

## **CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting Minutes June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, David Keding and Monica Keding. Naomi Creech arrived at 6:15pm

Other staff present were: Jamie Hubbell, Mark Reichel, Don Graber, Jason Minenko, Walt Thompson and Damien Toven.

COVID 19 Social distancing protocols followed.

A **Motion** to approve the June Amended Agenda by Houle; second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May Regular meeting minutes by M Keding and seconded by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May final claims totaling \$267,629.03 by Houle with second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by D Keding to approve June claims to date totaling \$100,944.92 with Houle making the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Open Forum: None**

### **Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:**

- a. Isle 2020 Consumer Confidence Report for City Drinking water provided by the Water Department and reviewed by Council. Approved for posting to city website for public notification.
- b. Liquor Manager Graber presented recommendations for keeping the Municipal On Sale closed until June of 2022. Due to continued staffing issues, needed repairs and the overhead costs; the on sale would not be equitable to reopen at this time. Houle recommended that council consider a permanent closure and just remain Off Sale only to focus on the business that creates revenue. M Keding made the **motion** to remain closed until discussion in May of 2022. Houle seconded the motion; all in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Liquor Liability Insurance renewal. Quotes received by LMCIT \$882.00 Ebner Insurance Off sale only \$6036.00 Off/On Sale Combination \$9247.00 Motion by M Keding to approve the quote from League of Minnesota Cities Berkley Insurance Trust for \$882.00. Off Sale only policy. Second by Houle, all in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Reopened tabled Scenic By Way map donation request. M Keding made the **motion** to allow \$400.00 in advertising 609 funds to be sent to Scenic By way. D Keding made the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. Wolf's Isle Harbor Association requested in writing a credit for their June water and sewer billing. Due to another private line leak on their property, requested credit for the sewer portion of their bill totaling \$257.52 in charges. **Motion** by Houle to deny any credit to be applied to their account with a second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Public Hearings:** None

### **Department Reports:**

**Public Works** – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for May. Check valve repair at the Waste Water Facility is under way and will cost approximately \$9000. Minenko is getting quotes on asphalt repairs and MN DOT is responsible for the repairs at the Malone Island Bridge. Vandalism in the City Park was repaired. \$35,399.24 in total May revenue for water and sewer bills.

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**Police Department-** Chief Reichel provided his May report of 303 calls for service. M Keding asked if the officers were receiving any “abuse” from the public with all the negative media reports out there nationwide. Frie wanted to know if the department had an increase in theft reports in the area at the boat landings.

**Liquor Store Operations-** May report presented by Manager Graber. May revenues were down from 2020. \$86,022.33 total sales; -\$6,297.18 difference from 2020; expenses were down by \$22,186.61 with \$65,257.66 in total expenses. Total profit for May was \$20,764.67 with a year to date net effect of profit at \$31,961.93. Graber took advantage of some more big buy opportunities to prepare for summer. Graber recommended the council make the Monthly scheduled transfer of \$1000; approved by **motion** from M Keding and second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Fire Department-** Chief Miller was not present although, the reminder for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fly your Flags motorcycle ride and raffle was included. Pancake breakfast 8am – 10am at the fire hall. Ride, then return for dinner. Training burn on Malone Park Road was a success. Provided good training drills and displayed the need for the new hose equipment ASAP.

**Planning Commission** – Commissioner Houle reviewed the June meeting agenda. Clean up day was less attended than expected with only \$307 in tickets. The commission approved the annexation petition for council to set the public hearing for July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00PM. Two candidates for the open seat were discussed, but not decided. Petrich at 1525 White Cloud Drive submitted plans and an interim use permit for camper use during construction for one year.

**Motion** by D Keding to approve the IUP with M Keding second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Conley at 475 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. requested to subdivide his parcel and then build a residential home on it. Houle made the motion to approve the subdivide granted they provide the city with the utility easement within the new survey. D Keding second the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Airport Committee** – Don Dahlen reported the minutes of the May meeting. The taxiway in front of the hangars was completed. Still working on the well install. The annual fly in breakfast is under works for planning. Airport liaisons will meet with MN Department of Aeronautics tomorrow for final runway status reports.

**City Engineer** –Tim Ramerth was not present, but provided his May report for discussion. MN State Park is ready to begin work on the sewer connection planning for Father Hennepin State Park. Council approved the approximate \$104,500 mutual services contract with a motion by Houle and a second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. USDA Rural Development sent responses back to Ramerth for further review on the Water and Sewer extension project. Final environmental narrative and preliminary engineering reports are being wrapped up for the Industrial Park EDA/MNDEED grant applications.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- a. “Under wing” camping discussion was reopened to discuss the insurance and liability concerns of M Keding from May. The insurance agents for both LMCIT and ACE airport insurance claimed that “camping” would have to be a specific event policy. The attorney also stated that limitations and responsibility must be determined prior to allowing “unsupervised” overnight use of the airport. **Motion** to rescind the motion and 4-1 vote of May allowing unlimited/unsupervised/unplanned camping; by M Keding with second from D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by M Keding to allow planned event camping for the Fly in Breakfast; second by D Keding. **Motion** by D Keding to amend the original motion to include that the Flying Association is responsible to pay for the event insurance policy. Second by M Keding; All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried. Attorney Toven will amend the airport lease agreement for approval in July.

- b. **Resolution 2021-06A** to Accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Established Under the American Rescue Plan Act was approved by **motion** from Houle and second by M Keding. All in favor none opposed; motion carried. Followed by review of the Assurance of Compliance with civil rights requirements 1505-0271 and the US Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions.
- c. Council approved by motion and vote to allow Aaron Habeck to continue using the Industrial Park property for agriculture process until further notice. **Motion** by Houle, second by D Keding to allow him to process the hay on the unsold parcels of property. Stating that they understand this is in lieu of being eligible for property tax exemption.

**New Business:**

- a. Liquor License renewal application for DaD’s Endeavors/Isle Bowl and Pizza was reviewed and approved by **Motion** by M Keding, second by Houle; All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. (Reduced annual fee of 2 months credit for COVID reimbursement)
- b. Petition of Annexation was received by Mid-North Development/Doppler Gear for review. Council accepted the petition by **Motion** by Houle, second by D Keding and set the public hearing date for July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00PM. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Clerk’s Report:**

- a. Clerk Hubbell will be out of office June 12-15<sup>th</sup> at the MN Clerks Conference in St Cloud, MN

**Financials:**

- a. May General bank balance: \$931,953.69 Liquor Fund bank balance: \$44,224.91
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings and Investments)

**Adjourn Regular Meeting** to sign claims at 7:09PM: **Motion** to adjourn M Keding, seconded by Creech. Next regular meeting, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Dated on this 8<sup>th</sup>, day of June, 2021  
APPROVED on this 13<sup>th</sup>, day of July, 2021

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Ernie Frie – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

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