

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Council Meeting April 9th, 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, Donald Dahlen, David Keding, and Monica Keding.

Other staff present were: Jamie Minenko, Mark Reichel, Dakota Hill, Jason Minenko, Nikki Johann, and Tim Ramerth.

Note: Audio recorder malfunctioned. No Recording

A **Motion** to approve the April Agenda by Dahlen; second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Frie with the second by M Keding, to approve the March regular meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by M Keding with the second by D Keding, to approve the March final claims totaling \$209,717.44. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. April claims to date followed, with a **motion** by Dahlen to approve \$50,095.06 in claims, with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by M Keding to approve the March voided checks with Houle with the second.

Open Forum:

- a. Commander Joel Peterson from the Onamia VFW presented his request to the council to support his petition to the MNDOT project for the round-about to be installed at Hwy 27/169. Frie stated that he supports him personally, although the council could not represent the city as a whole. Frie stated that individual supporters can sign the petition at the club.

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. Scenic byway map donation request reopened for discussion. M Keding approved Resolution 2024-04A to donate \$250.00 to the new map project, with Frie making the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Isle Days Committee request for donations were denied.
- c. Isle School District 473 Student Council requested a road closure for Spring Fling on May 8th at 9:45am. Parade approved by **motion** by Houle and second by M Keding. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: **Motion** by Houle at 6:17PM to open the public hearing. Second by M Keding all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- a. Ordinance 202 Amending Zoning Ordinance 151.90 presented for approval. **Motion** by Frie with the second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:18PM by Houle with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities for March. Late season snow storm caused some minor damage to two gate valves. Faith Lift station continues to go into alarm for no reason. Granite Electric is working on figuring it out. Seven work orders completed. \$47647.14 in total receipts for March water and sewer payments received. PW Expense budget at 24.7% YTD. Water Department 17.9% YTD and Sewer Department at 9.9% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel presented his March ICR report with 265 calls for service. See packet full call summary report. Reichel requested to use Public Safety funds to purchase

three tasers on the auto replace cartridge plan. Approximate cost will be \$13,000. Motion by Frie with the second by Houle, all in favor. With the resignations of Officer LaForce and Officer Tornio, Part Time Officer Hill was promoted to Full time effective 4/10/24 with an increase in pay to \$23.35 per hour. Approved by **motion** by Houle with the second by Frie. Chief requested permission to start looking for one full time officer and one part time officer. Council agreed. Houle made a **motion** to allow Reichel to purchase a used squad from Fridley PD in June. D Keding made the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Police Department expense budget 22.7% YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 0% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- March sales report presented by Manager Johann. March revenues were up \$4,478.57 from 2023 with \$66,041.12 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$9,243.41 of that total; expenses were also up by \$14,867.18 with \$76,964.77 in total expenses for the month. Total profit loss for March was \$10,923.65 with a year-to-date net effect of profit loss of \$18,940.73. Johann requested permission to re-open the bar seven days a week starting May 6th and remain open until Labor Day weekend. **Motion** by Frie with the second by D Keding. Houle opposed, four approved. Motion carried. Houle also stated that council should have been notified of the decision to purchase the new oven. Johann requested permission to apply for a vendor booth at Isle Days to sell mixed options. Frie agreed it was a good idea. **Motion** by Frie to make monthly budget transfer of \$1250.00 with a second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Expense budget year to date is at 18.8%

Fire Department- Chief Miller was not presented. Clerk Minenko presented a resolution to pay for the new Employer paid group accident insurance, by not completing the annual Fire Fund transfer to the General fund. The \$5000 budgeted for transfer can cover the new insurance policy for this year and council can budget for the expense next year. Council agreed by verbal individual votes. Fire expense budget at 8.4% YTD.

Planning Commission – No Meeting

Airport Committee – No Meeting for March, although a new hangar purchase agreement and lease were presented for approval. **Motion** by Frie with the second by Houle to approve Theodore James Aviation for a new lease agreement in Hangar #9. (Previously owned by Brumm). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

City Engineer – Ramerth (and Thomas) were present and provided updates on the March project statuses. MBI is now eligible for reduction in their retainage. Tim will review. TNT continues wrapping up final project items. 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. Industrial Park bid award is ready for approval. The state has started the regulation notification process for the lead pipe inventory project.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Resolution 2024-04B** Authorizing the Clerk to acquire a line of credit for the Police Department and Public Works Department; through First National Bank. **Motion** by Dahlen with the Second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Donations approved by **Resolution 2024-04C** in the amount of \$7500.00. \$5000 From The City of Wahkon for the Police Department. \$500 from the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers for a \$250 pass thru for the Isle Days Committee and \$250 pass thru for the

Isle Boy Scouts. A donation of \$2000 from Dave and Monica Keding for the General Fund. **Motion** by Houle with the second by Frie. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- b. Donations approved by **Resolution 2024-04D** in the amount of \$204.08. From the Isle Dog Park donation boxes and the Isle Muni for the Dog Park project by Brianna Heise. **Motion** by Houle with the second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report: None

Financials:

- a. March 31st General bank statement balance: \$887,301.82 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$88,777.08 (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 7:10 PM **Motion** to adjourn Dahlen, seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, May 14th, 2024

Dated on this 9th, day of April, 2024

APPROVED on this 14th, day of May, 2024

Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Minenko, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:		
Motion		
Second		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	ERNIE FRIE	<input type="checkbox"/>
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