

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISLE, MILLE LACS COUNTY, MN. NOVEMBER 14, 2017 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ernie Frie at 6:36 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Donahue, Dahlen, Koelfgen and Houle

MINUTES:

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Houle to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2017. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: The final October claims list totaled \$114,111.25.

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Houle to approve the final October claims as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

The November month to date claims list totaled \$288,633.50

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Dahlen to approve the November month to date claims list as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS/AGENDA: There were no changes to the Agenda included in the Council Packet.

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Houle to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: None.

The Mayor recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

The Public Hearing included discussion about the Wellhead Protection Plan – Part II. The City Engineer was present and was unable to show a Power Point presentation he had prepared due to technical difficulties. There was also a packet of information that was supposed to be included in the Council Packet which was omitted. After a short discussion, it was decided that the information would be revisited at the next meeting.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and resumed the Regular Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

COMPLAINT: Margie Christensen of Hunter Winfields, presented a complaint against the Planning and Zoning Committee and the City Council. There were no comments.

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PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Minenko, Supervisor, presented his written report which was included in the Council Packet. Minenko reported some issues at Well 3 and that Public Works replaced some parts on the well.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Mark Reichel's presented the department's written report which was included in the Council Packet. The Chief went over each item of the report and asked for questions. Reichel updated the Council on the new squad as well.

MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE: Manager Shannon Brown presented her written report. Brown asked to close the bar (not off-sale) on November 27-29 for bathroom sewer line repairs. Shannon also informed the Council that she would be doing some cleaning and painting during the closure. There was also discussion about closing the facility for inventory, which the Council was not in favor of. Inventory is to be completed overnight.

MOTION: A motion was made by Dahlen and seconded by Houle to approve the closing of the Municipal Liquor Store (bar, not off-sale) for repairs. All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Co-Chief David Miller reported that St. Cloud Truck Repair informed the department that the Pumper and Rescue Vehicles needed repairs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mike Rude of Widseth Smith Nolting was present to report that the City is still waiting for a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Malone Island Bridge project. Upon receiving that letter, the City can advertise for bids. Also, a "punch-list" meeting is being scheduled for the new Fire Department building. Lastly, there is an upcoming meeting to be scheduled for the closing of the USDA Rural Development loan.

AIRPORT REPORT: Don Dahlen presented the written report from the Airport Committee. He also reported that the past due leases mentioned at the last meeting were now current.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

TRUTH IN TAXATION:

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Dahlen to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-11 Renewing Property/Casualty Insurance with the League of Minnesota Cities was presented for consideration.

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Houle to adopt Resolution 2017-11. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-12 Accepting Donations was presented for consideration.

MOTION: A motion was made by Houle and seconded by Dahlen to adopt Resolution 2017-12. All in favor. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 2017-13 Setting Closure Dates for the Isle Municipal Liquor Store was presented for consideration.

MOTION: A motion was made by Houle and seconded by Dahlen to adopt Resolution 2017-13. In favor: Dahlen, Houle, Frie, Koelfgen. Opposed: Donahue. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING OUTSOURCING: Margie Christensen asked to be on the agenda to open the discussion of disbanding the Planning and Zoning Committee and utilizing National Joint Powers Alliance's (NJPA) planning and zoning services. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Koelfgen to disband the Planning and Zoning Committee. In Favor: Donahue, Koelfgen. Opposed: Frie, Houle, Dahlen. Motion failed.

This motion brought up the question of whether or not the Council has the authority to disband the Planning and Zoning Committee by motion. The City Attorney will look into the matter.

AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE: A revised and updated version of the document was presented to the Council for review. After a short discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Dave Retka expressed concern about the importance of a long term lease. He is a current tenant at the Airport and is considering building a new hangar at an estimated cost of \$40,000. There is also another party interested in building a hangar as well. A long term lease would provide protections for his investment. This was tabled until the next meeting as well.

SERVICE DISCONNECTION REQUESTS: The Mille Lacs Band of the Ojibwa and Thompson's Lake Country Drug asked for water and sewer service disconnection as their service was not used for a one year period. Although the City Clerk advised against this practice as the City's infrastructure has financial obligations, the following motion was made:

MOTION: A motion was made by Dahlen and seconded by Houle to allow water and sewer service to be disconnected for the aforementioned customers. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUDGET MEETING:

MOTION: A motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Dahlen to set the Budget Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS:

There was a question as to where the additional parking signage was for Isle Lakeview Park. Jason Minenko informed the Council that he will be ordering the signs.

The next meeting of the City Council will be the budget meeting on November 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. and then the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Dahlen to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Signed: _____
Jeff Turk, City Clerk/Treasurer

Signed: _____
Ernie Frie, Mayor