

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes June 13th, 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, Nikki Johann, David Miller, Tim Ramerth and Damien Toven.

A **Motion** to approve the June Amended Agenda by D Dahlen; second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May Regular meeting minutes by Houle and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the May final claims totaling \$184,106.21 by M Keding with a second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. June claims to date followed, with a **motion** to approve \$159,709.28 in claims to date by Dahlen with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum:

- a. Carolyn Avaire – East Central Regional Library- Requested council to revisit the comprehensive plans for a new library and senior housing opportunity. Mayor Frie agreed to add the vision planning committee to the EDA portion of the Planning Commission meetings.

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. 2022 City Financial Audit report presented by City Auditor, Molly Thompson with Schlenner Wenner & Co. CPAs. Final audit approved by motion by Houle with second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried
- b. League of Cities Insurance Trust renewals presented by City Insurance Agent David Oberfeld. Discussed overall increase of 30% on property and liability policies. New city infrastructure increased coverage by \$10,000. Work Comp coverage increase by 3% as well. Increase of insurance claim deductible on property/liability policy to \$2500 per claim by Frie with the second by D Keding. Remained at \$0 deductible on WC insurance.
- c. **Resolution 2023-06A** to not waive monetary limits on tort liability claims was approved by motion from Dahlen with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. 2022 Consumer Confidence Report for Isle’s Drinking water quality was presented by Minenko and recorded with the Minnesota Department of Health Water Division. Full report posted on city web page and full copies available at city hall by request.

Public Hearings: Motion by Dahlen to open the public hearing at 6:41P.M. with Houle second.

- a. Short Term Rental Regulations Ordinance 151.45 – Final Reading
 - I. Mary Ward – 1715 White Cloud Dr. -submitted questions and concerns to the council to be addressed. (see attached) Still expressing concerns for the number of allowable rentals in her neighborhood.
 - II. Dahlen stated that it [number of allowable permits] needs to be regulated. The city needs affordable housing.
 - III. M Keding stated that maybe we should stop approving for the year and create a waiting list for next year.
 - IV. Carol Gilbert – 890 Main St. – “you need to limit the number on the lake shore specifically. You need to review the density that you are allowing.

They have been experiencing too many bad exchanges with their neighbors rental.”

- V. Mary Ward – “Our community no longer feels like a neighborhood, it’s a business environment full of strangers. Especially for all of the lake front homes.”
- VI. D Keding – “I don’t like jet skis but I live on the lake. They have regulations just as this does. If they violate, we take their license. No verbal warnings, three strikes and they lose their permit.” Severe violations could result is immediate loss of permit.”
- VII. E Frie – “VRBOs bring their business to town. Its not the campers, they come loaded for the most part. They are tourists and our town needs their business. I do not see this as a problem.”
- VIII. Karen George – 1785 Scenic Ave N. – “This is not a trend. This has become an investment tactic. You need to table this for one year until it can be re-evaluated. House rules need to be provided to every neighbor. No events or large parties should be allowed. No subletting to anyone not pre-approved by the owner. The day use of the property should be limited as well. There should be a limited number of watercrafts allowed per property. All water safety rules should be posted at each property. There should be pet restrictions and children must be under supervision at all times. There should never be cannabis allowed and never fire arms on property. These rules need to be enforced.” (see attached for George’s written statement)
- IX. Larry Cook – 830 Main St. – “Has lived here for three years, next door was a wild house. I agree with Karen about neighbors getting the house rules and think that this should be re-reviewed every year if the numbers keep getting higher. What has been the increase over the last three years?”
- X. E Frie – stated that is the purpose of the annual renewal permits. Every application will be reviewed for renewal at the January meeting.

No changes to the ordinance were discussed. A **motion** by E Frie to adopt the final reading of the **Ordinance 151.45 Short Term Rental** regulations, seconded by D Keding. Four in favor with Dahlen opposed. Motion carried.

- b. Short Term Rental permit for Herrmann at 810 Main St. W. – application reviewed. L Cook requested a copy of their house rules. No further discussion. Motion by M Keding with a second by E Frie. Four in favor with Houle opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Short Term Rental permit for Amell at 1775 Scenic Ave N. – discussion open to the floor.

- I. Karen George – 1785 N Scenic. – “How can you even consider this application when these people do not even own the property?” [date of application closing was pending, but as of the council meeting, the Amell’s were the official property owners]. This application is incomplete. There are no house plans, no certificate of insurance, no health license. You people are not even following your own policy. [new policy was just approved at this meeting. All prior applications were not held to those regulations]. (see attached for George’s written statement).

With no further discussion, D Keding made the motion to approve the permit as is, adding that they must provide the neighbors with the house rules and plans for parking. M Keding made the second. Four in favor with Houle opposed. Motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 7:32PM by motion from Dahlen with second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for May. Pond discharge almost complete. Benches and flower pots are out and planted. Still having communication errors with some of the lift stations. Received paving quotes from MPM Minnesota at \$212,910.00 and Rocon at \$146,000 + 5th Ave N separate at \$27,300 = \$173,300. **Motion** by M Keding to go with Rocon with D Keding second. All in favor, none opposed. Thirty work orders completed. \$41,974.01 in total receipts for May water and sewer payments received. PW Expense budget at 61.7% YTD. Water Department 28.% YTD and Sewer Department at 22.2% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel presented his May report with 261 calls for service. See packet full summary report. Department continues working on grant applications for radios and equipment. Police Department expense budget was at 36.4% YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 0% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- May sales report presented by Manager Johann. May revenues were up \$11,132.24 from 2022 with \$109,185.04 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$12,770.96 of that total; expenses were down by \$1,559.57 with \$57,478.20 in total expenses for the month. Total profit for May was \$51,706.84 with a year-to-date net effect of profit of \$66,635.19. Starting food menu on Friday. No fryer. Request for approval for a band, “Ledfoot Larry” at \$1500 plus food trucks on July 2nd. **Motion** by M Keding, Houle seconded. All in favor. **Motion** to approve sewer line quote; Trenchless Repair \$24,640, by Frie with the second by D Keding. Financing options tabled until next month. **Resolution 2023-06B** New part time higher, **motion** by Frie with the second by M Keding. Employee internal position promotion for Nell. From Clerk to Lead at \$16.00 per hour. **Motion** to approve by M Keding with second by D Keding. Four in favor, Houle opposed. Motion carried. Discussion on regulations for the new Adult edible THC products. Discussed pros and cons of carrying it retail in Off sale. M Keding tabled until more information is provided by the state. Motion to transfer \$1250.00 to general fund by Houle and seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Expense budget year to date is at 27.8%

Fire Department- 9th Annual Fly Our Flags High Motorcycle ride July 1st with pancake breakfast starting at 8:00 AM. Raffle tickets still available. Fire expense budget at 104.3% YTD.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle reported that quotes are pending on the band shell/pavilion at the park. Manning property is not in compliance and Toven will be moving forward with abatement process. Three land use permits approved. Cleanup day turn out was bleak. Discussed potential of not continuing due to the increase in expense. Haggberg blight progress is being made. Permit violation issued to Winberg for deck with no permit. Industrial Park plans still pending with EDA due to tribal review.

Airport Committee – Tony Brumm presented the May report. Everything is in place for the STOL Competition and the annual pancake breakfast. Live music by Rhett Walker on Friday 7PM. Underwing camping and paid admission fees will be collected. 20% of all funds will be given to the city for allowing the event. No alcohol will be permitted. Planning on estimates of

possibly 1000-3000 people for the weekend. Hangar Lease edits tabled until Brumm could meet with Damien.

City Engineer – Ramerth gave updates on the project statuses. Introduced Thomas Rentz to council. Final punch list with MBI on the well house phase done. Final payment pending final paperwork. Plans for the Industrial Park are pending EDA final approval due to pending approval by THIPPO with the band. DNR and Tribal are approving the sewer plans for state park projects. The plan is with the Corps for final review. Payment request for TNT for #9 \$348,277.97. Motion by Frie and second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- a. Liquor License renewal for Isle Bowl and Pizza; DaDs Endeavors approved by Motion by Frie and second by Houle. All in favor. None opposed.
- b. Donations approved by **Resolution 2023-06C** in the amount of \$2840.00. \$750.00 from the Drift Skippers; \$250 each to the Fire and Police Departments, and \$250 pass thru for the Isle Boy Scouts. \$1000 from the city of Wahkon for the Police Dept. General fund, \$20 from the Lucille Fredin for the Police dept. and \$1070 pass thru from Isle Garden Club for Steele’s Nursery for flower pots. **Motion** by Houle with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

- a. City hall will be closed June 19th, 2023 – Juneteenth per MN State regulation.

Financials:

- a. May 31st General bank statement balance: \$866,559.14 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$123,331.39 (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 8:31 PM **Motion** to adjourn Dahlen, seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, July 11th, 2023.

Dated on this 13th, day of June, 2023
APPROVED on this 11th, day of July, 2023

Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

Motion _____

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