

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 –6:30 P.M.
Police Department Conference Room

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 5:30 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting
ABSENT: None
STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner
VISITORS: Gary Kroells

3. ****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 Workshop Meeting Minutes from the April 29, 2021 Workshop.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the May 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks Numbered 20467-20470, Batch #2 Check Numbered 20471-20492).
- d. Approval of Pay Applications #5 and 6, Rochon Corporation for City Hall Renovation.
- e. Approval of Solicitors Permits as follows:
 - i. Logan Bauer, Lebegue Properties LLC (dba V.L. Builders)
 - ii. Joanna Nowak, Lebegue Properties LLC (dba V.L. Builders)
 - iii. Victor Lebegue, Lebegue Properties LLC (dba V.L. Builders)

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

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

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting (virtual)
- Deadly Force Training Workshop (in-person)

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting (in person)

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting (in person)
- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting (virtual)
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting (in person)

Johnson attended the following meetings: (Virtual- unless noted)

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- Lake Independence Meeting (in person)
- Regional Council of Mayors Meeting
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting (in person)
- Senior Community Service Finance Committee Meeting
- Orono School Board Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting (in person)
- National League of Cities Meeting
- Northwest League of Municipalities Meeting (in person)
- Orono Healthy Youth Committee Meeting
- National League of Cities Conference Call

Horner attended the following meetings:

- BKV architect meetings (in person and virtual)

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- MnDOT meetings on construction efforts for Highway 12 and 92 (virtual)

6. West Hennepin Public Safety Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the April 2021 Activity Report.

Kroells stated there were 1,378 incidents as of April 30, 2021. He said West Hennepin Public Safety handled 203 incidents during the month of March with an additional 111 for Maple Plain. Kroells said the numbers are up slightly from last year. Kroells noted the department has hired a new officer (Scott Isaacson).

- For a complete report see the packet for tonight's meeting

7. Approval of County Road 92 Turnback Road Renaming and Authorization for Staff to Sign the CSAH 92/TH 12 Construction Project Plan Set.

Kaltsas said Staff presented information relating to this issue at our recent workshop. Hennepin County is planning on turning back a portion of CSAH 92 to the City following completion of the Hwy 12/CSASH 92 project. In addition, the City will be taking over the newly constructed portion of the road that provides access to the property located at 7899 US Hwy 12.

The City will formally accept the turnback via an agreement that will be presented for consideration at an upcoming City Council Meeting. The City is being asked to provide a new name for the section of road (see location below) to be given to the City. Following discussion at the last City Council Meeting, staff did research the historic/cultural/architectural history information prepared by Hennepin County for this project. There were several names that showed up in the studies that related to the initial settlement of the City and historic farm owners. Names such as Armstrong (original settlement name), Storeson (original owner of 7735 Hwy 12) and Kleven (original owner of 2825 County Road 92 North) all showed up in the study.

Council had discussed the renaming and recommended that Rumpza Road be considered as that is a family name that relates to some of the land in this area. Staff is seeking a recommendation from Council on the road naming.

Staff is also seeking City Council authorization to approve the final plan set for the CSAH 92/TH 12 improvement project. This is a formality that is required by Hennepin County and MNDOT for a project to commence in the City. A copy of the overall plan is attached for Council information. Please let me know if you have any questions and or would like additional information (full plan set).

Motion by Betts, second by Spencer for approval of County Road 92 Turnback Road Renamed to Rumpza Road and Authorization for Staff to Sign the CSAH 92/TH 12 Construction Project Plan Set. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. Open/ Misc.

9. Adjourn.

Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary