

**CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016
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: Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: Steve Lundeen

Staff Present: City Attorney Clark Joslin, City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources/City Clerk Lindsey McInnis, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

D. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

None

F. Approve City Council Minutes

1. June 21, 2016 - Regular Meeting of the City Council

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None

H. Announcements

1. Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
2. City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
3. City Council Budget Work Session Tuesday, July 19, 2016
(Immediately following the 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting)
4. Parks, Recreation, & Culture Meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

I. Council Committee Reports

Mayor Wimmer reported on upcoming items that will be included in the Budget Meetings. The only expected increase would be to cover the Fire Districts increase of 13% for 2016, as well as preparing for 2017. Based on costs from the last few years in regards to mediation/arbitration, a contingency fund is being added in the amount of \$10,000. Those are the only two areas that are expected to increase in budgeting which is approximately \$47,000 at this point. This will be discussed more at the budget meetings but the Mayor wanted the Council to be aware of where the budget is at.

The Mayor also reported The Green Table was voted to have the best lunch in Isanti County by Isanti County news readers.

J. Public Hearings

None

K. Business Items

1. Mr. James Witte was the only applicant for the vacant Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Seat. Mr. Witte was interviewed by the Council.
 - a. **Resolution 2016-215 to Appoint Candidate James Witte to Fill Vacant Parks, Recreation and Culture Seat**

Motion by Collison, second by Lorinser. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Considered the addition of the Rum River BMX Association Board to the list of Committees with Mayor Wimmer being appointed to that Board for the remainder of this year. Considered amending Resolution No. 2016-188 to include updated representatives.
 - b. **Ordinance 2016-648** Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 8 City Council, Article III, Section 8-18 Committees to include Rum River BMX Association Board

Mayor Wimmer indicated he would like to appoint himself to the Rum River BMX Association Board.

Motion by Bergley, second by Lorinser. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Resolution 2016-216** to Amend the Designation of Committees and Representatives for City Commissions and Advisory Boards for Year 2016 to include Rum River BMX Board Appointee and Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Appointee

Motion by Bergley, second by Lorinser. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution 2016-217** Approving the Addition of Grass Volleyball Court at Rum River Meadows

Mayor Wimmer explained that a grass court is very feasible and would be paid through the existing Park and Recreation budget. This City has the available lots. The Mayor indicated that previously, a sand volleyball court was looked into, but it was quite a bit more expensive. The frame around it, the special sand and to meet all safety regulations would run approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. Many years ago the grass courts at Mattson Park were taken out. These will be a good replacement and give the community a nice amenity that we haven't had in a while. It was noted the tennis courts are still at Mattson Park, Whisper Ridge and currently working with the Arts and Science Academy on a joint project to try and get additional tennis courts at that location. Council member Lorinser raised a concern with the nets and being a potential for damage. The Mayor stated that in the past, we have done fairly well with tennis

and basketball courts/nets. Primarily, the only issue is with the wear and tear due to the age of the courts, which is also something the City is currently working to repair.

Motion by Lorinser, second Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Future Dog Park Discussion

The Mayor stated that the area being looked at for the potential dog site location is located just East of the BMX facility. It is along the railroad tracks, and has an abundance of trees. Creating the dog park is not something we would be doing this year, unless we can find a grant to pay for it. The discussion is to provide a planned location where we would plan to develop it. Many residents have asked questions about or requested a dog park. Also, some people have even indicated an interest to help and even donate funds towards it. If there is a designated spot, the City can start working towards that goal of implementing the park. There are two structures located at that space currently, one for Public Works and one for the Police Department, which eventually should be moved and provide more space for those departments to store things. The only downfall is that it is near the railroad tracks and when a train goes by it is louder, however it is still a beautiful area. Councilor Bergley asked if the council was being asked to approve all of the items including the budgets. The Mayor clarified that Council is only approving the location of a dog park and if and when we are ready to fund it, it will require another discussion. The approval is the basis of how staff can start making strides towards having a dog park. Council member Bergley questioned if it was brought up at the last Park and Recreation Meeting and asked if there were other sites looked at. The Mayor explained there has been discussion and that it would have been brought up at the last Park and Recreation meeting, but they did not have a quorum, so no meeting was held. To keep the ball rolling on it, it was brought to City Council to determine a designated area. Other areas have been looked at but they all presented different issues. The Mayor stated that this seems to be the best location option.

Motion by Bergley, second by Lorinser to approve the concept and location of a future dog park to the east of the BMX facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan

4. **Resolution 2016-218** Calling for Special Legislative Session and Restoration of Funding for Minnesota Investment Fund and Job Creation Fund

The Mayor explained that the recent tax bill was vetoed. The Mayor would love to have the Council's support in this letter to call for a Special Legislative Session and restoring the funding of the Minnesota Investment Fund and the Job Creation Fund. The Mayor stated a lot of communities are doing this. However, it is unknown if it will have any impact at all on the political season but the more effort in trying to get additional funding for this, the better. This is also holding up future LGA (Local Government Aid) money as well.

Motion by Collison, second by Bergley. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$211,889.71 and Payroll in the amount of \$100,995.48
2. **Resolution 2016-219** Acknowledging Permanent Employee Status for Code Enforcement/Zoning Technician Matt Lindholm
3. **Resolution 2016-220** Accepting Resignation from Part Time Liquor Store Clerk Emily Cavallaro
4. **Resolution 2016-221** Accepting Quote for the Lease of City Owned Crop Land
5. **Resolution 2016-222** Appointing Election Judges for the 2016 Primary Election

Motion by Bergley, second by Collison. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Other Communications

None

Adjournment

Motion by Bergley, second by Lorinser. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lutterman
Administrative Data Clerk