

MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL AND MAPLE PLAIN CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a joint meeting of the Independence City Council and Maple Plain City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Marvin Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Independence Mayor Johnson, Independence Councilors Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Maple Plain Councilors Cahill and Fay. Maple Plain Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske arrived late at 5:45 p.m.

ABSENT: Maple Plain Councilor Deluca and Broda.

STAFF: Independence City Administrator and City Planner Kaltsas, and Administrative Assistant Horner. Maple Plain City Administrator Schoen and WHPS Director Kroells

VISITORS: Family and Friends of Office Cody Thompson

4. WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION.

a. Swearing-in of Officer Cody Thompson.

Kroells thanked all present. He stated hiring Officer Cody Thompson was not a simple process. He officially started February 1, 2017. Kroells said it is an honor to welcome the newest member to the police department. He noted staff is the most valuable resource at West Hennepin Public Safety. Kroells stated the department works as a team and supports each other through ongoing training. He noted candidates are selected by staff and City Council after careful consideration. Kroells noted the mission statement of West Hennepin Public Safety is to serve the citizens of Independence and Maple Plain with professionalism and compassion. He said the officers are extraordinary and do have compassion in difficult situations. Kroells noted the core values that serve as a foundation and form the basis of all functions of West Hennepin Public Safety as we fulfill our mission:

Honor **Courage** **Common Sense** **Respect & Dignity** **Loyalty** **Fairness** **Trust**

Kroells discussed the lengthy interview process and background checks candidates are vetted though. He said it took four months to complete this process with Thompson. Kroells then introduced Officer Cody Thompson and his family members.

Officer Thompson graduated from Buffalo High School, then went on to get his degree in Criminal Justice from Alexandria Technical College. He lives in Franklin Township with his wife Kelly and their three boys Parker, Nash and Brooks.

Kroells led the oath of office and Officer Thompson was officially sworn in as a West Hennepin Public Safety Officer. Sergeant Dennison performed the badge ceremony and presented his badge to Kelly Thompson. She pinned it on with the support of Parker, Nash and Brooks.

Kroells thanked everyone for coming out for this special celebration. Mayor Maas-Kusske said it was an honor to be at the meeting on behalf of the residents of Maple Plain and a joy to take part in this swearing in ceremony. On behalf of the City of Independence and Maple Plain she thanked the Officers for their service and dedication to the two cities.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Maas-Kusske to adjourn the Joint Council Meeting at 5:50 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Grotting, McCoy, Spencer, Maas-Kusske, Cahill, and Fay. Absent: DeLuca and Broda. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Horner, Recording Secretary

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