

## CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

At 6:30 pm the regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council members present:** Mayor Ernie Frie, Donald Dahlen, Bridgett Donahue (present until 7:45pm), Robert Koelfgen and Ginger Houle.

Other staff present were: Jason Minenko, Shannon Brown, David Miller, Mark Reichel, Jamie Hubbell, Damien Toven (Attorney) and Tim Ramerth (Engineer).

**Motion** to approve the amended agenda by Houle and seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the November Regular meeting minutes by Dahlen and seconded by Donahue. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Houle made the **Motion** to approve the November Special meeting minutes with Donahue making the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Donahue made the **motion** to approve the November final claims totaling \$393,607.06 with Dahlen seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Dahlen to approve the December month to date claims totaling \$66,485.08, Donahue seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Open Forum:** None

### **Public Hearings, Requests and/or Complaints:**

**Motion** to open the public hearing for the **Truth in Taxation** meeting by Dahlen and seconded by Donahue. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- a. **Resolution 2018-12A** to approve the final budget as presented with the final workshop changes to each department budget totals. (Final budget presented in full). **Motion** by Houle; seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.
- b. **Truth in Taxation public comments:**
  - I. Sid Norhe 1450 White Cloud Dr. “A 54% tax increase on my statement is insane. What does this increase cover?”
  - II. Bob Mottl 1370 Circle Dr. “55% increase on my property? What are these taxes funding?”
  - III. Rick Siccora 1860 White Cloud Dr. “Are the levys included in the proposed statements? What do the tax increases cover?”
  - IV. Terrance Jurva ##### White Cloud Dr. “The council should be disgusted with themselves for proposing an increase like this. The statement should explain why the taxes are increasing. The improvements don’t increase my property value by 46%. The city should have sent out a letter.”
  - V. Joan Kileen 325 Lake St. W. “What percentage will my taxes increase with the approved budget?”
  - VI. Donna Bryant 40617 Hwy 47 “not tax related question, but I would like something done about the speed limit in front of my house. Becker and I deal with people honking at us when we turn. We would like to see it reduced to 40MPH.”
  - VII. Denny Trombley 1492 White Cloud Cr. “I was on council 5 years and I encourage the council now and in the future to keep planning. The city has to have a capital plan to justify tax increases.”
  - VIII. Karen Sorenberger 350 Third Ave N. “I received two statements and reclassified my properties already. I cant afford taxes like this on two properties.”

- IX. Marjorie Christensen 555 Lake St. “I have questions about the muni budget and see that it is budgeted at a deficit; I don’t feel that the taxpayers should have to cover the shortfalls of the muni. The local tourist business is recovering, why isn’t the muni?”

**Motion** by Houle to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting with Donahue seconding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution 2018-12B** to approve the Final Tax Levy at \$584,016 with no additional levies for loan payments, for 2019. **Motion** by Dahlen; seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Auditor’s agreement for 2019 with Althoff and Nordquist approved by **motion** from Houle, seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Engineer’s service agreement letter for 2019 from Widseth, Smith and Nolting approved by **motion** from Houle and seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Initiative Foundation 2019 Contribution of \$360.00 approved by **motion** from Houle, seconded by Donahue. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

#### **Department Reports:**

**Public Works** – Supervisor Jason Minenko presented the department report for council’s review. Usual monthly duties were completed. Minenko stated it was a busy month with a lot of maintenance projects completed. Houle stated they did a good job on the new banners for Main St. Reported \$40,398.37 in Water Sewer sales for November.

**Police Department-** Chief Reichel was present to review his report for the month to council. Reichel reported on 205 incident calls for the month of November.

**Liquor Store Operations-** Manager Brown was present to review her reports for November and reviewed the comparisons from 2017. Sales down for on and for 2018 verses 2017 by \$2573.06 and expenses were down by \$4261.54 from 2017. Off Sale sales were up by \$2855 and expenses were also down by \$12769.49. Although the year to date is at a \$374.73 profit after transfer/expenses. Brown requested approval for New Years Eve entertainment at \$1000. Houle made the **motion** with Frie seconding the band Stranded. All in favor, none opposed; motion carried. Wild Hockey tickets provided by Budweiser distributor will be the give away promo. Brown requested extended hours for New Years Eve since it falls on the currently scheduled Monday close. Council verbally agreed. **Resolution 2018-12E** approving the re-hire of Susan Kosloski for part time bartender. **Motion** by Donahue, second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Houle to not make the monthly transfer with Donahue seconding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Fire Department-** Nothing to report

**Planning Commission** – Commissioner Houle reported Blight issues and permit fines were issued and approved. The steering committee continues to make progress on the Comprehensive Plan.

**Airport Committee** – No report, committee on winter break

**City Engineer** –Tim Ramerth was present to discuss the \$3.1 Million grant award from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the 2018 Water and Sewer plan. Just waiting on final approval by the state and USDA Rural Development. Bridge and fire hall projects are completed and wrapped up.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- a. **RESOLUTION 2018-12C** Approving the 2019 2% Cost of Living Advance and schedule of pay by **Motion** from Donahue and seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Trespass notice served to John Johnson for 90 days due to misconduct at the Muni. Johnson requested to address the council regarding the incident. Requested a prepared letter be read by the Clerk. Donahue

made the motion to reduce the trespass to days already served. Dahlen seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

- b. 2019 Annual Cigarette License renewals. 2019-1 thru 2019-6 approved by **Motion** by Houle with Dahlen seconding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. **RESOLUTION 2018-12D** Accepting a Donation from the Isle Lions Club in the amount of \$500 for the Police Department fund, \$500 for the Fire Department fund and \$1000 as a pass thru for the Mille Lacs Friends of the Library. **Motion** by Houle, seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. **Computer Use Policy.** Dahlen requested the draft be revised to limit personal use to authorized use only. Policy approval tabled until next month.

**Clerk’s Report:**

Clerk Hubbell was awarded the designation of Minnesota Certified Municipal Clerk by the Minnesota Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers Association. Hubbell shared the Mille Lacs County MAPP flyer on Social Host ordinance that the county commended Isle in its participation and efforts.

**Finances:**

- a. General Fund bank balance \$988,906.40 and Liquor Fund bank balance \$50,624.06

**Adjourn:**

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:50pm. by Dahlen, second by Koelfgen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Dated on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018  
APPROVED on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019

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Rodney Schultz - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Hubbell, Clerk-Treasurer

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Donald Dahlen

Ginger Houle

Monica Keding

Robert Koelfgen

Rodney Schultz