

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

At 6:00 pm the regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by roll call. **Council members present:** Mayor Ernie Frie, Ginger Houle, Naomi Creech, David Keding and Monica Keding.

Other staff present were: Jamie Hubbell, Tim Ramerth, Don Graber, Jason Minenko and Damien Toven. Tribal legal counsel Frank Kowalkowski was present for the closed session. COVID 19 Social distancing protocols followed.

A **Motion** to approve the April Agenda by D Keding; second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the March Regular meeting minutes by D Keding and seconded by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the March final claims totaling \$220,190.68 by Houle with second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by M Keding to approve April claims to date totaling \$148,753.57 with Creech making the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Isle Flying Association will present in May

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. No Isle Days permits were submitted in time for the meeting. Tabled discussion until May.
- b. 2019 Auditor's report and financial statements were reviewed by each member. Auditor will present both 2019 and 2020 audits in full, in person when 20 is completed. Houle made the **motion** to approve the statements. Second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Fund Balance Policy introduced and approved by **Motion** by D Keding and second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Out of State Travel Policy introduced and approved by **Motion** by Houle and second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

Public Hearings: None

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for March. Jim Pancake submitted a letter of resignation, March 18th. Position was posted, Walt Thompson was selected and started on April 6th. Work order report provided for review and \$49,877.51 total receipts for March water and sewer bills received. **Resolution 2021-04A** Approving full time employment of Walt Thompson approved by **motion** from D Keding and second from M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Houle to approve Thompson insurance stipend of \$285.00 monthly to waive medical and dental coverage due to it being provided by union for one (1) year. Second by D Keding, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Police Department- Chief Reichel provided his March report of 293 calls for service. Liaison Keding reviewed summary report.

Liquor Store Operations- March report presented by Manager Graber. March revenues were down \$13,048.16 from 2020 with \$42,847.09 in total revenue; expenses were up by \$6,271.02 with \$57,226.51 in total expenses. Total profit loss for March was \$14,676.88 with a year to date net effect of profit at \$19,842.56. Graber took advantage of some big buy opportunities to prepare for summer. Monthly scheduled transfer denied by **motion** from Houle and second by M Keding. Four in favor, D Keding opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Creech to amend the Pre-

employment drug test requirement for all part-time, non-DOT license holders, non-emergency personnel staff. Second M Keding. Four in favor, with Houle opposed. Motion carried.

Fire Department- Chief Miller was not present but requested the approval of a new hire.

Resolution 2021-04B approved by Houle, to hire Neil Karg Volunteer On Call Firefighter, with a second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle reviewed the April meeting minutes. Healthy Living Partners grant award of \$2906.99 was applied to the new LED speed signs for the Street Department and Police Department. Clean up day June 5th at 12:30PM.

Airport Committee – Don Dahlen reported there was no meeting, but progress continues with tree removals for MN DOA regulations. The plans for the Steil Hangar were reviewed and approved by council by **motion** from D Keding, second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Now just waiting on Eastside Township to approve the vacation of the ROW to allow the full 50ft width of the new construction to be approved. Public hearing 4/13/21 at 6:45PM Zoning Administrator in attendance.

City Engineer –Tim Ramerth presented his March report. The state park has contacted him and they are interested in hooking up in 2021 pending the council’s approval of fees and rates. Creech made the **motion** to charge \$1750.00 for the sewer connection fee and to charge the regular sewer base rate \$63.19 plus the Multiple User fee \$15 per location within the park; totaling a monthly base rate of \$138.19 currently. In addition, they would be responsible for the same usage rate of \$2.96 per 1000 gallons or the current rate at time of use. Houle with the second, all in favor; none opposed. Motion carried. Waiting on Rural Development response on final project plan. Survey contract for \$1600 with Widseth for the Industrial Park for the new Doppler Gear parcel purchase agreement.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Castles Resort (formerly Hunter Winfields) discussion reopened from the tabled discussion regarding the non-compliance of the structures on the property. Houle made the **motion** to allow the new owner to continue the non-compliant use of the non-conforming Park Model and campsites located within the Shoreland bluff on this property. The conditions of the use were stated as such that, the current owner will not move, alter or improve upon the structure(s) or accessories to the structure(s) at any time. If nature creates damage, the structure(s) must be brought into compliance. If the property/business is sold; the Park Model must be removed or brought into compliance. Park Model can no longer be negotiated as accessory asset for future investor. Second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Resolution 2021-04C** **Accepting donations** approved by **Motion** by Houle, second by D Keding; for \$2520.00. \$20 from the Isle Muni Fireball promo the Police Department. \$2500 from Larry Cook for the Fire Department for medical supplies/equipment. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. GO Sewer Revenue 2012A Refunding Bond options discussed. Approval by motion from Houle to have Jessica Green of Northland Securities review and advise with second by DKeding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. Set work session for American Rescue funding for May 11th at 5:00 PM prior to regular meeting.
- b. Clerk Hubbell will be out of office from 4/27 – 5/3 on vacation time.

Financials:

- a. March General bank balance: \$1,091,148.32 Liquor Fund bank balance: \$45,376.85
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings and Investments)

Closed Session:

The closed portion of the meeting to discuss protected legal counsel discussion pertaining to Tribal Land Acquisition Application to remove properties in Isle from fee to trust. Closed at 7:15PM by **Motion** made by Houle and second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The closed session concluded and the public meeting was re-opened by motion by Houle and seconded by D Keding at 8:01PM. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Houle to Object to the application and request Attorney Kowalkowski submit the application objection response on the city’s behalf. Second by M Keding, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 8:05PM: **Motion** to adjourn M Keding, seconded by D Keding. Next regular meeting, May 11th, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Dated on this 13th, day of April, 2021

APPROVED on this 11th day of May, 2021

Ernie Frie – Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:		
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Second	_____	
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