

## **CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING**

Regular Meeting Minutes June 14th, 2022

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, Monica Keding and Naomi Creech. David Keding was absent.

Other staff present were: Jamie Hubbell, Mark Reichel, Jason Minenko, and Tim Ramerth.

A **Motion** to approve the June Agenda by Houle; second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May Regular meeting minutes by Creech and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May final claims totaling \$210,347.79 by M Keding with second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Question regarding the septic services from A&A by Creech on the June claims to date followed by a **motion** to approve all \$221,566.64 June claims to date by Creech. Second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Open Forum:**

- a. Mille Lacs County Sheriff elect candidate; Travis Johnson; introduced himself to the council and public.

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

- a. 2022 General Election council seats declared; Mayor two year term and two council seats of four years each. Filing period begins August 2nd and ends August 16th.
- b. July Regular Meeting needed to be rescheduled due to Mayor and clerk schedule conflicts, Meeting was set for Tuesday July 19th at 6:00 P.M.

**Public Hearings:** The public hearing was opened by **motion** by Houle at 6:14 P.M. with a second by M Keding. The public hearing was then closed by **motion** by Houle at 6:21P.M. with a second by Creech.

- a. **Ordinance 195** Water Meter Fine and Install Fee final reading approved by **Motion** by Houle with a second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Summary Ordinance will be published and recorded by the clerk's office.
- b. **Ordinance 196** Mayor Term amendment. M Keding made the **Motion** to table until the full council is present. Second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Special Use Permit for short term residential rental at Brennan 435 Lake St. W. Reviewed and approved by **motion** by Creech and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Special Use Permit for short term residential rental at Winberg Residence 405 4th Ave. S. Reviewed and approved by **motion** by M Keding and seconded by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Department Reports:**

**Public Works** – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for May. Discharged secondary pond and transferred primaries. Fixed storm sewer on First St. and Superior that was causing sink holes in the street. Old water tower demolition was completed with no issues. Water main capped and fire hydrant was relocated. Completed maintenance and repairs on street sweeper. Project updates with engineer report. Council reviewed paving quotes from Rocon. Frie made the **motion** to approve the quote of \$58,000 pending that Minenko try to get at least one more quote at or less than Rocon. Motion seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. 2021 Consumer Confidence Report was reviewed and posted on the webpage and every water bill. \$47,646.73 in total receipts for May water and sewer bills received. PW Expense budget at 33% YTD. Water Department 41% YTD and Sewer Department at 40% YTD.

**Police Department-** Chief Reichel presented his May report of 290 calls for service. See packet full summary report. Police Department expense budget was at 43% YTD. Reichel listed future and long range budget and expense considerations, which included portable radios, tasers and active shooter tactical gear and training. National Night Out August 2nd. New Used Ford Explorer purchased from another department will be equipped and put into service.

**Liquor Store Operations-** May sales report was provided by Manager Johann and presented by Hubbell. May revenues were up \$12,028.05 from 2021 with \$98,051.47 in total sales revenue; expenses were down by \$10,705.18 with \$56,528.91 in total expenses for the month. Total profit for May was \$41,522.56 with a year to date net effect of profit of \$36,817.35. May sales were much better than previous and fishing opener and bar opening went smoothly. Monthly budget transfer of \$3000.00 was passed by motion by M Keding and second by Creech. Request to hire a new part time employee, Susan Kosloski, at \$12.00 per hour effective June 11th, 2022 by **Resolution 2022-06B** approved by motion by M Keding and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Johann requested new summer hours to be approved, and to close for Wednesdays. Creech recommended to wait until it is determined if the bar will remain open before investing in new signage and the new beer cooler. Council discussed the bar hosting an event on July 2nd, but determined there is not enough time to pull it together to be successful. Expense budget year to date is at 31%.

**Fire Department-** No report

**Planning Commission** – Commissioner Houle reported on the June meeting. The annual clean up day went well. Interim Use permit for temporary camping at 2016 Torchlight for subcontractors on the city project approved. Brumm directed to remove the propane tank from the airport property installed without permission. Blight complaints reviewed. The EDA Board approved the Federal grant application with Resolution 2022-06A approval.

**Airport Committee** – Tony Brumm announced the new officers of the flying commission, with Tim Steil as President and Brumm as Vice President. Nineteen new members and reported 112 booked take off/landings for 2022 to date. Brumm is working on getting the airport listed as the official medivac landing location. Brumm wants to continue pushing for Public Airport status.

Everything is set for the Isle Day's pancake breakfast, but requested camping for Friday night in addition to Saturday night. Motion by Houle to extend permit to Friday with Creech seconding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Brumm discussed future plans for construction at the airport and the need to add fencing around the airport due to recent concerns of trespass and thefts. He is adding wifi cameras to his building for security.

**City Engineer** –Tim Ramerth presented his May report. Water and sewer main project is under way, clear cutting and grubbing have started. Testing services quote from Braun for \$29,972 was approved by **motion** from Creech and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. TNT Payment request #1 \$925,955.66 presented and approved by **motion** by M Keding and seconded by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Municipal Builders payment request #5 for \$166,773.38 was approved by **motion** from Frie, with the second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The Meter project is progressing with the contractor negotiating with the City of Isanti, who “loaned” us their new meters for install ahead of their project and our meter order will replace theirs. Ramerth reported that he presented two options for sewer plans to the state park for them to determine their best route to continue with their sewer connection to the main.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- a. The current hangar lease agreement was reviewed regarding storage regulations. Concerns by council for non-aircraft use in hangars was discussed. Brumm suggested a total review of the leases and more discussion in coming months.
- b. **Resolution 2022-06E** amending the Liquor Enterprise On Sale Budget for 2022. Adding \$60,252 to the total 609 fund budget, approved by **motion** by Frie and second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Isle Bowl and Pizza (Dad's Endeavors) Liquor license renewal approved by **Motion** by Mayor Frie and Houle with the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Jared Beamish trespass to all city property was extended for another 365 days, effective immediately. **Motion** by Frie with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2022-06C** Establishing a fire damages escrow account. **Motion** by Mayor Frie and second by Houle to allow the clerk to create an escrow fund. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution 2022-06D** Accepting Donations from the Isle Lions in the amount of \$300 for pass thru to the Isle Fire Relief Fun Run and \$1000 to the Police Dept. for new squad equipment. Also \$500 from the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers for Police Department equipment. Approved by **motion** from Mayor Frie, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- a. Both Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be out of office on July 12th for election training and certification at Mille Lac County Auditor’s Office.

**Financials:**

- a. May 31st General bank balance: \$869,721.82 Liquor Fund bank balance: \$85,207.41
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances)

**Adjourn Regular Meeting** to sign claims at 8:41 PM **Motion** to adjourn Frie, seconded by M Keding. Meeting reopened to answer an airport property line question. Re-adjourned at 8:43 by **motion** from Frie and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, July 19th, 2022.

Dated on this 14<sup>th</sup>, day of June, 2022  
APPROVED on this 19th, day of July, 2022

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Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

**Motion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second** \_\_\_\_\_

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