



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 5:30 PM (CHANGED FOR NIGHT TO UNITE)**

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 5:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson and Councilors Betts and Spencer and Grotting  
ABSENT: Councilor McCoy  
STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Director  
VISITORS: City Attorney Vose  
No visitors

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 July 18, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 22195-22207 and Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 22208-22214).
- c. Agriculture Preserve Renewal: 7850 Turner Road (PID No. 28-118-24-23-0001)

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

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.

6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- City Workshop

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- City Workshop
- Planning Commission

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Fire Commission
- Police Commission
- City Workshop

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Planning Commission
- Toward Zero Death (Virtual Seminar)
- LMC – Cyber Optics Workshop
- Community Theatre Production – Mary Poppins - Orono
- Maple Plain Fire Commission
- Police Commission
- LMC – Webinar Cannabis Meeting
- Metro Cities Policy Committee Meeting - Housing and Economy
- Budget Workshop
- Emma Youngquist Meeting
- Hwy 55 Coalition debriefing Meeting
- Meeting with Avenu re: Credit Card Processing

**Simon attended the following meetings:**

- Workshop

**Kaltsas attended the following meetings:**

- Dean Philips Aid

7. Request for Proposals – City Wide Recycling Contract:

- a. The City's current recycling contract expires on December 31, 2023. The city has prepared an RFP requesting proposals for residential recycling.

Current contract with Republic Services expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We would look to issue RFP for new proposals for a 3-year contract. We put a draft together that changed a lot from years ago. May not be issuing profit shares anymore. We talked to Republic Sanitation, Curbside, and Waste Management. All are interested in submitting a proposal that are in our area. We want a proposal back before preliminary budget adoption. Republic said to expect a 40% increase in recycling. Part of the RFP was to give containers to the residents at no cost. We stipulate that it has to be Friday pickup.

Betts- how large are the companies?

Kaltsas – Waste Management is the largest. Curbside is a local company has just recently gotten into the industry. Most companies are being acquired or merging. Waste Management

and Republic is picking up all of these companies. WM pulled out of this area previously and now they are looking to quote it.

Vose – there is some friction. You have to switch out bins, company has to pick them up. New company must provide and provide new billing. You need to do the right thing with the change and price. You will probably hear about it from residents not wanting to change.

**Motion by Johnson, seconded by Betts to approve the RFP. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Spencer and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain.**

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

8. Consider Authorization to Purchase List Station Equipment Associated with the Improvements Approved to Support the BridgeVine Subdivision.

Kaltsas – once we approved final plat for Bridgevine subdivision is a requirement of the city. The city engineer prepared plans and specs for lift station 50, we worked with developer on having the developer to actually do the construction of the lift station. It would take too long to go out for bids. We could get it built and still be able pull-out equipment that comes with warranties that we want to maintain control over. We agreed to pull this equipment out – generator, control panel, hatch, railing and some of the components internal to the lift station. We wanted city to purchase those separately and give them to developer's contractor to install. We will be purchasers and we will have the warranty in the cities name. Engineer felt needed to be done in order to put the city in the best position on this particular lift station.

Grotting- how do you purchase something you already own?

Kaltsas- we purchase the diesel generator, the control panel or the brains to the lift station, the rails that pumps are mounted on and hatch for the lift station.

I am asking for authorization to purchase new items. We approved that. We took funding from developer to build the lift station to expand it's capacity to be able to accommodate the new development. We are under the threshold for public bid – pumps, rail, control panel and hatch with WW Gosh. We also bid generator – both Cummins and Ziegler with significant price difference. City engineer is asking council if we can purchase Cummins generator and WW Gosh bid. Most significant relates to the WW Gosh to see what is included in that for equipment. We agreed on the process for the developers engineer develop the lift station and do the to do the construction for a lot of reasons but timing most significantly there probably is cost savings ultimately. This existing lift station only served 3 homes, the lift station will serve 30 properties.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Spencer and Grotting.**

**Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain.**

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

**Motion by Grotting, seconded by Betts. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Spencer and Grotting.**

**Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain.**

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Solien, Recording Secretary

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