

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Director Simon, and WHPS Chief Kroells

VISITORS: JP Story, Robert Gardner, Steve Bohl.

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 May 2, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 22003-22017 and Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 22034-22049).
- c. Large Assembly Permits:
 - i. Polo Match (This Old Horse, Inc.) - 6755 Turner Road on August 8, 2023
 - ii. Open House – 5675 Koch’s Crossing on May 27, 2023

Motion by Spencer, seconded by McCoy to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, McCoy and Spencer. 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.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Hwy 12 Safety Coalition
- Spring Clean-Up Day
- LMCC

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Represented Independence at Medina meeting a couple months ago

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Fire Commission
- Chamber Meeting

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Fire Commission
- District Fire Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- District Fire Meeting
- LMC Retirement Party for Dave Unmacht (Executive Director)
- Hwy 12 Safety Coalition
- National League of Cities – sustainability
- Regional Council of Mayors
- Maple Plain Fire Commission
- Veterans Park Dedication at Rockford
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Regional meeting for TZD
- Orono Healthy Youth
- Northwest League

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Clean Up Day

Simon attended the following meetings:

- Spring Clean Up Day
- Year One Clerk Training

Spencer mentioned that the Spring Clean Up day went well, but there are changes that can be made for next year such as having a clear understanding of when the cutoff time will be for adding cars to the line. He also mentioned that we will need to set up a workshop regarding LMCC to discuss their future.

Johnson also noted that he had a call from the auditor with their required questions regarding fraud. He noted that the audit has begun in the city and we are working with the auditors to get them all the information they need.

7. West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Report for April 2023 – Chief Gary Kroells.

Johnson moved this item to the beginning of the meeting due to Delano American Legion throwing a “Thank You” dinner for all law enforcement and their families for law enforcement week. Chief Kroells noted that they are fully staffed right now with the addition of an officer. In April they had 1,386 incident complaints. Independence had 287 and Maple Plain had 124.

Chief Kroells mentioned that Sergeant Denneson was at a training in Washington D.C. this past week for National Law Enforcement Memorial week. He was selected and it was well deserved. Sergeant Denneson is in the leadership group.

See full police report.

8. Request Approval of Funds Transfer as Recommended to Close Project Funding Accounts.

- a. **RESOLUTION No. 23-0516-01** – Considering approval of the transfer of funds in accordance with the accountants’ recommendations.

Kaltsas explained that after consulting with the city’s accounting staff, these were a few clean up items and some outstanding funds. He said that some of the bonds had balances and it was recommended from the accountants to close them out. The excess bond proceeds from the street improvement funds were earmarked for the City Hall Project. Some of the excess bond proceeds would also transfer \$25k into the capital equipment fund and another \$25k would go to building capital. He said that this is an end of year clean up for the 2022 in preparation for the auditor.

Motion by Betts, seconded by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION 23-0516-01 for the transfer of funds. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Spencer, seconded by McCoy to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:08pm. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Simon, Recording Secretary