

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 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, Grotting, Betts and McCoy

ABSENT: City Attorney Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Pam Myers, Lynda Franklin, Christie Larson (WeCAN), Bente Larsen, Dudley Bartholow, Craig Olson, Anita Volkenant, Bob Volkenant

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 May 1, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council minutes from the April 17, 2018 Reconvene of the Board of Equalization Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 17971-17999.
- d. Approval of the Non-City Assembly Permit for the Tour de Tonka Bike Ride on August 4, 2018.

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

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

Kaltsas said he would like to talk about the new underpass.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition
- Clean-Up Day

Grotting attended the following meetings:

McCoy attended the following meetings:

Betts attended the following meetings:

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition
- National Day of Prayer
- National League of Small Cities Conference Call
- Eagle Scout Ceremony for Marcus Ostvig
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Haven Homes Advisory Committee Meeting
- Northwest League of Municipalities Meeting
- Orono Healthy Youth Meeting
- Regional Council of Mayors Meeting

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Municipal Clerk Training
- Clean-Up Day

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

7. Christie Larson, WeCan – Presentation to the City Council.
 - a. Approve Annual Payment to WeCAN for Services Provided to Independence Residents.

Larson said WeCAN is a social services provider for Independence and other areas. They assist in emergencies to families in need and crisis. Larson said they generally serve about 1500 families per year or approximately 500 households. They administer about 6800 different services so each individual is generally receiving multiple services. Volunteers are the backbone of the operation and donated over 11,000 hours last year. Independence had three households served last year which equated to eleven individuals. The majority of services were family support programs. Larson said the budget has doubled in the last four years. Larson said eviction rates were higher in Independence than surrounding cities at a rate of 2.9%.

8. Pamela Myers – Presentation to the City Council.

Myers was the former superintendent of Westonka Schools and presented the City with a book titled Classroom Voices of multi-generational students in the area. She interviewed over 100 students who attended Mound Westonka. Myers highlighted some of the students in the book.

9. Consideration of Comprehensive Plan Extension.
 - a. **RESOLUTION 18-0515-01** - Consideration of a six-month extension for submittal of the 2040 Comprehensive plan to allow surrounding jurisdictional review.

Kaltsas said the original submittal was planned for this summer 2018 but we would need a 6 month extension. It would then go before Met Council for a preliminary review.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve RESOLUTION 18-0515-01 - Consideration of a six-month extension for submittal of the 2040 Comprehensive plan to allow surrounding jurisdictional review. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, Betts McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Underpass Discussion-

BNSF wants to close the underpass and notified the affected cities. Kaltsas checked to see if the City had any easements and there are none. Cities don't have the power to take the railroads right-of-way. Kaltsas approached BNSF to see if there was any way to keep the underpass open. They said they would consider it if someone paid for a culvert to be put in. Kaltsas said the funding that would be needed would be 300k-400k. Three Rivers Park District is considering funding the underpass.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Grotting, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary
