Schneider
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	603 Edgewood St SW	Thomas Morse & Eunice Larson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	1114 Ironwood St SW	Keith, Jill, Brian, & Christopher Laska

The following are the prize providers of the awards:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Prize - \$100 – Above All Roof Tops
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Prize - \$ 50 – Startac Construction, Inc.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Prize - \$ 25 – KJD Signs

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Export Summit**
  - Network
- **League of Minnesota Cities**
  - Workshops
    - Community Engagement
    - Citizen Contribution
    - Private/Public Partnerships
- **Northern Lights Express (NLX)**
  - Time extension approved for the environmental study
- **East Central Regional Library**
  - Annual Meeting
    - Importance of higher education
    - Revolving loan fund
      - Money is available to loan out to small businesses
- **Events**
  - Glow Ball - July 27<sup>th</sup> at Sanbrook Gold Course
  - National Night Out - August 7<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **K-9 Proposal**
  - Meeting held with the Chief of Police and Officer Gau
    - More information is being gathered
- **City Speed Limits**
  - Proposed speed of 20-25 mph on residential roads
    - Directed to Police Committee

## **J. Public Hearings**

None.

## **K. Business Items**

### **1. Enforcement of Rules for the Bike-Walk Trail – Horses**

Mayor Wimmer noted that horses have been on the bike-walk trail and droppings have been seen on the trail.

There was discussion on how to better enforce the rule of horses not being allowed on the trail and how to further clarify the regulations for horses in the City.

This matter was directed to the Park and Recreation Board

### **2. Community Center Improvements – Ballot Question**

Mayor Wimmer reported that having the community center improvements on the November ballot is still possible. However, the question cannot be for a levy; in order to place this question on the ballot it would have to be a general obligation bond question. The question would need to have a dollar amount placed in, which would yet need to be determined, that the City would be allowed to bond for to finance the betterment of and improvements to the City's community center.

Mayor Wimmer asked the Council if the City of Isanti should proceed forward with this.

There was discussion that the Isanti Community Center (ICC) Task Force needs to educate the citizens on the Isanti Community Center between now and November.

Larson noted that the ICC Task Force will have a booth up at Kids Day, will be in the Jubilee Days Parade and will have another booth up at National Night Out.

Mayor Wimmer stated the capital improvement plan for the ICC needs to be reviewed, costs updated - if applicable, and anything else that needs to be improved should be added in and totaled. Each improvement needs to be segregated out for the Council to review.

Lorsung added these totals can be rounded figures and recommended this analysis come back to be reviewed at the first City Council meeting in August.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to have the ICC task force go through the capital improvement plan, update any costs that have changed, add in additional improvements needed - with rounded totals (to separate and list out the totals) and be placed for Council review on the first City Council Meeting in August. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution 2012-153 Approving a Special Event Application For Greg Larson and Ruth Ann Docken**

Mayor Wimmer stated this is for a wedding in Bluebird Park. Mayor Wimmer asked if staff is okay with this. Staff verified their approval with the special event.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-153 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2012-154 Requesting Conveyance of Lot 6, Block 1, Isanti Centennial Complex 1<sup>st</sup> Rearrangement to City of Isanti**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2012-154 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Resolution 2012-155 Authorizing the Appointment of Economic Development Director Sullivan to Serve as President of GPS 45:93 for 2012-2013**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-155 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution 2012-156 Accepting Grant From the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

Mayor Wimmer stated the COPS grant helps defer costs to the City and gives the Police Department the funds and ability to keep all of the Officers on as staff to provide the same amount of police protection for the City as in years past.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-156 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution 2012-157 Approving a Payment Plan for Vision Wake Park Corp**

Mayor Wimmer stated that he and Wilson worked with Vision Wake Park Corp on a payment plan for water billing and engineering fees - some of the water quantities were higher than anticipated. Vision Wake Park Corp has made their 1<sup>st</sup> payment as promised.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-157 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution 2012-158 Approving the Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce Request to Use Electrical Services for the Jubilee Days Parade**

Mayor Wimmer noted that this has been done several years in a row.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-158 as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Quotes for the Lease of City Owned Crop Land**

**a. Resolution 2012-159 Awarding Quote for the Lease of City Owned Crop Land – Parcel A**

**b. Resolution 2012-160 Awarding Quote for the Lease of City Owned Crop Land – Parcel B**

There were two bids for Area A, Wayne Calendar being the highest bidder. There was one bid for Area B from Craig Bjorklund.

Mayor Wimmer asked if both parties are current with their obligations to the City. Lorsung confirmed both parties are current with all obligations.

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2012-159 awarding the bid to Wayne Calendar for Area A and Resolution 2012-160 awarding the bid to Craig Bjorklund for Area B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Request for Towing Services**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen for staff to seek proposals for towing services. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Request to Re-Advertise for Contractor Maintenance Services**

Mayor Wimmer inquired about the option of an approved vendor list as no quotes were received the first time around when the City advertised for contractor maintenance services.

Lorsung stated this time the City would further advertise and send out letters to contractors within the area that the City has used or knows of.

There was discussion on having an approved vendor call list versus contracted vendor(s) for maintenance services needed by the City.

Mayor Wimmer inquired how frequently the City would go out for quotes for contractor maintenance services.

Lorsung stated every couple of years the City would go out for quotes for contractor maintenance services.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson for staff to re-advertise for contractor maintenance services. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Approve Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$260,422.18 and Payroll in the Amount of \$77,584.46
2. Final Payment for Well House No. 1 in the Amount of \$16,413.68 and Change Order in the Amount of \$6,202.84
3. Final Payment for Automatic Meter Reading System in the Amount of \$7,335.52 and Change Order Net Deduction in the Amount of \$41,660.38
4. Pay Estimate No. 5 for the 2011 Street and Utility Improvements in the Amount of \$81,862.33
5. Final Minutes of the May 22, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting
6. Final Minutes of the April 24, 2012 EDA Meeting
7. **Resolution 2012-161** Authorizing Amendment to the City of Isanti's Personnel Policy

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

**N. Closed Session**

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Wimmer announced that the Council would go into a brief recess to clear out the Chambers. Mayor Wimmer stated that the City Council would then go into closed session for consultation with the City Attorney regarding threatened litigation.

At 7:35 p.m. the City Council went into closed session.

**1. Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Threatened Litigation**

At 8:00 p.m. Council came out of closed session. Mayor Wimmer requested City Attorney Joslin provide a summary of the closed session.

Joslin reported that during the closed session there was discussion between himself and the Council with input from staff present, which were Sullivan, Lorsung and Henning. The discussion addressed potential legal ramifications and options in responding to a letter from Mr. Thomas Malone of Barna, Guzy & Steffen Ltd. on behalf of C.L. Hough, LLC pertaining to Excess Property that the City wishes to reacquire because Hough did not fulfill the prerequisites of the July 11, 2002 Development Agreement. Had the prerequisites been fulfilled, Hough would have been allowed to keep the property. The discussion included potential responses to the letter which made certain demands and threatened litigation if those demands were not met.

Mayor Wimmer made comment that he believes staff should move forward with a response stating the City's position: the original Development Agreement should be enforced and that the property should be returned as required.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Larson to move forward with a response stating the City's position as stated above by Wimmer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk