

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 1ST, 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 and McCoy

ABSENT: Councilors Grotting and Betts

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Attorney Vose

VISITORS: ABDO Liz Lindrud and Chris Knopik

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 April 17, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17942-17969.

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

- Lake Sarah Improvement Association Meeting
- Wright County Commissioners Board Meeting
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan Open House

Grotting attended the following meetings:

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- 2040 Comprehensive Plan Open House

Betts attended the following meetings:

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Metro Conference Towards Zero Deaths
- Wright Hennepin Electric Annual Meeting
- Hennepin County Community Action Partnership By-Laws Meeting
- Highway 55 Coalition Meeting
- Long Lake Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
- Judge for FFA Convention
- Senior Community Services Finance Committee Meeting
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Pre-meeting with Auditors and Staff
- Met with Renee Clark from the Minnehaha Watershed District
- We CAN Annual Breakfast
- Community Action Partnership Board Meeting
- State Mayors Convention
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan Open House

Horner attended the following meetings:

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

7. Presentation of the 2017 Financial Audit – Chris Knopik, Clifton Larson Allen.
 - a. Fourth Quarter Financial Report

The complete report is available in the City Council packet available on the website

The audit for 2017 was presented and full details may be heard through LMCC link or the packet is available online as well. The largest component of the general fund is property tax revenues which are around 83-84%. Licensing and permits make up the next segment and came in around 240k in 2017. Grants and local government aid make up the remainder with other miscellaneous items. General fund expenditures have stayed proportionate year over year. Police and Fire are the largest expenditures and those services have stayed the same year after year. Johnson noted that number includes animal control as well. The City was able to collect 99% of its tax levy in 2017. Sanitary sewer saw an increase in revenue over the last year of about 20k due to new accounts and increased sewer rates. Sewer repairs were down in 2017. He noted there was a way to go but at least some of the operating costs were beginning to be recovered.

8. Consideration of Declaration of Easement for the Property Located at 2914 Lindgren Lane.
 - a. Consider Approval of Driveway and Utility Easement across the City's Property Located on Lindgren Lane.

Kaltsas said the property located at 2914 Lindgren Lane has historically been accessed via a shared driveway that runs along the northern boundary of the City's former community septic mound property. In 2010 and 2014, the City granted a driveway and utility easement across the shared driveway to the property located at 2906 Lindgren Lane. The 2914 Lindgren Lane property is in the process of being sold and the new owner is seeking a formalized driveway and utility easement to memorialize the historical access to their property as well as to allow them to connect to the stubbed sewer connection that is in

Lindgren Lane. The new owner will likely make application to the City in the future for a building permit to raze the existing home and construct a new home on the subject property.

The City is being asked to grant the same easement to the property at 2914 Lindgren Lane as it did to 2906 Lindgren Lane. The two property owners would need to privately work out a joint maintenance plan for the driveway. The City does not foresee any issues relating to the granting the aforementioned easements.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve the Declaration of a driveway and utility easement across the city's property located on 2914 Lindgren Lane. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting and Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by McCoy, second by Spencer to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting and Betts. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary
