

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Chambers

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 Betts and Grotting.

ABSENT: McCoy and Spencer.

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas and City Administrative Director Simon.

VISITORS: Lauren Davis

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 March 28, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the March 28, 2023, Pre-Board LBAE City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 21921-21932).

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Betts to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy and Spencer. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

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:

- Council meeting (virtually)
- Maple Plain Fire Dept awards

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Dept awards

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Corridors of Commerce Hwy 55
- Maple Plain Fire Dept awards

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Maple Plain Fire Dept awards

Simon attended the following meetings:

- none

7. Consider Approval of Public Works Capital Equipment Purchase in Accordance with Approved Capital Equipment Plan:

- a. Authorization to Purchase 2018 Used CRAFCO SS125 Crack Seal Melter - Diesel

We project out about a 20-year capital equipment purchase plan and update it annually when doing our budget. We have talked about this item for a while. We have worked with surrounding cities to share and borrow it, and it is holding us back from using it at the most opportune time. Shawn and his team went out to see what options were available. It is identical to the model Medina has that we have been using, so the staff knows how to use it. This costs \$32,000 which is below what we'd budgeted.

Mayor Johnson- It is time sensitive when you can do the work, and when you are sharing equipment, you can't coordinate that. We have more roads to do and are in a position to do it.

Motion by Grotting, seconded by Betts to approve the purchase of a Used 2018 CRAFCO SS125 Crack Seal Melter- Diesel. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy and Spencer. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

8. Open/Misc

Lauren Davis – My husband and I have lived here 6 years, and this is my first council meeting.

Regarding roads and Public Works, I've tried to reach Shawn since 2021 to get Hitsman Lane repaired.

What is the best way to get gravel roads repaired?

Mayor Johnson – There is going to be a work session soon.

Kaltsas- Acutely we can look at your road. We are trying to put together a long-term plan with gravel roads as this year has been horrendous. In general, the City is in need of an overhaul of adding materials to gravel roads. We've run the lifespan and are talking about putting together a larger, city-wide gravel rejuvenation project.

Mayor Johnson- That may be a road that is up in the air with the Hwy 12 repairs as well. WHPS Director Gary Kroells would most likely have the long-range study for you, Lauren.

Davis – Both we and our neighbor have big trailers that need to safely get in and out of there.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Grotting to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:52 pm. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy and Spencer. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Johnson, Recording Secretary