

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014 – 7:30PM

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 7:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, and Councilors Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch, City Planner Kaltsas, and City Attorney Manderschied

VISITORS: Jim and Lynda Franklin, Jim Atchison, and Rolf Erickson and wife

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. 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.

- Approval of Joint City Council and City Planning Commission minutes from July 22, 2014
- Approval of City Council minutes from July 22, 2014
- Approval of the Accounts Payable/Receivables report for the month of August, 2014

**Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

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

Wenck requested discussions on the LMCC Joint Powers Agreement.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF.

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Meeting with Johnson, Administrator and Mayor of Medina
- Loretto Fire Department Night to Unite
- Meeting with Larry Ende regarding Public Works budget
- Maple Plain Days

**Wenck attended the following meetings:**

- None

**Fisher attended the following meetings:**

- None

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Workshop on Lake Minnetonka
- AE Training at Maple Plain City Hall
- Night to Unite – 3 parties
- Maple Plain Days – Thursday selling buttons
- Maple Plain Days

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Election Judge Training at City Hall
- Senior Community Services Board Social in St. Paul
- Energy Environment Natural Resources Steering Committee for the National League of Cities
- Meeting with the Spencer, Medina Mayor, and the Administrator of Medina
- Night to Unite – 6 parties
- Maple Plain Council Meeting
- Meeting with staff from Wenck Associates
- Attended a Move Minnesota Meeting in Minneapolis
- Maple Plain Days events and parade
- West Hennepin Pioneer Annual Meeting in Long Lake
- Highway 55 Corridor Coalition Meeting
- Community Action Partnership Suburban Hennepin County Finance Committee Meeting
- Policy Committee Meeting for Metro Cities for Municipal Revenue

**Hirsch attended the following meetings:**

- Election Judge Training at City Hall
- Several Planning Meeting for the Maple Plain Days
- Webinar for Cobra with Bill Singer
- Loretto Fire Department Quarterly Meeting
- Meeting with Bill Singer regarding Health Insurance Benefits
- Meetings with Real Estate agents regarding possible land developments
- Meeting with representative from HR Green contracted with Met Council

7. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY BOTH THE HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (A060057) AND ROLF ERICKSON ENTERPRISES, INC.

Johnson discussed the staffs request to get a bid from the assessor Rolf Erickson, so the Council could compare this to the Hennepin County Assessor's office quoted price. Hirsch stated she had also been curious what the quote would be from Erickson, and she was surprised to find how close the bids were. The two bids quotes were within \$1000 from each other, Hennepin County \$52,000 and Rolf Erickson \$53,000.

**Motion by Wenck second by Betts to approve the renewal of assessment services provided for the City, by the Hennepin County Assessor's Office. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. LYNDA & JIM FRANKLIN, 6615 FRANKLIN HILLS ROAD – FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR FRANKLIN HILLS THIRD ADDITION, RESOLUTION NO. 14-0819-01

Kaltsas explained the request for the final plat approval of the Franklin Hills third addition. Part of this review began last fall, but at that time the applicants decided not to move forward with all six lots but rather only two lots. The applicants decided to now move forward with the remaining four lots. All the roads and improvements will now be done at the same time rather than phases.

Kaltsas stated the final plat would memorialize the four additional lots as well as the cul-de-sac, known as McKown Court. The City would receive a total park dedication fee of \$15,200 for all four lots. For these four lots, there is a new development agreement and an additional escrow.

Kaltsas noted the existing section of road on Franklin Hills Road would be extended onto McKown Drive as it is, rather than changing to the new road shoulder requirements. The road would be 24 feet wide with a four foot wide gravel shoulders on both sides. He stated the cul-de-sac would not have a center island, which neither the Public Works Department nor the emergency services like.

Johnson inquired about any other changes to this final plat. Kaltsas stated there are no changes from the preliminary plat to this final plat, which was approved last fall.

**Motion by Betts second by Spencer to approve Resolution No. 14-0819-01, 6615 FRANKLIN HILLS ROAD – FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR FRANKLIN HILLS THIRD ADDITION Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

9. APPROVAL TO CANCEL THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, CITY COUNCIL MEETING DUE TO THE LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS.

**Motion by Wenck second by Betts to approval to cancel the Tuesday, August 26, City Council meeting due to the lack of agenda items. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

10. MISC./OPEN.

Wenck discussed the joint powers agreement with the LMCC. The LMCC board decided to review the agreement as it was initially first enacted 30 years ago, adopted in 1983. The basic changes include allowing one person to cast all the votes for a city, previously votes only counted if you show up. Another change was in approving the budget, which is now based on the majority of the members, rather than previously requiring a 75% member approval. He stated members are also allowed to withdraw with a 15 month notice; which was changed in a previous amendment. The City Attorney was comfortable with these changes and the LMCC Board approved these changes unanimously on August 14, 2014. The cities involved now need to approve these changes.

Johnson asked about the cities that no longer belong and if they have received a refund. Wenck stated the money is the subscribers' and not city's money. No one has received money back. Subscribers fees belong to organization.

**Motion by Wenck second by Spencer to approve the Joint Powers Agreement previously approved by the LMCC Board on August 14, 2014. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Wenck stated the LMCC organization is now working on broadcasting in High Definition.

11. ADJOURN.

**Motion by Spencer second by Wenck to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary