

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 –7:30 PM

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, Councilors Betts, Fisher, Spencer and Wenck

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Planner & Interim City Administrator Mark Kaltsas, City Attorney Bob Vose

VISITORS: Lynda Franklin, Ray Flemal, Vince Velie, Rob Sievers, Carol Velie

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 August 25, 2015 meeting
- b. Approval of City Council minutes from the August 27, 2015 workshop
- c. Approval of accounts payable; Checks Numbered 15331-15347
- d. Approval of Mayor's attendance at the National League of Cities Conference
- e. Authorization to add a fourth signatory to the City's Accounts

**Motion by Betts, second by Wenck to approve the Consent Agenda with noting that the signatory's include Ende, Johnson, Spencer and Kaltsas. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher and Spencer. 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 & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Sewer Workshop Meeting
- Lake Independence Outlet Meeting

**Fischer attended the following meetings:**

- Sewer Workshop Meeting

**Wenck attended the following meetings:**

- None to report

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- SLUC Breakfast Conference
- Sewer Workshop Meeting

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- SLUC Breakfast Conference
- Sewer Workshop Meeting
- Suburban Hennepin County Community Action Partnership 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Senior Services Community Finance Meeting
- Met with Kaltsas and Purdy on Solar Gardens
- Community Action Partnership Board Meeting
- Haven Homes Hog Roast
- National League of Cities Webinar
- Pioneer Park Family Picnic
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- Sewer Workshop Meeting

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- Sewer Workshop Meeting

7. Amendment to the City Hall/Community Center Usage Policy:

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-0908-01** – Approving policy for use of the City Hall/Community Center

Johnson outlined the resolution in brief. Spencer asked if the fees would remain the same and it was determined they would at this time. Wenck stated he liked it but thought it should have a policy attached. Kaltsas said they would attach it and send it out to the council. All were in agreement they liked the language of it.

**Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to approve Resolution No. 15-0908-01. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Spencer and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

8. Amendment to the City's Fee Schedule:

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-0908-02** – Approving update to Fee Schedule

Kaltsas stated the fee schedule is being updated to reflect some SST changes for septic. He said the state required updates based on state ordinances to make sure the cities were in compliance. There were changes for holding tanks and pumping. He said there were also changes for mid-size systems. Kaltsas noted that the mid-size systems would have escrow built in as we don't have the ability to review those in-house and would

need a consultant. Johnson stated he appreciated the fee schedule. Kaltsas noted the last fee schedule was adopted in 2014.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Fisher to approve Resolution No. 15-0908-02. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Spencer and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

9. Discussion Regarding Candidate Forum for Upcoming City Council Election

Kaltsas stated there are not any updates at this point but he will be reporting back with more at the next meeting. He said everyone is available for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> so those dates are being held.

10. Open/Misc.

Kaltsas stated he would like to know if Council would consider looking further at the pay equity for employees that was being addressed previously but not followed up on. He said it would probably not require the entire Council but if a few members could look at that structure as they look at budgeting going forward that it would be a good time to do that. Spencer stated we have a policy but it has not been fully implemented yet and needs to be looked at. Fisher stated he would help with the process.

**Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve Spencer and Fisher working with staff on pay equity implementation. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Spencer and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

11. Adjourn

**Motion by Wenck, second by Spencer to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Spencer and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trish Bemmels  
Recording Secretary