

**CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, July 5, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.  
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, Council Members: Paul Bergley, Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser and Steve Lundeen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Human Resources/City Clerk Katie Brooks, City Engineer Brad DeWolf, Police Chief Gene Hill, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, and Community Development Director Ryan Kernosky

Others Present: B. Larson, Karl Jentoft, B. Berg

**D. Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Lorinser to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

None.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

1. June 20, 2017– Regular Meeting of the City Council

Motion by Lundeen second by Lorinser to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**G. Citizens Input**

None.

**H. Announcements**

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| 1. City Council Meeting                 | Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.   |
| 2. City Council Budget Work Session     | Tuesday, July 18, 2017<br>(Immediately following the 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting)                    |
| 3. Planning Commission Meeting          | Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.<br>(Immediately following City Council Budget Work Session Meeting) |
| 4. Parks, Recreation, & Culture Meeting | Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.   |

**I. Council Committee Reports**

Mayor Wimmer mentioned the number of firework complaints the city has received and how those are dealt with. He said the process in dealing with the complaint reports was to give a warning to the offender first, then issue citations to those who failed to heed the warnings.

Mayor Wimmer then wanted to clarify the School Board tax abatement as he felt there was some confusion surrounding it after it had been reported incorrectly in the news. They are not being subsidized with public money. It is their own money they are paying in and without the abatement this would not occur. The benefit with the tax abatement is that from day one, there is extra income available for the county, school district, and city to share in those funds. For the first five years the entity receiving the tax abatement keeps 50% of the tax amount and 50% is shared with the county, school district, and city. After year five, the abatement amount decreases by 10% each year until year 10 when the entity pays on the full tax base.

Mayor Wimmer asked that if the press or community members had any questions regarding any of the Economic Development tools being used to please contact him or the City of Isanti Economic Development Director, Sean Sullivan, for clarification as it can be confusing. Mayor Wimmer went on to explain that the tax abatement was more favorable than TIF as when TIF is used 100% of the revenue is kept by the entity or business and is not shared with the community. Tax Abatement is less familiar but more beneficial to all government entities as they share in a portion of the taxed amount. Mayor Wimmer wanted this to be as clear as possible and once again implored anyone with any questions to seek answers from the appropriate people so the facts are out there.

**J. Public Hearings**

None.

**K. Business Items**

1. **Request for a Temporary Conditional Use Permit for ASA Middle School Students at New Hope Community Church.** Mayor Wimmer wanted to know what steps the charter school would have to go through so the students could be housed at the church and what were the transportation issues surrounding this.

Pastor Bill Berg from New Hope Community Church said they have researched the entire project, have looked at the building codes and what was necessary, and have spoken with the State as to what needs to take place to house the students. B. Berg then explained they have looked at scheduling also and it does not appear to be a conflict. Karl Jentoft said transportation has already been approved with School District 911 picking up and dropping off students utilizing one bus. However, the route is not set yet as it is dependent upon student numbers, handicapped accessibility, and street access to the church.

Mayor Wimmer wanted to make sure that it was understood that the City Council would only be approving that it could happen but it is the State that has final authority regarding the school operations. Mayor Wimmer wanted to receive a written response from the charter school and church regarding the issues still in question. He said the City Council would provide a list with the questions to the charter school and New Hope Community Church so it was clear what they wanted answered. Mayor Wimmer said the request should be tabled until there is a written explanation answering the City Council's list of questions before this request is heard again.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to table Request. Motion carried.

2. **Resolution 2017-185 Request for a Temporary Conditional Use Permit to Increase the Maximum Number of ASA Students to 350 students.** Karl Jentoft said this was a temporary CUP to increase student capacity to 350 students to give flexibility to place the students where it will be

most convenient during construction. Mayor Wimmer wanted to clarify that the temporary increase to 350 included the additional 40 students being requested in Business Item number 3. Mayor Wimmer said if they approved the 350 with this request it would cover both. He continued by saying that while there was progress on the playground as requested by the City Council, it is not substantial progress. However, he said there is another couple of weeks for them to do this. Mayor Wimmer said he didn't think there were any issues with the temporary increase right now and it would cover them for the next few months regarding student numbers.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve the request as presented as Resolution 217-185. Motion carried.

#### **City Administrator Don Lorsung**

3. Resolution Amending the Conditional Use Permit Approved for the Arts and Science Academy Increasing the Maximum Number of Students From 260 to 300 at 903 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court NE.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Lundeen to table this item until the next City Council meeting. Motion carried.

4. **Resolution 2017-186 Accepting Annual Walkthrough of Buildings on City Property Report and Request Quotes on Repairs**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve Resolution 2017-186 as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan**

5. **Resolution 2017-187 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement on Lot 14, Block 3, Isanti Meadows with Real Deal Construction, Inc.**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve Resolution 2017-187 as presented. Motion carried.

#### **City Engineer Brad DeWolf**

5. **Resolution 2017-188 Awarding the Bid for the 2017 Palomino Road Improvement Project**  
Five bids were received by June 28<sup>th</sup> with the low bid from C&L Excavating at \$553,814.25. The City Engineer had estimated the cost at \$635,000.00 so the bid from C&L Excavating was very competitive.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2017-188 to award bid to C & L Excavating. Motion carried.

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

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$263,812.43 and Payroll in the amount of \$110,546.26
2. Final Meeting Minutes for the April 25, 2017 Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting
3. **Resolution 2017-189 Authorizing the Purchase of a Microsoft Surface Computer for Police Investigator**
4. **Resolution 2017-190 Stating the City of Isanti's Approval of the County of Isanti to Classify and sell Parcel for Public Auction or Private Auction to Adjacent Property Owners**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Bergley to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

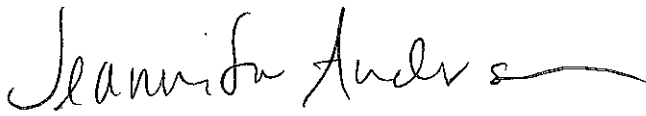
#### **M. Other Communications**

1. Draft Meeting Minutes of the June 20, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting
2. Draft Meeting Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Bergley, second by Lundeen. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeannifer Anderson", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Jeannifer Anderson  
Admin Data Clerk