

**MINUTES
CITY OF ISANTI
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
ISANTI CITY HALL**

Mayor Pro-tem Lorinser 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 Ross Lorinser

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Police Chief Ron Sager, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

Motion by Larson, second by Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wimmer joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards

1. Mayor's Great Yard Awards

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

- 1st Place – Gary and Sherry Sonneson
- 2nd Place – Stephanie Kuznia
- 3rd Place – Allen and Melissa Goldsmith

The following are the prize providers of the awards:

- 1st Place Prize - \$100 – Hutchins Dental
- 2nd Place Prize - \$ 50 – Startac Construction, Inc.
- 3rd Place Prize - \$ 25 – KJD Signs

F. Approve City Council Minutes

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 City Council Meeting and City Council Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizens Input

None.

H. Announcements

Announcements were read.

I. Council Committee Reports

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Minnesota State League for Human Resources and Data Practices**
 - Filing for unemployment
- **Minnesota State League for Improving Service Delivery Policy Committee**
 - Food trucks
 - City Ordinances for golf carts
 - Discussion on combining catering and liquor licenses
- **Minnesota State League on Improving Economies Policy Committee**
 - Importance of branding
- **East Central Development Commission**
 - Annual review for revolving loan fund
- **Isanti Area Joint Fire District**
 - Audit
- **GPS 4593**
 - Legislative update
- **Arena Board**
 - All ice time has been sold
- **League of Minnesota Cities**
 - Elimination of the Market Value Homestead Program
 - State Fair

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Owl's Home Opener on September 17th**
- **Isanti's A+ credit rating was reaffirmed**
- **Potential land purchase of some property for park purposes**

J. Public Hearings

None were scheduled.

K. Business Items

1. **Resolution No. 2011-205 Accepting Proposal on the Competitive Negotiated Sale of \$790,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2011A, Providing for Their Issuance and Pledging Special Assessment for the Security Thereof and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof**

Paul Donna presented on the ten year bond and the A+ credit rating for the City of Isanti. Four bids were received. United Bankers Bank of Bloomington, Minnesota was the best bid with a true interest cost of 2.22%, and an all inclusive cost of 2.85%.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-205 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Report on Bids for the Purchase of the Performance Center

DeWolf presented a report on the Performance Center building project and bids which were to be received on August 30, 2011. DeWolf announced that the Performance Center had not received any bids and suggested that bids for the site work and construction of the building be solicited directly by mail from a predetermined list of contractors. Mayor Wimmer made comment that he had hoped the Community Education Program would put forth a greater response to use the Performance Center and stated he would like to receive a greater commitment from the Community Education program before the Performance Center is built. There was discussion on scheduling and usage of the Performance Center.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to table this matter until further commitments are secured. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 2011-206 Approving First Amendment to Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Cambridge- Isanti Bike/Walk Trail

Mayor Wimmer made comment that with this agreement the City of Isanti would pay 33.4 % of the costs for maintenance and insurance for the bridge portion of the bike/walk trail. The paved portion of the trail comes out of the general budget for both cities. It was discussed that the bridge insurance costs are around \$7,400 annually and that cost would need to be paid. This agreement would last for twenty years.

There was discussion on the necessity for communication and a clear understanding of expectations for the trail. Mayor Wimmer informed the Council that Cambridge has not yet agreed upon this agreement. Lorinser expressed concerns regarding spending of monies on bridge maintenance. It was discussed that amounts less than \$50,000, if adequate funds are available, would be approved by the City of Cambridge and amounts over that require approval by both cities. There was discussion on the possibility of bonding outside of the City limits, Smith confirmed it is possible. There was discussion on the appointed advisory committee that would have authority to make repairs on the trail and utilize the maintenance repair and insurance fund.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-206 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Resolutions Relating to the 2012 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Wimmer reported that Isanti is having a slight tax decrease even with the additional costs the City is taking on due to the shift in costs from the State for the Market Value Homestead Program Credit. Additionally, he noted that the expenditure side shows fewer dollars in the police department and the City will work on getting a grant to increase those dollars. Everything with the budget and levy has been presented, as is, uniform within the budget work sessions. Smith made comment that the revised resolutions are simply a reflection of the bond sale.

a. Resolution No. 2011-207 Setting the 2012 Preliminary Budget

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-207 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 2011-208 Approving the 2012 Final Budget and Levy Meeting

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-208 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution No. 2011-209 Approving the Preliminary 2011 Tax Levy Collectible in 2012

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-209 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance No. 518 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 325, Water

The ordinance amends chapter 325 section 12 regarding to damage that is directly related to the water meter installation. If any damage occurs within six months of the change out, this damage will be held as the City's responsibility. The ordinance will be effective upon publication and expire on July 1, 2012.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Ordinance No. 518 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution No. 2011-210 Authorizing November 1st and December 1st Drawing

Midwest Testing LLC is offering a drawing to get residents to schedule a time for the meter installation. The drawing will be held on November 1, 2011 and December 1, 2011 for residents who have previously had the new meter installed. Each winner will receive a \$50 credit to their City services account.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lorinser to approve Resolution No. 2011-210 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Resolution No. 2011-211 Approving Quote for Services for Demolition and Debris Removal for a City Building

Lorsung reported that demolition options were researched for the structure at 11 Isanti Parkway NW, and that it is recommended for the City split the work. This would mean contracting to have the structure taken down and debris removed; following, public works would then remove the remaining foundation, grade and level the site.

Two quotes were received for the demolition and debris removal. Leaf Construction was the lowest quote, at \$2,300.00.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-211 awarding the bid to Leaf Construction in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the demolition and removal of the structure on 11 Isanti Parkway NW. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution No. 2011-212 Accepting Quote for Phone Services

Qwest (Century Link) currently provides telephone line services for all City departments and municipal buildings. Qwest (Century Link) has provided renewal rates for telephone line services that would give a \$160.02/month savings under their Century Link Line Volume Plan for a 36 month period.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-212, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Nuisance Enforcement Administration

Lorsung gave a staff report stating the Development Advisory Committee reviewed the code enforcement position and is recommending that the Code Enforcement Officer (CSO) be moved under the Economic Development Director. The shift would still allow Police to assist the CSO Officer if issuance of a ticket is necessary in nuisance cases.

There was discussion of the CSO Officer going under the Building Official and the current position remaining under the Police Department. There was questioning as to where this position would best fit.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Wimmer to move the CSO Officer under the Economic Development Director. Motion failed with a 3-2 vote (Kennedy, Lundeen and Larson opposed).

10. Ordinance No. 519 Amending City Code Chapter 178 Regulating the Conduct of Lawful Gambling Within the City of Isanti, MN

This ordinance revises local regulations which provide changes to: approvals for permits and regulated gambling activities, requirements for gambling licenses and removes the Designated Trade Area and reporting requirements.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance No. 519 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Consent Agenda

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amounts of \$261,266.42 and Payroll in the Amount of \$135,313.09
2. Approval of July 26, 2011 Park and Recreation Board Minutes
3. Approval of July 26, 2011 EDA Minutes
4. **Resolution No. 2011-213** Authorizing the Acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Safety Hazard Abatement Grant
5. **Resolution No. 2011-214** Accepting Scholarship for Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan's Economic Development Finance Professional Certification

6. **Resolution No. 2011-215** Approving Temporary 3.2 Beer Licenses to the Blaine Jaycees
7. **Resolution No. 2011-216** Approving Application for Exempt Gambling Permit for Isanti Area Chamber of Commerce – Isanti Ambassadors to be Held at Spectacular Events
8. **Resolution No. 2011-217** Cancelling the September 20, 2011 City Council Work Session Meeting
9. **Resolution No. 2011-218** Amending the Minnesota Owls Hockey Team Special Event Application

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

Adjournment

Motion by Kennedy second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk