

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes May 11th, 2021

At 5:00pm the American Rescue Plan (ARP) work session was called to order. Each manager presented their initial requests for ARP allowable expenses for 2021-2024. Council will determine allowable purchases at the June regular meeting.

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, Mark Reichel, Tim Ramerth, Don Graber, Jason Minenko and David Miller.

COVID 19 Social distancing protocols followed.

A **Motion** to approve the May Agenda by Houle; second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the April Regular meeting minutes by D Keding and seconded by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the April final claims totaling \$255,788.74 by D Keding with second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by M Keding to approve May claims to date totaling \$192,005.69 with Houle making the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Edward Beeler, 215 Lake St. requested the council to waive his Administrative citation issued for Zoning Code XV violation; nonpermitted use of a RV in his mother's yard. D Keding instructed Beeler to pay his fine and become compliant. No further discussion.

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. David Oberfeld of Oberfeld Insurance presented the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust renewal applications for City Liability and Workman's Compensation. Council approved the renewals and with **Resolution 2021-05A** agreed to not waive the tort limits on any claims. **Motion** by Houle and second by D Keding.
- b. Oberfeld continued his renewal presentation with the MN PEIP Health insurance renewal information. Rates will increase 7% over 2020 policies for the pool.
- c. Dave Retka, President of the Isle Flying Association requested that the council amend their lease to allow "Underwing Camping" at the airport. Retka stated that they would be responsible for the rules and waivers. Approved by **motion** by D Keding with a second from Houle. Four in favor, M Keding opposed and requested that Hubbell look into the liability and attorney's response. Motion carried. Also, Retka requested approval to mill and repave the asphalt approach to the hangars; with that request approved he asked to erect a 20x20 shelter for their airport maintenance equipment with a carport off to the side of the property. All requests at no charge to the city was approved by **Motion** by Creech and second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Isle Days permits submitted by Shannon Brown for review and approval. Event permit and parade permit were submitted (payment pending) and approved by **Motion** by M Keding and second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 1. Gambling permit submitted by the Isle Lions Club for pull tabs and bingo set up on the ISD 473 property for the duration of Isle days. 0% Commission. **Motion** by Houle with a second by D Keding to approve. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 2. Temporary Liquor Permit application and payment received by Isle Baseball Association for July 9-12th. Approved by **motion** by Houle, second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Isle Fire Relief hosting the Fun Run route; no street closures; approved by **motion** by Houle with second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Mille Lacs Fun Run request for donation shared with the public. No government funds available at this time.
5. Frie Tabled the request from the Scenic ByWay committee for map production. Request from city for \$700.00 to be discussed next month.

Public Hearings: None

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for April.(temporarily stepped out to attend Eastside Township meeting). Creech stated that she would like to discuss a list of items with them regarding tasks around town to be completed. Work order report provided for review and \$44,456.88 total receipts for April water and sewer bills received. A wage increase request by D Keding to increase Minenko’ s wage \$1.45 per hour retroactive to 4/1/2021 due to Pancake’s resignation. **Motion** from M Keding and second from D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Police Department- Chief Reichel provided his April report of 273 calls for service. Chief Reichel informed the council that potentially Officer Skluzacek will be resigning service and would like to offer employment to a past officer of Isle; if that were to happen. **Motion** by Houle with a second by D Keding to permit Reichel to make a conditional employment offer if that were to occur. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Liquor Store Operations- April report presented by Manager Graber. April revenues were lower than expected at \$53408.14. Graber reported a -\$13,048.16 difference from 2020; expenses were down by \$6479.21 with \$60439.60 in total expenses. Total profit loss for April was \$7031.46 with a year to date net effect of profit at \$13108.56. Graber took advantage of some more big buy opportunities to prepare for summer. Monthly scheduled transfer denied by **motion** from M Keding and second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Fire Department- Chief Miller was present to review the department events for May 22nd at McQuoids for the MVAT ride pancake breakfast, and the July 3rd Fly your Flags motorcycle ride and raffle. Pancake breakfast 8am – 10am at the fire hall. Ride, then return for dinner.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle reviewed the May agenda. Clean up day June 5th at 12:30PM. Swenson deck fine of \$435.00, Cindy Manning Abatement status reviewed. Council determined no more extensions by **motion** from D Keding and second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Minenko to get quotes on clean-up crews to abate. Charges will be assessed to the property. Blight fines have doubled and inspector reports approved. J Biniek resigned and there is now a vacant seat.

Airport Committee – Don Dahlen reported all tree removal has been completed and the runway condition needs improvement. Requested an airport work session after the MN DOA sends airport status reports to the city.

City Engineer –Tim Ramerth presented his April report. His contract agreement with the state park is pending. The USDA Rural Development approval is pending on the project. Mille Lacs Band has not responded to the easement agreements presented for approval to complete the Superior East phase of the project to date. Widseth Project Invoice# 210669 for \$98717.56 approved by **motion** from M Keding and second by Houle. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Resolution 2021-05B** Ending the Declaration of Emergency for the City approved by **motion** by Houle. Second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Clean up day is June 5th at 12:30 – 2:30PM at the salt shed lot.

New Business:

- a. **Capital Asset Policy** reviewed and approved by **Motion** by M Keding, second by D Keding; All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. Eastside Township Meeting 5/11 at 7PM was attended by Zoning Administrator Minenko with and approval of the vacation petition request of the southern ROW adjacent to the hangars on the airport property. The northern ROW request was denied by the board. Hangar construction can progress.
- b. Clerk Hubbell will be out of office June 12-15th at the MN Clerks Conference in St Cloud, MN

Financials:

- a. April General bank balance: \$958,329.02 Liquor Fund bank balance: \$37,281.68
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings and Investments)

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 7:44PM: **Motion** to adjourn M Keding, seconded by Houle. Next regular meeting, June 8th, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Dated on this 11th, day of May, 2021

APPROVED on this 8th day of June, 2021

Ernie Frie – Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:		
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Second	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	ERNIE FRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	GINGER HOULE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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