

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
August 6, 2014
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 Sue Larson, Adam Johnson, Steve Lundeen and Dan Collison

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator/City Clerk Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Sarah Cotton, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Police Chief Gene Hill, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Community Development Director Roxanne Achman, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

D. Adopt Agenda

Addendum:

Remove J.4 Public Hearing for Appeal of the Stormwater Utility Fee on PID 16.113.0740 and 16.113.0750

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

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Mayor's July Great Yard Awards

The winners of the July Great Yard Awards were:

1 st Place – Janet Weleski	111 East Broadway St NW
2 nd Place – Stephanie Larson	701 Brookview Lane NW
3 rd Place – Brian Dobbick	903 Winsome Way NE

The following are the prize providers of the awards:

1 st place sponsor - \$100 – Alan Duff - Duff Consulting and Wintergreens
2 nd place sponsor - \$50 – Startac Construction
3 rd place sponsor – \$25 – My Geeky Guy, Inc

2. Accept \$5,000 Grant Check from Initiative Foundation for Indoor BMX Arena Project

Mayor Wimmer accepted the \$5,000 grant check from the Initiative Foundation.

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lundeen, second by Collison to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 regular meeting, July 15, 2014 budget work session meeting and the July 29, 2014 special meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

Brett Parson, 505 Cottonwood Street SW, brought up to the City Council again his concerns in regards to code enforcement and that he believes he is being discriminated against. Parson feels other properties within his neighborhood are in violation of City code. Mayor Wimmer again explained to Parson that no one is being singled out and there are numerous nuisance issues that are being addressed. Mayor Wimmer noted all nuisance issues cannot be addressed at once and noted the Code Enforcement Officer is a part-time position. Mayor Wimmer reassured Parson that the City is taking code enforcement issues seriously. Mayor Wimmer noted that a majority of the properties in his neighborhood are doing a good job.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Northern Lights Express (NLX)**
 - Station Locations
 - Open House
- **Arena Board**
 - Youth Hockey
- **Highway 65 Coalition**
 - Congestion Issues
- **Friends of the Isanti Area Library**
 - Off Leash Theatre
 - Bowling for Books
- **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Night Golf Tournament
- **City of Isanti Street Dance**
 - August 16th

Mayor Wimmer noted that the City of Isanti has received its 24th housing permit due to the SAC and WAC Program.

Mayor Wimmer also updated everyone that although the Charter School was originally supposed to be open in August, it will not be; the school is working through the State of MN to get all of its inspections done; the school cannot open until these are completed. The City cannot complete school inspections. The City will share more information with the public as it is received in regards to the new Charter School.

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on Use of Tax Abatement and Issuance of Tax Abatement Bonds and Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Related to 2014 Bond Issues (*Rusty Fifield, Northland Securities Representative*)

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

No one was present and there was no discussion on the matter.

Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

a. Resolution 2014-166 Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$2,610,000 General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2014A

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-166. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution 2014-167 Providing for the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$1,420,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B

Motion by Larson, second by Collison to approve Resolution 2014-167. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 2014-168 Approving Property Tax Abatements

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-168. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2014-169 Vacating a Utility Easement

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

No one was present and there was no discussion on the matter.

Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2014-169. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing for Appeal of the Stormwater Utility Fee on 790 Heritage Blvd NE - Isanti Alano Society

Mayor Wimmer opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Jim Kolter, 113 East Main Street Isanti, from the Isanti Alano Society, addressed the Council with his concern regarding the stormwater utility fee. Kolter explained that back in 2005, when an addition was done to the facility, the society met all requirements of the time. The society also does not believe any water would ever reach the City's storm water facility. Kolter noted the Alano Society is a non-profit organization.

Mayor Wimmer explained this was not a requirement back in 2005 and it is now a state requirement. Mayor Wimmer noted the City tried to find the best way to implement this fee fairly.

City Engineer Brad DeWolf explained how the storm water fees were calculated.

Dough Whitney, from Becklin and Whitney Consulting Engineers, addressed the Council and stated that the heart of the issue is that the site is somewhat rural in nature and has its own well and on site sewer system; the City ordinance does not take into account those who do not have storm water sewer ponding and treatment systems onsite and those that do. There should be some consideration for those that do onsite storm water treatment.

Mayor Wimmer stated all storm water does eventually get to City infrastructure. The way the storm water fee is structured is not unique.

Larson questioned if the calculation takes into account the amount of land there is from the impervious surface to the edge of the property - for the natural seepage down of stormwater. DeWolf stated that the calculation is strictly based on the amount of impervious on the property versus the amount of impervious on a standard residential unit; only the amount of impervious surface on the property.

Mayor Wimmer further explained the application of the stormwater calculation and its attempt to be fair for all properties concerned.

Mayor Wimmer closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Larson, second by Collison to deny the appeal. Motion carried 3-1 Johnson opposed. Lundeen abstained.

K. Business Items

1. BMX Special Event Permits

- a. Resolution 2014-170 Approving a Special Event Application for the MN State Championship Race**
- b. Resolution 2014-171 Approving a Special Event Application for the MN State BMX Finals**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson to approve Resolutions 2014-170 & 2014-171. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2014-172 Approving a Special Event Request for a Run/Walk for the “Rum River Run for Lupus” for Trisha Bengtson

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-172. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2014-173 Approving Funding for a Property Survey of Outlot A, Mattson’s 2nd Addition

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-173. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2014-174 Approving the Development Agreement for Fairway Greens Phase Seven

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-174. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Resolution 2014-175 to Approve Using Isanti Community Center Capital Improvement Funds for Exterior Painting of the Isanti Community Center**

Motion by Johnson, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-175. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Resolution 2014-176 Approving Acceptance of Mini-Grant From Partners in Healthy Living**

Motion by Lundeen, second by Larson to approve Resolution 2014-176. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Resolution 2014-177 Approving Funding for Downtown Historical Plaques**

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-177. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Resolution 2014-178 Approving the Replacement of the City's Server Back-Up System and Software**

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-178. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Resolution 2014-179 Adopting Fees Within the City of Isanti**

Motion by Collison, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-179. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Resolution 2014-180 Approving Procedure for Annual Walk Through of Buildings on City Property**

Motion by Johnson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-180. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Resolution 2014-181 Authorizing the Execution of Repayment Agreement with J Robinson Construction LLC on Lot 18, Block 1, Villages on the Rum Third Addition, Phase Three**

Motion by Collison, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-181. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Resolution 2014-182 Authorizing the Purchase of Historical Downtown Banners, City Banner Flags and Light Pole Hardware**

Motion by Larson, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution 2014-182. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$711,278.09 and Payroll in the Amount of \$161,963.56

2. Final Minutes of the June 24, 2014 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting
3. Canvass Board Meeting Absence - City Administrator
4. **Resolution 2014-183** Accepting Utility Billing Clerk Teresa Lauseng's Letter of Resignation
5. **Resolution 2014-184** Approving an Amended Job Description for the Billing Clerk
6. **Resolution 2014-185** Authorizing Staff to Sign Declarations of Official Intent
7. **Resolution 2014-186** Approving Funding for City Staff to Attend MN Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference

Motion by Lundeen, second by Johnson 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 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk