



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2023 – 6:30PM  
CITY HALL CHAMBERS

**6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**

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 and Councilors Spencer, McCoy, Grotting, and Betts

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon,

VISITORS: Zeglins

4. \*\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are 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 October 3, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 22341-22354, Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 22355-22376 and Batch # 3; Checks Numbered 22377-22396).  
*Note: Checks Numbered 22327-22340 were voided due to printer error.*
- c. Quarter 3 Building Permits – (For Information Only).

Grotting asked about how we determine the contractor to remove the septic such as the Kothrade project. In 2008 – The city agreed we had an agreement with the property owner to remove and pay for that. Kothrade came in 1/3 of the price.

**Motion by Spencer, seconded by Grotting to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Grotting, and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0**

5. SET AGENDA - Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc. Zeglin
6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

**Grotting attended the following meetings:**

- Met Council Task Force Research

**Spencer attended the following meetings:**

- Maple Plain Fire Dept Open House
- Lunch with the Chief, Mayor of MP took out Gary and Cody from WHPS to thank them for their efforts organizing the softball game

**Betts attended the following meetings:**

- Maple Plain Fire Dept Open House
- Workshop

**Johnson attended the following meetings:**

- Maple Plain Fire Dept Open House
- Orono Parade
- Department of Labor/Representative Robbins
- Orono Annual Alumni Breakfast
- Wright Hennepin Electric Co-Op Appreciation Dinner
- Chamber Meeting
- Legion Meeting
- NW League
- Work session meeting
- Regional Council of Mayors
- Hwy 55 Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- Hwy 55 Towards zero death(Webinar)
- Leander Wetter Funeral

**McCoy attended the following meetings:**

- Fire Dept Open House
- Workshop

**Simon attended the following meetings:**

- Workshop

7. OPEN/MISC

Zeglins asking for the status about finding any information for us regarding the deferment.

Kaltsas- info on the assessment, but nothing specific relating to that property. Nothing on the deferment. Programs like Green Acres do allow for deferment, but the city does not allow for deferment unless it is in one of these programs.

Johnson- have you found a list on this?

Kaltsas- not a specific list yet. There was one on Maria Road. Question on if that property was previously assessed for the paving. We found it at one point, but we can't find that again currently. We have a lot of historic files.

Johnson- I don't remember the criteria to making that assessment because of the length of that farm property.

Kaltsas- it was a per unit assessment not footage. This property could have had 2 units, but it doesn't look like that's what was assessed. It was only assessed 1 unit at that time, which was the same as everyone else.

Johnson – Has the property always been in green acres?

Johnson- need to know the life of the bond. We are setting a precedence here.

Kaltsas- we need to do whatever is acceptable to repeat. Life of the bond, index,

Spencer- I think that's a standard we can apply to other situations. Find out the original term of the bond, compound at agreeable rate, from that point forward use calculation based on average 30-year mortgage until closing date. I want to see that number. That is a reasonable precedent to set.

**Motion by Spencer, seconded by Betts to have City Staff research deferment: Ayes:**

**Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Betts and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent:**

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0**

8. ADJOURN

**Motion by Spencer, seconded by Grotting to Adjourn meeting. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Spencer, Betts and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent:**

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Solien, Recording Secretary