

CITY OF ISLE COUNCIL MEETING

Pre-meeting Budget Work Session – September 12th, 2023

Called to order by Mayor Frie at 4:30 P.M. All members present.

A **Motion** to approve the agenda by M Keding, with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

Presentation for the 2024 Proposed preliminary budget and tax levy to submit to Mille Lacs County.

Motion by Houle to adjourn to regular meeting at 5:55 P.M., seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting

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 Hubbell, Jason Minenko, Nikki Johann, Damien Toven, and Tim Ramerth.

A **Motion** to approve the September Agenda by Houle; second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** by Houle with the second by M Keding, to approve the August regular meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. **Motion** to approve the August final claims totaling \$232,691.43 by M Keding with the second by Dahlen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. September claims to date followed with a **motion** by Dahlen to approve \$248,946.38 in claims, with the second by D Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Open Forum: None

Presentations, Announcements, Complaints and Requests:

- a. Mark Daniels; President of the Isle Area Pickleball Association; discussed their project and requested donations if available. Daniels also stated that the association is donating the courts to the school once completed. No donation offered at this time.
- b. **GO Bond 2023A – USDARD \$2,230,000 loan closing resolution.** **Motion** to approve by Houle and second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- c. **GO Bond 2023B – USDARD \$1,907,000 loan closing resolution.** **Motion** to approve by Houle and second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d. **Resolution 2023-09A** Approving the 2023 Proposed Tax Levy for the 2024 budget year. **Motion** by Houle for the 15% increase adding \$118,533 to last year's tax levy without including the option for the fire hall levy. Second by M Keding with four in favor and D Keding opposed. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: **Motion** to open the public hearing at 6:29 P.M. by Dahlen and seconded by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- a. First reading and review of the **Ordinance 200** imposing a moratorium on the operation and licensing of Cannabis retail businesses.
 - I. Toven presented the Ordinance and discussed the process of a moratorium.
 - II. Nikki Johann stated that she can agree with licensing, but does not want to sell any products at the municipal.
 - III. Dahlen is not in favor of the city selling or licensing sales. He would like to move forward with the moratorium to give the city and the state more time to develop regulations that are enforceable.

IV. Damien clarified that if the city wants to go straight to licensing, then the moratorium ordinance would have to be denied and a new amended licensing ordinance would have to be created.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:42 P.M. by **motion** from Houle and second by M Keding. **Motion** to deny the moratorium ordinance by Frie and seconded by M Keding, four in favor, Dahlen opposed. Mayor Frie with the motion to create a cannabis license and amend the licensing ordinance; M Keding with the second. Four in favor, Dahlen opposed. Motions carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Supervisor Minenko provided his department activities report for August. Rocon was able to complete all of the paving projects for the year. RC Habeck was hired to destroy some beaver dams that was preventing the discharge to flow properly. An invoice for \$6000 will be due to cover the costs of all the re-ditching he had to complete. Twenty-one work orders completed. \$58,061.39 in total receipts for August water and sewer payments received. PW Expense budget at 106.5% YTD. Water Department 70.2% YTD and Sewer Department at 74.2% YTD.

Police Department- Chief Reichel provided his August report with 283 calls for service. See packet full summary report. **Motion** to approve **Resolution 2023-09B** the hire of one parttime officer Nicholas Vendel, by Houle and second by M Keding. Police Department expense budget 63.6% YTD. 809 Impound budget was at 1.9% YTD.

Liquor Store Operations- August sales report presented by Manager Johann. August revenues were up \$4,503.13 from 2022 with \$114,874.53 in total sales revenue; Onsale was \$9,944.36 of that total; expenses were down by \$27,745.60 with \$96,114.56 in total expenses for the month. Total profit for August was \$18,759.97 with a year-to-date net effect of profit of \$58,361.64. **Motion** by M Keding to approve **Resolution 2023-09C** new hire of part time bartender, Julie Stone, Frie with the second. All in favor, none opposed. Fall/Winter hours to start next week with 9am-9pm Monday thru Saturday, 11am-6pm Sundays. Sewer project to begin Oct 1st and finish the 8th. Off sale will be closed Monday only. Bar closed until floor is finished. **Motion** by Frie with the second by D Keding to make monthly budget transfer of \$1250.00. All in favor, none opposed. Expense budget year to date is at 64.2%

Fire Department- Chief Miller provided the August events report. Muni BBQ fundraiser raised \$1555.00 and the Coors Light Annual Fire Fundraiser raised \$438.71 in donations. Fire prevention week is Oct 9th – 13th with the Fire Hall open house on Wednesday the 11th with a chili feed. Ambulance lease renewal reviewed and increased 3% by **motion** from M Keding and second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Fire expense budget at 123.8% YTD.

Planning Commission – Commissioner Houle reported the September meeting notes. Commission approved the appointment of Trevor Courtney to the committee. Land use permits reviewed and approved. Continued blight properties progress plans discussed. Haggberg/Pedersen property continues to show progress on their non-compliant blight issues and committee will give them until Spring 2024 to complete the job.

Airport Committee – Tony Brumm presented the August airport report. D Keding made the motion to stay with the current lease and make no amendments until 2027, Dahlen seconded. M

Keding approved, with Houle and Frie opposing. Motion carried. Frie made a motion for Brumm to donate the 11' of fence he erected on the city airport portion of the property, Brumm agreed. No second, no vote. Motion failed. Brumm reported that he has interested parties in new hangar pads, but that they will not build there without a new 10-year lease agreement. Brumm provided information on seasonal camping to the committee, but council did not discuss or approve. The airport committee was presented with the opportunity to allow the dredge materials from the Malone Island channel dredging to be brought to the airport, but decided against it due to no permits and potential invasive weeds spread.

City Engineer – Ramerth provided updates on the August project statuses. Final punch list items pending for MBI on the well house. Payment request #12 \$43,622.37 approved by **motion** by Houle and second by D Keding. TNT continues wrapping up final project items, mainly rocks, seeding and asphalt corrections. Payment request #10 \$246,943.75 approved by **motion** by Houle and second by D Keding. All in favor of both motions, motions carried. Certificates of substantial completion approved by all. The Industrial Park project is still pending THPPO approval and Army Corps sign off regarding the wet land portions.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Manning abatement was completed and invoiced to Manning's property.

New Business:

- a. Ekart Services LLC annual liquor license renewal. Approved by motion by Frie and second by Houle. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Donations approved by **Resolution 2023-09D** in the amount of \$1367.00. \$700.00 from the Friends of the Airport to the Police Department. \$100 from D Keding for the Fire department and \$567.00 From various cash donors for the Fire department. **Motion** by Houle with the second by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: None

Financials:

- a. August 31st General bank statement balance: \$1,214,669.83 Liquor Fund bank statement balance: \$157,108.16 (see bank balance statement sheet for Savings, Investments and Fund balances) unreconciled.

Adjourn Regular Meeting to sign claims at 7:53 PM **Motion** to adjourn Houle, seconded by M Keding. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Next regular meeting, October 10th, 2023.

Dated on this 12th, day of September, 2023

APPROVED on this 10th, day of September, 2023

Ernie Frie - Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Hubbell, MCMC Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFIED BY VOTE:

Motion _____

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