

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.

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.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch

VISITORS: Ron Harter, LeVern Vassar, and Lance Gyllenblad

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 City Council minutes from March 19, 2013
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of April, 2013.
- Approval to appoint Jim Smith to the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to approve the Consent Agenda items with corrections to the March 19 minutes. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

- Loretto Fire Department
- Work Session for Grants

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- SLUC Luncheon

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- SLUC Luncheon

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- None

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Loretto Fire Department Meeting (twice)
- SLUC Conference
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Joint Legislative Conference
- Attended a Historical Society Fundraiser
- Loretto Fire Department Meeting (twice)
- SLUC Luncheon
- Senior Community Board Service Meeting
- Annual Meeting for Community Action Partnership for Suburban Hennepin County
- Regional Conference for Mayors
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Bob Enkstrom recognition meeting with the Urban Planning Institute
- Swearing In Ceremony for Officer O'Fallon
- Board of Review

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Meetings to be added at next City Council Meeting

7. **RAY MCCOY-WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, MARCH 2013, ACTIVITY REPORT.**

McCoy - Absent

8. **APPOINTMENT OF A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIALLY NEW AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING JOINT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (JPA) THROUGH THE LAKE MINNETONKA COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (LMCC).**

Johnson suggested appointing Norm Wenck to the committee since he has been so involved with it. The other councilors seemed to agree, and Wenck accepted.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Betts, to appoint Norm Wenck as the City's representative for the LMCC. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE INCENTIVES FOR CRITICAL HABITAT (NRICH) GRANT APPLICATION TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PROPOSED LAKE INDEPENDENCE OUTLET CLEANING PROJECT, SHOULD THE PROJECT GO THROUGH.

Hirsch explained Independence, Medina, Three Rivers Park, and the DNR are applying together for a grant up to \$50,000. She stated she was looking for the Council to approve applying for the grant. This money would be used for the outlet cleaning project for Lake Independence. The deadline is April 15th.

Motion by Wenck, seconded by Spencer, to approve the City applying jointly for the grant.

Johnson asked who would write the grant application. Hirsch stated Scott, from Medina, would complete the grant application.

Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. MISC. /OPEN

Loretto Fire Department.

Johnson stated everyone seemed to be agreement on how the costs are calculated at our last meeting. He stated the City had previously approved a motion to extend the deadline to April 15th. Each City involved will be signing a separate signature page. Hirsch stated the City attorney has reviewed the documents and did not have any issues.

Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher, to approve the agreement with the Loretto Fire Department.

Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Johnson mentioned Vinland Center was receiving an Award of Excellence in Las Vegas. He also stated they are planning an open house sometime around the end of the month.

Johnson mentioned the Department of Transportation has aggressively been stopping people driving commercial vehicles on Highway 12 and now starting to do this on county roads. He's stated he's received calls from residents who feel they are being harassed. Hirsch mentioned the DOT is doing this in Loretto, as well. Wenck stated he has heard some complaints as well. Lance Gyllenblad stated the DOT is stopping people for ridiculous reasons, and it has personally caused his business \$20,000 of lost revenue last year. He stated they are targeting 1-ton single axle trucks. He stated some vendors have shied away from doing work in the area. Johnson stated if this problem persists let him know, so we can look further into it.

Work Session Scheduling

Spencer stated he had two different projects in process and just needs some explanation. He explained the first one being discussion of hiring Hakanson Anderson for sub-watershed assessment study for Lake Sarah, and the second thing is applying for excess grant funding for a study on Lake Independence. Spencer stated the studies would assist in applying for other grants.

The Commissioners discussed and agreed a 7:00 p.m. meeting would be best.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve a Work Session on April 23rd at 7 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

11. ADJOURN.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:47 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, Wenck, and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary