

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 –6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Betts, Spencer, Grotting and McCoy

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrative Assistant Horner, City Administrator Kaltsas, City Attorney Office Representative Anderson

VISITORS: Richard Sievers, Brian Glover, Craig Olson, Ed Pluth

4. \*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approval of City Council minutes from the July 31, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council minutes from the August 2, 2017 City Council Workshop.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17327-17362.
- d. Approval of the Large Assembly Permit for Running of the Bays to be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- e. Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.
- f. Approval to Purchase Banyon Accounting Software.
- g. Approval of Contract with Municode to Codify City Ordinances and Host Online.

**Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

5. SET AGENDA – ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Budget meeting for Public Works Dept. with Ende
- Met with Kaltsas for Workshop update
- Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for Nathan and Alex Moe

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- City Council Workshop
- Night to Unite Events

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

- City Council Workshop
- Night to Unite Events
- Loretto Fire Department Meeting

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Night to Unite Events
- City Council Workshop

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Night to Unite Events
- City Council Workshop
- Senior Community Services Finance Meeting
- Minnehaha Watershed District Meeting
- Metro Cities Policy Meeting
- Snowmobile Picnic
- State Capitol Open House
- Loretto Fire Department Meeting

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- City Council Workshop
- Night to Unite Events

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- Met with Maple Plain and Maple Plain Fire

7. DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS, WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY - ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017 AND JULY 2017.

\*\*\*for the full WHPS Activity Report please refer to the City Council Packet\*\*\*

8. TABLED AT JULY 31, 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: JASON SIEVERS (APPLICANT/OWNER) REQUESTS THAT THE CITY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1180 COUNTY ROAD 83 (PID NO. 25-118-24-32-0001) IN INDEPENDENCE, MN:

- RESOLUTION NO. 17-0815-01** – granting a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback for the subject property (Resolution will be brought back to Council for adoption based on Council decision).

Kaltsas noted that Council directed staff to prepare a resolution considering a six-foot variance with findings discussed during the Council Meeting. The findings are as follows:

- a. The applicants are proposing to use the property in a manner consistent with the Rural Residential District.
- b. The character of the surrounding area is residential.
- c. The proposed expansion of the home and garage is generally in keeping with the City's comprehensive plan.
- d. There is a jog in the property line which limits the ability of the applicant to expand the house and garage.
- e. The existing trees in the front of the house will be preserved by the applicant.
- f. The variance will allow the existing curb cut and driveway to be maintained in its current location.
- h. The variance will allow the retention of the existing home

**Motion by Betts, second by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-0815-01 – granting a variance to allow a reduced side yard setback for the subject property located at 1180 County Road 83 (PID No. 25-118-24-32-0001) in Independence, MN. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

9. ESTABLISH DATE FOR THE TRUTH AND TAXATION BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

Johnson noted the date is usually in early December.

**Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve the date of December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for the Truth and Taxation Meeting. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

10. OPEN/MISC.

11. ADJOURN.

**Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Grotting and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trish Bemmels/ Recording Secretary