

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 – 7:30PM

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 7:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, and Councilors Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch, City Attorney Vose, and City Planner Kaltsas

VISITORS: Grant Hellmich, Matthew Staffanson, Marie Staffanson, Nick Harper, Kris Harper, Steven Orthengren, Nathan Moe, Carson Hage, Elias Potter

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.

- Approval of the City Council minutes from January 13, 2015.
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for February 15, 2015.
- Approval of the Resolution No. 15-0210-01, CDBG Support of Senior Citizen Programs.
- Re-Approval of the Truth and Taxation Resolution reviewed by the board.

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

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

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Spencer requested to add a discussion about the purchase of the air compressor for Public Works.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF.

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- League of MN Cities Experienced Officials Conference
- Met with Larry Ende of Public Works on sewer issues and equipment purchases
- City Workshop
- Planning Commission
- Joint Council Meeting with Maple Plain

**Wenck attended the following meetings:**

- City Workshop
- Shared Services Meeting
- Joint Council Meeting with Maple Plain

**Fisher attended the following meetings:**

- City Workshop

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Police Commission
- SLUC Conference
- League of MN Cities Experienced Officials Conference
- Highway 12 Coalition
- City Workshop
- Joint Council Meeting with Maple Plain
- Chamber of Commerce meeting

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- NW League of Municipalities
- Orono Healthy Youth Coalition
- Sensible Land Use Meeting
- Police Commission
- CAPSH Board Meeting
- Love Inc. Annual Meeting
- Orono School Board
- Delano Senior Center dinner
- NLC Energy & Environment Committee Webinar
- League of MN Cities Experienced Officials
- Mayors Reception in St. Paul

- Highway 12 Coalition
- Community Action Partnership/ Youth Resources Meeting
- Regional Conference of Mayors
- Shared Services Meeting
- Joint Council Meeting with Maple Plain
- Chamber of Commerce meeting

**Hirsch attended the following meetings:**

- ABDO meetings helping to prepare for audit Feb. 23-27

7. Discussion and approval to move forward with the installation of Audio Visual Equipment in the City's Conference Room, some inside painting, placement of indoor signage to designate between the Independence City Hall and the West Hennepin Safety Department, as well as a Security Monitor in the Administration Offices.

**Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to approve purchase and installation of the entire scope of project. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission- What does the future tell for its survival?
- Spencer stated we would have more information after the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed's Management Commission's next meeting which is being scheduled.
  - Spencer stated there has been discussion on converting to a Watershed District with its own separate taxing structure, etc.
  - Spencer requested that the Board authorize Commissioner Joseph Baker to vote for the disbanding of the commission in favor of a district installation if it comes to that. He would like the support of the Council.
  - Spencer stated the first priority would be to see if the Commission is able to function as it is supposed to.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Fisher to authorize Commission Joseph Baker to make executive decisions regarding the Watershed should it be beneficial to change to a District designation. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

9. Discussion and approval for air compressor to be purchased for Public Works Department.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Fisher to approve the purchase of the Air Compressor.  
Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION  
DECLARED CARRIED.**

10. Set a Council work session to further discuss possible Sewer and Road Improvements

- Council Work Session scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

11. Misc./Open

**12. ADJOURN**

**Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:00.  
Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None.  
MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Trish Bemmels, Recording Secretary