

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 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: City Attorney Bob Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Dave Thomsen, Kari Theisen, Anita Volkenant, Bobbi McCoy, Don Hamilton, Lynda Franklin, Ruth Richter, Marilyn Hamilton, Erik Selstad

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 March 6, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17842 – 17874 (17870 has been voided).
- c. Approval of Low Bids for 2018 Gravel and Chloride Treatment Contracts.

Johnson pulled item “c” for further discussion.

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

Johnson asked about the chloride bids. Kaltsas said both types of chloride were submitted for bid and Northern Salt was the lowest price.

**Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve the low bids for 2018 Gravel and Chloride Treatment item (c). 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:**

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Housing Day at the Capital

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Met with Auditor at City
- Representative Delegate Convention

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Orono Healthy Youth Board Meeting
- NLC Legislative Conference at Washington D. C.
- Orono/ Wayzata Great Expectation Meeting
- Metropolitan Council Land Use Advisory Committee Meeting

**Horner attended the following meetings:**

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

7. Hennepin County Assessor David Thomsen – Present Preliminary Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Information In Preparation of April 3, 2018 Meeting.

Thomsen noted that Independence properties had an average increase of 1.7% based on previous year sales. Lower priced homes saw a larger increase than higher priced homes. Lakeshore increased on average at 5.2%, commercial +0.2%, industrial 1.1% and Ag decreased -0.4%. Thomsen said evaluations will be focused in the northeast corner of Independence this year as well as all agricultural within the City. The local board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The board has the ability to increase, decrease or make no changes on individual valuations. Thomsen stated they try to stay between 90-105% of market value.

8. Maple Plain Fire Chief Justin McCoy – Annual Fire Department Information Presentation.

McCoy thanked the Independence City Staff and WHPS for their support and help in 2017 in getting information to the public regarding MPFD. McCoy said there were 274 emergency calls in 2017 of which 176 were medical, 77 fire calls and 21 car crashes. McCoy said the busiest day of the year is Sundays. He noted average response time was 4 minutes 55 seconds. McCoy said they have 24 firefighters currently and will be looking to have more come on board. He stated the MPFD now has a website at [www. mapleplainfire.com](http://www.mapleplainfire.com). McCoy said the training program has been enhanced to align with the Minnesota training board 11 elements.

McCoy noted a couple items coming up in 2018. He said they are writing a spec to replace tanker number 11. He noted it is an early 1980's model and they are in need of an upgrade. McCoy said they are looking at adding a Fire Inspector position to assist with fire safety inspections and business pre-plans.

McCoy said on April 23, 2018 they will be holding a fire fighter recruitment event/ open house. Anyone who has ever thought about being a firefighter is urged to attend and see what it is all about.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:02 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