

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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, Grotting and McCoy

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Craig Olson, Anita Volkenant, Bob Volkenant, Jennifer Halverson, Lynda Franklin

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 February 5, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of the City Council minutes from the February 13, 2018 Special Joint Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17774 - 17806.
- d. Letter of Support for Delano Sportsman's Club Planned Expansion in Wright County.

**Motion by Grotting, second by Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda items. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting 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 AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson
- Met with Kaltsas and Ende about Public Works budget
- West Metro Drug Task Force luncheon

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce AED Training
- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson
- LMCC meeting

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson
- West Metro Drug Task Force luncheon
- Republican Caucus

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Republican Caucus
- Orono Healthy Youth School Collaborative
- MnDOT Task Force meeting for Highway 12
- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson
- CAP-Hennepin County Finance Committee Meeting
- League of Minnesota Cities convention meeting
- Met with Kaltsas and Horner on Ag Preserve status items

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- Joint Council meeting/ Swearing in ceremony of Officer Cody Thompson
- Hennepin County Ag Preserve meeting
- Met with Mayor Johnson and Kaltsas on Ag Preserve status items

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- Congratulated Mayor Johnson on his appointment as Chair of the Small Cities Council

7. DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS, WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY - ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2018.

\*\*\*\*\*For a complete report see the City Council packet\*\*\*\*\*

Kroells stated the department handled 516 incidents in January of which 283 were in Independence.

8. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

- a. Review 2017 Public Works Projects

Ende gave a brief summary and overview of projects completed in 2017 is highlighted below.

Purchases

1. Sewer camera - for the purpose of televising sewer lines within the City.
2. ¾ GMC pick-up – to provide City with multi-purpose truck used for a variety of tasks.

Sewer System

1. Camera – PW televised approximately 10,215 feet of gravity sewer line. Televising sewer lines allows the City to identify breaks and evaluate the current condition prior to problems occurring in the line.

2. Jett and clean - PW jetted and cleaned approximately 2,125 feet of 4” gravity lines.
3. Rebuilt Lift Station No. 4 Control Panel. The City has been able to upgrade the control panel in this lift station using recycled parts from another City. The net result is that the City is getting an updated panel at a significant savings.
4. Repaired 4 broken sewer lines that were discovered as a result of the sewer line televising.
5. Repaired and raised several manholes. The City has proactively been seeking sources of inflow and infiltration into the City’s sewer system. As a result, the City has found that a number of manholes are not properly sealed and or are too low in relation to the potential high-water level.
6. The City is working to digitally record and catalogue sewer flow data, maintenance logs and televising video files. This process will ultimately provide the City with easily searchable records, protected back up of important information and field access to data.

#### Culverts

1. Replaced 18” culvert on Turner Road. The culvert was crushed and in need of replacement.
2. Replaced 24” culvert on Lake Sarah Heights Dr. This culvert was broken and mostly blocked. The cost for the replacement of this culvert was approximately \$15,000.

#### Tiling Gravel Roads

1. The City has been adding drain tile to gravel roads within the City in order to provide subsurface drainage of the roads base. Tiling reduces the effects of freezing and thawing that causes significant issues to gravel roads. The City ultimately benefits from the improved roads and reduced maintenance costs.
2. The City tiled Lake Sarah Road from County Road 11 to Fogelman Road, and approximately 1,000 feet of Fogelman Road east from Lake Sarah Road. Upon completion of the tiling, the City placed 2” of gravel over tiled portion of the road.

#### Asphalt Roads

1. Chip Sealed - Deer Ridge Road, Drake Drive and Drake Circle.
2. Crack Sealed - all of the new roads that were overlaid in the 2015 asphalt project (note: all asphalt roads have been crack-sealed once).

#### Graveling Roads

1. Over time, the amount of gravel on the City’s roads is reduced due to routine wear, grading and plowing. The City routinely adds gravel to City roads in order to maintain the roads integrity.
  - a. 3” of gravel was added to approximately 3,000 feet on Nelson Road.

- b. Spot graveled many areas on city's gravel roads.
- c. Applied calcium chloride for dust control on most gravel roads.

The Council commended Larry for the good work he is doing for the City.

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

**Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary

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