

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 –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 Spencer, Betts and McCoy

ABSENT: City Attorney Vose, Councilor Grotting

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Christine Marino, Amy Wells, Tom and Kristen Blanck, Dudley Bartholomow, Anita Volkenant, Bill and Sara Liska

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 the City Council minutes from the January 2, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17701 - 17726.
- c. **RESOLUTION 18-0116-01** Supporting the WeCAN Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application.
- d. Letter of Support for Senior Community Services Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application.

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

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

Spencer added grant application update for the landing at Lake Sarah.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- AIS Grant Application Meetings

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None to report

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- None to report

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Fire Commission Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Regional Council of Mayors Meeting
- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Orono Choir Concert
- Maple Plain Fire Department Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Northwest League of Municipalities Meeting
- Orono Healthy Youth Committee Meeting
- Great Expectations Speaker Meeting
- Senior Community Services Annual Meeting
- National League of Cities Conference Call

Horner attended the following meetings:

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Met with Met Council and the cities of Loretto and Medina on sewer line

7. DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS, WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY - ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017.

- For a complete report see the City Council packet

Kroells highlighted numerous hunting incidents as is typical at this time of year. He also noted several items that were stolen from unlocked cars. Kroells said it is very rare in this area for a car to be broken into so it is imperative to keep car doors locked. Kroells said 2017 was a great year for WHPS operating at full staff and very efficiently. He said he looks forward to a successful 2018 as well.

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S 2018 FEE SCHEDULE INCLUDING SEWER CHARGES:

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-0116-02** – Adopting 2018 Fee Schedule

Kaltsas said the City has looked at automated payment options for sewer and permits. He noted the fee schedule is adopted annually to approve the fees for the New Year. Kaltsas said PSN which would be the provider of choice requires a three year contract. Kaltsas said residents could pay through PSN from the city website and the processing fee would be passed on to the resident. The processing fee is \$1 per quarter or \$4/

annually. Kaltsas said PSN would provide a terminal for the front counter to process credit card transactions for permits and other fees for customers at the window. A nominal fee would be paid for by the customer for that transaction as well. Annual fees would run approximately \$150 for the City to be able to provide this service to our customers.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve Resolution No. 18-0116-02 – Adopting 2018 Fee Schedule. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve three year contract with PSN. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. OPEN/MISC.

Spencer updated Council on the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed AIG grant application that he was working on with Joe Baker. The grant was for a boat cleaning station that would be installed at the landing on Lake Sarah. Spencer said the grant was for \$7500 and should hear back in early March if it is approved.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Ayes: Spencer, Johnson, McCoy, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Bemmels/ Recording Secretary