

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Council Meeting February 13th, 2024.

At approximately 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, and Donald Dahlen. David Keding, and Monica Keding attended via Zoom from a publicly accessible location at: The American Legion Post 363, Rockport TX 78382

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

A **Motion** to approve the February Agenda by Dahlen; second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Houle with the second by Dahlen, to approve the January regular meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Dahlen with the second by Houle, to approve the January final claims totaling \$155,572.63. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. February claims to date followed, with a **motion** by Frie to approve \$120,400.02 in claims, with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: None

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. Reviewed the new water and sewer rate notice on the monthly billing statements.
- b. Presented the Mayor's letter regarding the opposition of the new State Flag design send to all state representatives.
- c. Clerk presented the 2024 Summary Budget for council's review.
- d. Clerk presented the Initiative Foundation letter of thanks for the 2024 contribution.

Public Hearings: **Motion** by Houle at 6:06PM to open the public hearing. Second by Frie all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- a. Short Term Rental application, Henley/Hinson 710 Main St. residential property, owners not present and no public comment. Application reviewed and approved by **Motion** by Frie with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:08PM by Houle with the second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko presented his department activities report for January. Minenko requested authorization to purchase a new locator from Utility Logic for \$1220. Provided three quotes (Core & Main \$1267, USA Blue \$1250) **Motion** to approve purchase by Houle with the second by Frie. All in favor. None opposed. Ramerth stated that he thought the city could get this expense covered by remaining project funds. Project punch lists still pending with both MBI and TNT. Sixteen work orders completed. \$52256.19 in total receipts for January water and sewer payments received. PW Expense budget at 6.9% YTD. Water Department 4.9% YTD and Sewer Department at 0.90% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel presented his January report with 229 calls for service, multiple medicals again this month. See packet full call summary report. PT Officer Vendel resigned and new PT Officer Dakota Hill recommended for service. **Motion** by Frie to approve hire by **Resolution 2024-02C** with Houle making the second. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried. Police Department expense budget 6.6% YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 0% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- January sales report provided by Manager Johann presented by Hubbell. January revenues were down \$9480 from 2023 with \$64,694.40 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$7908.56 of that total; expenses were up by \$30,782 with \$68,435 in total expenses for the month. Total profit loss for January was \$3,740.93 with a year-to-date net effect of profit loss of \$3740.93. New hire **Resolution 2024-02A**, Dawn Anderson as part time off sale clerk with pay to start at \$14.00 per hour approved by **Motion** by Houle with the second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Manager requested to reopen for seven (7) days a week on or before May 1st. With the purchase of a new convection/air fry oven, she will be able to provide new food options, offering daily specials. Frie expressed his recommendations to get the exterior cleaned and painted this spring. Quote received at \$5385. **Motion** by Frie to make monthly budget transfer of \$1250.00 with a second by Houle. And Motion by Frie to pay \$1000 to In2ition Band for entertainment in March. Second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Expense budget year to date is at 6.2%

Fire Department- Chief Miller presented his January Report. Fire Fighter James Staricha submitted his retirement notice after 33 years with the fire department. Appreciation and approval by **Motion** from Houle with second by Dahlen. None opposed. Motion carried. Miller stated that the tanker is back at Midwest for tank work. Fire Contract Township meeting set for 2/22 at the Fire Hall at 11:00AM. MLDS vintage ride/show next weekend; fire relief will be doing the pancake breakfast. Fire expense budget at 0.60% YTD.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle presented the February meeting summary. Patrick Noble submitted a preliminary parcel subdivide plat that was sent back to him for further revisions, due to non-compliant lot size. Blight property checks will begin again now that it is spring. Industrial Park Project Bid Award pending.

Airport Committee – No Meeting for January.

City Engineer – Ramerth was present and provided updates on the January project statuses. Final punch list items for MBI were completed. TNT continues wrapping up final project items on their punch list and have fixed the issues with Lift #10 leaking Y. Ramerth is expecting to Bid the state park project in April and have their project completed by next spring. The EDA and MN DEED letters were sent for final Industrial Park approval. Once approved, bid award can take place. In contact with top two bidders. The state has started the regulation notification process for the lead pipe inventory project.

Unfinished Business:

- a. August regular council meeting date must be changed due to the Primary Elections on the same day. **Motion** by Houle to move it to Thursday August 15th, with the second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. McQuoids Inn Liquor License Renewal application reviewed. Frie approved by **motion** second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Donations approved by **Resolution 2024-02B** in the amount of \$500.00. From Mille Lacs Drift Skippers for a \$250 pass thru for the Isle Days Committee and \$250 for the

Isle Police Department. **Motion** by Houle with the second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. Presidential Nomination Primary Election March 5th from 7am to 8pm. Must select one ballot for one party to vote.

Financials:

- a. January 31st General bank statement balance: \$941,939.16 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$125,762.82 (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 6:36 PM **Motion** to adjourn Dahlen, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, March 12th, 2024

Dated on this 13th, day of February, 2024

APPROVED on this 12th, day of March, 2024

Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:			
Motion			
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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