

**CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING**  
Regular Meeting Minutes January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

At 6:00 PM the first regular meeting of the year was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by roll call. **Council members present:** Mayor Ernie Frie, Ginger Houle, and Donald Dahlen present. David Keding and Monica Keding present via Zoom. (VFW Post in Rockport, TX)

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

Mayor Frie and Councilmembers Dahlen, Houle and M Keding took their oath of office.

A **Motion** to approve the January Agenda by Houle; second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the December Regular meeting minutes by Dahlen and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the December final claims totaling \$343,326.64 by Dahlen with a second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. January claims to date followed, Frie asked about the Lyback's claim for Life vests for the Fire Department for \$427, then a **motion** to approve \$57,763.52 in claims to date by Houle with the second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Open Forum:** None

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

- a. **Resolution 2023-01A** Declaring annual appointments and city designations approved by **motion** by Frie with the second coming from D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2023-01B** Annual Electronic Payment Authorization approved by **motion** by Frie with the second from Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Final 2023 Budget and Summary for publication reviewed and approved.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Department Reports:**

**Public Works** – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for December. Lots of plowing the loader/backhoe had to be sent to Grand Rapids for service and repairs. Estimated down time, three weeks. Request to purchase a used pickup truck from Widseth through their Enterprise Leasing account. Council agreed it was a good idea and suggested Minenko go test drive the truck first. Nineteen work orders completed. \$43,729.59 in total receipts for December water and sewer bills received. PW Expense budget at 92.3% final YTD. Water Department 106.9% final YTD and Sewer Department at 115% final YTD.

**Police Department-** Chief Reichel presented his December report with 225 calls for service. See packet full summary report. Reichel requested purchase of a less lethal bean-bag shot gun at \$1200.00 Motion by Frie with the second by Houle to authorize the Capital Equipment purchase. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Police Department expense budget was at 107.4% final YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 58.3% final YTD.

**Liquor Store Operations-** December sales report presented by Manager Johann. December revenues were up \$3,311.87 from 2021 with \$74,899.55 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$7808.18 of that total; expenses were up by \$67,244.43 with \$93,818.19 in total expenses for the month including year end payments. Total loss for December was \$18,918.64 with a year to date net effect of profit of \$44,606.75. Johann reported that she has not purchased the new beer cooler for the bar yet, because the old one is still working and there is no water in the bottom. Total budgeted transfers met for the year with no approved further transfers per Frie. Expense budget year to date is at 98.1%

**Fire Department-** Chief Miller provided Clerk Hubbell with a quote from Macqueen Equipment for \$154,681.64 for purchase of 15 SCBA air packs for approval. Financing quote received by First National Bank for \$10K down and 4.75% for seven (7) years at approximately \$25,000 per year. **Motion** by Dahlen with the second by Houle to purchase. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Fire expense budget at 68.7% YTD.

**Planning Commission** – No meeting – Still vacant seat.

**Airport Committee** – Tabled lease agreement for Airport and Hangars by Frie. Requested that Brumm meet with the liaisons prior and work out details before council reviews and approves. Brumm stated that the airport is currently closed and just available to Medivac extractions. Frie requested that the committee work on their events and donation opportunities to give back to the city in a “bigger way”.

**City Engineer** –Tim Ramerth presented his report for December. Winwater final pay request for \$12,666.48 including credits for returns, approved pending USDA approval by **motion** by Houle with the second by Dahlen. MBI Change order #7 was previously reviewed and approved. TNT payment revised request #7 \$266,792.59 approved contingent on USDA approval **motion** by Dahlen and seconded by Houle. TNT Change Order #6 for revised substantial and final completion dates pending approval by USDA; approved by **motion** by Dahlen with the second from Houle. All motions carried. Ramerth reviewed the plans for the Industrial Park plans and declared that the costs would be approximately \$12,000 more in costs, but would only charge the city an additional \$2000. Council accepted the increase by motion by Houle and second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Environmental testing contract from Braun Intertec approved and will be part of the city’s portion of \$62,250 in project costs. Industrial Project will go out for bid by the March 2023 meeting and the State Park sewer project will be posted for bids by the March/April 2023 meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. 2023 Gambling contract permit approved for the Lions Club at 15% **Resolution 2023-01C** approved by **motion** from Frie, seconded by Houle. Four in favor, Dahlen abstained. Motion carried. Gambling permit with the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers will be cancelled February 28<sup>th</sup> at midnight.
- b. Donations approved by **Resolution 2023-01D** in the amount of \$3100. \$2000 pass thru for the Mille Lacs Library from Isle Lions, and \$100 for the fire department from Miller Truck and \$1000 from David Ice for the fire department. **Motion** by Houle with the second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- c. **Resolution 2023-01E** Annual designation of authorized bank signers approved by **motion** by Houle and second came from Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution 2023-01F** to hire a new full time Utility Billing Clerk/Deputy Clerk; Georgia Bearheart at the starting wage of \$18.90. Eligible to start anytime after January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Approved by **motion** by Dahlen and second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Clerk’s Report:** None

**Financials:**

- a. December 31st General bank statement balance: \$1,248,793.02 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$83,909.35
- b. (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

**Adjourn Regular Meeting** to sign claims at 7:01 PM **Motion** to adjourn Frie, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Dated on this 10<sup>th</sup>, day of January, 2023  
 APPROVED on this 14th, day of February, 2023

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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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