

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 and McCoy

ABSENT: Councilor Betts and City Attorney Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Geralyn McDonald, David Zoldahn, Samantha Kleinfield, Lieutenant Shane Magnuson, Steve McDonald

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 September 4, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 18259-18289.
- c. Approval of Final Security Release for Serenity Hills Subdivision.
- d. Approval of Agriculture Preserve Status Renewal for the Property Identified by PID 31-118-24-34-0001 and owned by the Jeanne M. Ahrenholz Living Trust.

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

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition
- Klaers Century Farm Celebration

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- LMCC and Media Com Canvassing meeting

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Craig Maas funeral

Betts attended the following meetings:

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition meeting
- Regional Council of Mayors meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Northwest League of Cities meeting
- Klaers Century Farm Celebration
- Craig Maas funeral

Horner attended the following meetings:

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

6. Annual Presentation of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

Watch Commander, Lieutenant Shane Magnuson and Samantha Kleinfield presented on behalf of Sheriff Stanek. Magnuson outlined responsibilities of the office and noted the population of Hennepin County is currently 1.3 million people. He stated there is an unorganized territory by the Fort Snelling area. Magnuson said there are four task forces that operate under the leadership of the Sheriff's office. Magnuson thanked the Council for supporting recent legislation and the resolution allowing law enforcement to carry Narcan. McCoy asked if the use of Narcan was being tracked and Magnuson said they are starting to track incidents.

7. Discussion of the 2019 Draft Budget and Preliminary Tax Levy.

- a. Draft 2019 Budget Memorandum
- b. Draft 2019 Tax Levy
- c. Draft 2019 Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission Levy

Lindrud noted the revised budget came in a little lower. Johnson asked about the Maple Plain decrease in the fire budget. Kaltsas noted it was a proposed fire budget not an adopted one yet. He said Larry Ende may be retiring in the next year and the funding for Public Works capital equipment is on track. Kaltsas said they will need new radios in Public Works. He said overall the proposed budget increase would be less than two percent. Kaltsas said the tax rate would be kept flat at 40%.

8. Consider Approval of the 2018 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy:

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-0918-01** – Establishing the General and Debt Service preliminary tax levy.
- b. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-0918-02** – Establishing the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission preliminary tax levy.

Kaltsas outlined the 2018 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy. He noted it could go lower but not higher. Kaltsas said there are established funds that would have to be used to pay for equipment for Public Works. He described the cash flow analysis of the budget.

McDonald noted the budget impact for homeowners was 3.36% which keeps at 40%. He noted overall revenue was 2.7 million and the key changes were in the general fund. McDonald stated there would be \$20,430 funded in capital outlay costs.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting for preliminary approval of RESOLUTION NO. 18-0918-01 – Establishing the General and Debt Service preliminary tax levy. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Grotting, second by McCoy for preliminary approval of RESOLUTION NO. 18-0918-02 – Establishing the Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission preliminary tax levy. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Betts. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary
