

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2023

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, Vice Mayor Ginger Houle, Donald Dahlen, David Keding and Monica Keding.

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

A **Motion** to approve the May Amended Agenda by M Keding; second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the April Regular meeting minutes by Houle and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the April final claims totaling \$202,522.23 by M Keding with a second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. May claims to date followed, with a **motion** to approve \$129,978.38 in claims to date by D Keding with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: None

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. Written request to council to allow one extra canine at 1750 White Cloud Drive by Mary and James Butler. **Motion** to allow temporary conditional approval, by Dahlen with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: Motion by Houle to open the public hearing at 6:06P.M. with Dahlen second.

- a. Blight property at 560 Superior Street W, Cinthia Manning, was discussed. Manning accepted the agreement with Attorney Toven to complete the clean up within twenty (20) days or the city would be authorized to abate the blight issues as described.
 - I. Anne Olmsted – 540 Superior St. spoke in support of Manning and requested “charity” towards her neighbor due to the current physical, emotional, and financial strains on her.
 - II. Damien Toven then explained the process of the consent to clean up progress agreement that Cinthia agreed to and encouraged the council to work with her and approve the resolution for abatement in the case she does not follow her progress agreement
- b. Short Term Rental Regulations Ordinance 151.45 – First Reading
 - I. John Gilbert – 890 Main St W – “How will these properties be taxed? Who determines their tax status? Residential verses Vacation property?”
 - II. Mary Ward – 1715 White Cloud Drive – “How many rentals can be in one neighborhood? How will they impact the property values? These are not residences; they are commercial businesses? They should be taxed as commercial. It feels like all of our neighbors are strangers?”
 - III. Ginger Houle – She hears from customers that there are no family houses available in Isle. And we cannot get employees because there is no housing.”
 - IV. David Keding – “Each owner has private property rights. This ordinance will control behaviors and violations will cause them the lose of their license.”

- V. Trevor Courtney – 1000 Malone Park Rd. – “As far as employee hiring goes; it is all over the state and it is not because of housing.”
- VI. Anne Olmsted – 540 Superior St. – “will you set a limit on occupancy?”
- VII. Trevor Courtney – 1000 Malone Park Rd. – “ Violations should be recorded and the number of violations should revoke their license and renewals.”
- VIII. Ernie Frie – “Mille Lacs County taxes are so high they should be able to rent and do whatever they want to earn money to pay their taxes.”
- IX. Tim Potoczny – 1325 Hwy 47 – “The government should not tell people what they can and cannot do. If I want to build a new building, the city tells me no. Why should the city control my property and what I can do with it.”
- X. Trevor Courtney – 1000 Malone Park Rd. – “taxes that go up with this [property use] only AirBnB owners can afford it. Not someone making minimum wage at the grocery store.”
- XI. Monica Keding – “we need a way to record violations. We need a chapter on violations” - Toven reviewed the violations chapter.
- XII. Donald Dahlen – “I have the same concerns as citizens about the density in the same area.” A limit should be set.

No changes to the ordinance were discussed. Public hearing closed at 6:31PM by motion from Houle with second by M Keding.

Motion by Houle to approve Manning consent agreement and **Resolution 2023-05A** for blight abatement, seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Houle to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 151.45** with no changes, seconded by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for April. Multiple vehicles maintenance completed. Issues continue with a couple of the lift stations. Potholes will be filled once hot mix is available. Seventeen work orders completed. \$45,745.23 in total receipts for April water and sewer payments received. PW Expense budget at 55.4% YTD. Water Department 20.8% YTD and Sewer Department at 13.9% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel presented his April report with 222 calls for service. See packet full summary report. Department is working on grant applications. Police Department expense budget was at 29.8% YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 0% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- April sales report provided by Manager Johann, presented by Hubbell. April revenues were up \$5,775.48 from 2022 with \$59,141.16 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$9716.85 of that total; expenses were up by \$14,580.51 with \$67,472.19 in total expenses for the month. Total loss for April was \$-8,331.03 with a year-to-date net effect of profit of \$14,928.35. Sewer line descaling, jetting, and televising for the full quote to replace approved at \$2465.00 Motion to transfer \$1250.00 to general fund by M Keding and seconded by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Expense budget year to date is at 22.6%

Fire Department- Chief Miller reported that his department will be completing the Sky-warn Training on June 7th. They completed electric car fire trainings and requested to purchase an

emergency plug device for \$925.00. Approval to use \$250 Drift Skipper donation and motion for purchase by Houle and seconded by Dahlen. Fire expense budget at 102.9% YTD.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle reported that quotes are pending on the band shell/pavilion at the park. Two permits were reviewed and continued efforts to maintain the blight properties. Cleanup day will be held with the City of Wahkon in Wahkon this year on June 3rd 9-1PM to help cut costs. A possible request for Rezoning on Dorothy St. discussed and a 2nd Ave parking request was denied. Industrial Park Plans still pending EDA approval.

Airport Committee – Tony Brumm was present to give the April report. Lease changes, event permits, pending bathroom plans and Airport Commission meetings will resume now. Airport is open and winter clean up is underway. **Motion** by Frie and second by Houle to get lease changes to Damien Toven. Discuss increasing lease to \$1000.00. Seasonal underwing camping to be allowed from Spring to Fall once bathrooms are installed. 50% profits to be paid. **Motion** by Houle with second by M Keding to increase 2023 hangar leases by 5% (\$367.50). All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

City Engineer – Ramerth gave updates on the project statuses. Final punch list with MBI on the well house phase reviewed and payment of \$7153.07 approved by Houle and Dahlen with the second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. He is wrapping up the bid specs for the Industrial Park and state park projects. Will go out for bid in June. The packet is at the EDA for approval. Construction meeting with TNT to approve change orders for industrial park changes.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- a. Donations approved by **Resolution 2023-05B** in the amount of \$3500.00. \$1000.00 from the Drift Skippers; \$250 each to the Fire and Police Departments, and \$250 each pass thru for the Isle Garden Club and Isle Boy Scouts. \$2000 from the Keding's for the General fund, \$250 from the Evelyn Tramm Trust for the Fire dept. and \$250 from First National Bank for Cleanup day. **Motion** by Frie with the second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - b. Isle Days Event Permit reviewed and approved with both parade permits included. Motion by Frie and seconded by M Keding.
 - c. Isle Baseball Association temporary liquor license approved for Isle Days weekend by motion from Houle and seconded by Frie.
 - d. Isle Airport Association Event permits x2 reviewed and approved. 1- STOL event and concert, 2- Fly-in pancake breakfast event on Sunday of Isle days. Motion by Frie and seconded by Houle.
 - e. Family Dollar 2023 Tobacco license approved by motion by Frie and seconded by Houle.
 - f. Jared Beamish trespass order renewal for all city properties. Motion by Houle and seconded by Frie. None opposed. Motion carried.
- All motions approved by all and none opposed. All motions carried.

Clerk's Report:

- a. Out of office May 17-23rd on vacation

Financials:

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- a. April 30th General bank statement balance: \$935,508.23 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$72,073.76 (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 7:13 PM **Motion** to adjourn D Keding, seconded by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, June 13th, 2023.

Dated on this 9th, day of May, 2023
 APPROVED on this 13th, day of June, 2023

 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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