

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes September 13th, 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, Dave Keding and Naomi Creech.

Other staff present were: Jamie Hubbell, Mark Reichel, Jason Minenko, David Miller, Nikki Johann, Damien Toven and Tim Ramerth.

A **Motion** to approve the September Agenda by Houle; second by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the August Regular meeting minutes by Houle and seconded by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the August final claims totaling \$990,434.63 by M Keding with second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. September claims to date followed with a **motion** to approve \$138,457.18 in claims to date by D Keding with a second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum:

- a. A letter from citizen Frank Bertek, 1165 Bud St. read by Hubbell regarding the useful purpose of his tax dollars. Not in favor of the Airport going Public. Would much rather see his tax dollars spent on Police and Fire equipment.

**** Recorded stopped recording ****

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. Clerk Hubbell presented the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy proposal. Recommended a 19% \$135,620 increase in budget expenses for the General Budget. Including 5% COLA increases, Police department capital equipment purchases and a \$3000 increase in budget transfers from the Liquor Department. Also recommended to add the Fire Hall loan levy at \$29,833. **Resolution 2022-09A Motion** to approve a 19% Preliminary tax levy totaling \$872,528 plus \$29,833 Fire Levy by Houle and seconded by M Keding. Four in favor, D Keding opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Budget work sessions approved by council for 5PM Oct 11th and 4PM Nov 15th. Final Approval with Truth in Taxation hearing on Dec 13th at 6PM at the regular council meeting.

Public Hearings: The public hearing was opened by **motion** by Houle at 6:21 P.M. with a second by D Keding. The public hearing was then closed by **motion** by Houle at 6:30 P.M. with a second by Frie. Discussion had during open session:

- a. Final Reading for Annexation **Ordinance 196** Revak 40359 St Hwy 47. The lump sum offer option for \$1589.12 approved by Isle Harbor Chairman Olson last month edited onto final draft. **Motion** by Houle with a second by D Keding to approve the Final Ordinance. All in favor, none opposed. motion carried.
- b. **Ordinance 197** To Amend Sewer Ordinance 51 final reading. Amendment removing the property owner's ability to disconnect from the city main and requiring direct connection.
- d. **Ordinance 198** To Amend Water Ordinance 52 final reading. Amendment removing the property owner's ability to disconnect service from the city main and discontinuing billing services for base fees. Both Ord. 197 and 198 approved by

- motion** by Houle and seconded by Creech. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- e. **Resolution 2022-09B** Ebert property assessment for water and sewer utility connection and well sealing. Assessment of \$5850.00 to PID# 20-012-1002 Gene Ebert for 7 years and 0% interest rate approved by Houle's **motion** and Creech's second. Council applied the senior citizen and disabled veteran clause to this one time assessment due to the financial hardship created by the city's infrastructure project. All in favor, none opposed. motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for August. Assisted the meter subcontractor with non-responders, dealt with well communication issues due to Frontier's line faults, cleaned grinders at the pump station with grease buildup and over seen the project contractors for the Superior St., Isle St and the well houses. Minenko stated that there will be some work done on 5th Ave at the school's connection to the main and manhole. Anticipate splitting the costs 50/50 with them to repair. 30 work orders for the month. \$51,426.04 in total receipts for August water and sewer bills received. PW Expense budget at 58% YTD. Water Department 77% YTD and Sewer Department at 47% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel presented his August report with 326 calls for service. Medical calls continue to come in steady and more suspicious activity calls than usual. Reichel reported that he is still working to get totals for a vehicle lease program started versus purchasing the next squad. See packet full summary report. Police Department expense budget was at 74.7% YTD. 809 Impound fund was at 30% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- August sales report presented by Manager Johann. August revenues were up \$19,561.14 from 2021 with \$110,368.56 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$11,914.82 of that total; expenses were up by \$26,785.84 with \$118,136.30 in total expenses for the month. Johann is taking advantage of some end of season big buys to get stocked up for fall. Total loss for August was \$7,767.74 with a year to date net effect of profit of \$71,851.50. Meat raffles, horse racing and bingo were off to a good start. Corn hole tournament planned for Oct. 1st. Request for event permit 09242022 presented to council for approval to have The Verge Band and a food truck for Fall Festival Saturday September 24th. Creech made the **motion** to approve, with M Keding seconded. All in favor, none opposed. **Resolution 2022-09C** approving the hiring of two new Part time employees; Leesa Taylor and Shana Keding. **Motion** by M Keding with a second from Creech. Starting wage at \$12 per hour and starting dates of 9/06/22 and 8/27/22 respectively. Monthly budget transfer of \$2000.00 was passed by **motion** by M Keding and second by Creech. Expense budget year to date is at 61.7%.

Fire Department- Chief Miller was present to discuss department events. Reported that they are still having pumper truck issues and it is back in for repairs. They will be hosting EMR Training for their FFI and FFII certifications. The FEMA grant award is still pending for the air packs and recommends that we just budget for them. He may have a lease program option and they are working on the new calendars for 2023.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle stated that the tree dedications went beautifully and had a nice turn out. Dedication plaques were made for each tree for Gary Bell at Memory Lane Park and Bob Koelfgen at Lakeview Park. No meeting for September.

Airport Committee – Tony Brumm presented the Flying Club agenda. Requested that council continue to reconsider a 20 year lease agreement and matching hangar agreement. The short take off/landing event for September 30 - October 2 with underwing camping was cancelled due to delays with the bathroom construction. Weather station installed. Brumm stated that they needed to do some minor runway repairs. Brumm reopened the discussion on permission to erect fencing on the airport property per the sketches he provided. D Keding still opposed the fencing on city property and requested that he put the fence on his property line only. Mayor Frie made the **motion** to approve the fence plan as submitted with Creech seconding. D Keding opposed. Frie requested Toven to draft a contract for Brumm and requested to include a clause for no adverse possession for city property fenced in. Frie demanded that all of this occur at no cost to the city and Brumm be charged directly. Then the plans for the pilot shack relocation and addition of a public restroom and bath house with a septic system was approved to be submitted for approval by **motion** by Creech seconded by Houle. All in favor. None opposed. Damien requested that Brumm provide a “red-lined” lease agreement with their requested edits and a date to meet in person within the next 10 days.

City Engineer –Tim Ramerth presented his report. Water and sewer main project is still going strong. MBI change order #6 for \$2382.23 approved by **motion** by Houle and second by D Keding. All in favor. MBI payment request #8 \$200,077.48 approved by **motion** by Houle and seconded by D Keding contingent on USDA RD approval. No Winwater payment requests presented. TNT Change order #3 \$19,240.30 and payment request #4 \$1,314,506.85 approved by **motion** by Houle and seconded by Creech approved contingent on USDA RD approval and as long as Ellingson US Labor report submissions received. All motions carried. Progress continues on approved amended schedules. EDA and BDPI grant awards pending notification.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Mille Lacs Health System Ambulance and staff lease renewal reviewed and approved. Frie made the motion to increase the rent by 5% for 2023 with Creech making the second. January 1st new rent payment will be \$840.00 per month.

New Business:

- a. **Resolution 2022-09D** Accepting Donations from the Kedings and Minnetonka Collision (Ebenhoh) in the amount of \$750.00 for the Muni Fall Festival Event. Approved by **motion** from Creech, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. Monica Weets trial September 19 – 22

Financials:

- a. August 31st General bank balance: \$1,762,930.31 Liquor Fund bank balance: \$114,666.95
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 7:51 PM **Motion** to adjourn Houle, seconded by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, October 11th, 2022.

Dated on this 13th, day of September, 2022

September 13th, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

APPROVED on this 11th, day of October, 2022

Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

Motion _____

Second _____

AYE

NAY

<input type="checkbox"/>	NAOMI CREECH	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ERNIE FRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	GINGER HOULE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DAVID KEDING	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONICA KEDING	<input type="checkbox"/>