

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2021–6:30 P.M.
City Hall Chambers

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 Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator
Horner

VISITORS: Police Chief Gary Kroells

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 December 7, 2021, Truth in Taxation Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the December 7, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 20907-20909 and Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 20910-20939).
- d. Approval of Pay Application Request # 12 from Rochon Corporation for work completed on the 2020 City Hall Project.

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

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- TNT

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- TNT

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- TNT

Betts attended the following meetings:

- TNT
- WHCC

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- NW League
- Metro Cities
- Legion – Annual Christmas Meeting
- 20th Anniversary Hwy 55 Corridor Coalition
- Orono School Foundation Breakfast (could not attend/conflict)
- Regional Council of Mayors
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Maple Plain Chamber of Commerce
- Finance Meeting Sr. Comm. Services (virtual)
- Shared Services Fire Meeting
- Orono Healthy Youth (Virtual)
- NLC Mayors Round Table (Virtual)
- Christmas Caroling
- TNT

Horner attended the following meetings:

- None

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- None

7. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the November 2021 Activity Report.

Public Safety Director Kroells reported on some of the November activities (full report attached to minutes). He also stated that some of our officers were on mutual aid at Brooklyn Park this week because of the Potter trial. Addressed also was the carjacking crimes that are coming into the suburbs.

8. Open/Misc.

9. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Grotting, Betts, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Simon / Recording Secretary

After the meeting was adjourned, resident Marty Chilstrom, wanted to ask some questions and make some statements. The council listened and advised him to attend and make his comments at the Planning Commission meeting which was starting at 7:30 p.m.