

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, and Wenck

ABSENT: Councilors Spencer, Bob Vose, Mark Kaltsas

STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch

VISITORS:

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 May 14, 2013
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of June, 2013.
- Approval of Resolution No. 13-0611-01 to allow for a non-rental guest apartment located at the Zaugg's, 5585 Lake Sarah Heights Drive.

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

Johnson and Wenck both thanked Hirsch for her report and clarification of the accounts payable for the Month of May, discussed at the previous Council meeting.

- Approval of the accounts payables for the month of May.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to approve the May Accounts Payable. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Hirsch added the consideration of the approval of the winter sand bid from the previous Council Meeting. She explained the distance and cost of delivery is why Dan Koch chose that winter sand bid.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to approve the winter sand bid from DNE. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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

Wenck and Hirsch stated he would like to add information regarding Lake Independence.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

Absent

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- Sensible Land Use Coalition Meeting
- 3 (three) LMCC Joint Powers Meetings
- WHPS Police Officer Swearing In

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- WHPS Police Officer Swearing In

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Police Commission Meeting
- Sensible Land Use Coalition Meeting
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- WHPS Police Officer Swearing In

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Police Commission Meeting
- Greater Lakes Country Food Bank Meeting
- Awards Night for Orono School Seniors
- Senior Community Services Board Meeting
- Communtiy Action Partnership for Suburban Hennepin County Board Meeting
- Communtiy Action Partnership for Suburban Hennepin County Finance Committee Meeting
- Retirement party for Attorney Peterson, for the City of Minnetonka
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- Metro Cities Meeting for the 2040 Planning
- Orono Senior Graduation Ceromony
- Retirement Breakfast for the Orono School District
- Conference Call for the League of Minnesota Cities
- Program Committee Meeting for Senior Community Services
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Funeral for Tom Crosby, Medina's former City Mayor
- WHPS Police Officer Swearing In

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

- Discussions with Phone Companies, Close to deciding on the service to use.
- Maple Plain Fire Commission
- Meeting with Tony Becker of the League of Minnesota regarding Insurance
- Robert Blake with the Delano Herald regarding the Circus and Heritage Fest
- Working with an Eagle Scout on the Rain Garden Project
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- Hennepin County Recycling Programs and Goals
- Abdo, Eick & Meyer meeting and end of the quarter preparation
- WHPS Police Officer Swearing In

7. TAX FORFEITED LAND - XXXX INGERSON ROAD, APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DARRIN ROSHA, WHICH STATES HE IS LIABLE FOR ALL EXPENSES THAT OCCUR DURING THIS PROCESS. THE CITY WILL HAVE THE AGREEMENT AND QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORDED, WITH THE EXPENSE BEING PAID FOR BY ROSHA.

Hirsch explained there are two small pieces of land that the City owns which cannot be built upon due to the size and location. There is a resident of Independence interested in purchasing these two parcels. The City attorney has been informed, a value established, and an agreement created. The buyer has agreed to pay all the expenses for recording, title work, and etc. She stated the City is requesting the council make a motion to approve this purchase agreement.

Johnson asked about the size and location of the properties. Fisher explained the location. Hirsch stated the property was forfeited around 1940. The properties are .131 and .129 acres.

Wenck felt it made sense because someone else will be responsible for it; the fees plus the taxes in the future.

Motion by Wenck, seconded by Betts, to approve the purchase agreement for two forfeited City owned properties on Ingerson Road. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. MISC. /OPEN

Wenck discussed the DNR article regarding Lake Independence. He pointed out parts of the report that state the primary result of the high water is due to above normal precipitation, but it has naturally corrected itself. However, the last paragraph states the main reason is land use practices. Wenck felt the article was very interesting and didn't realize how long the DNR has been studying the issue. Betts stated the lake level is dependent upon the weather and can vary year to year. Wildlife can have an influence on the water levels as well. Hirsch stated after hearing that many people were not informed properly, the City contacted Craig Jochum and LICA (Lake Independence Citizens Association) about the option of hosting an Open House at City Hall to discuss the information. She suggested coordinating a time before the next Council Meeting since Hakanson Anderson will be here. Johnson stated reviewing of the reports and comments are needed before a public hearing takes place. He said it is too quick to jump into. Wenck stated that the City should not be paying for this, but it is more LICA's responsibility. Hirsch stated this was fine and LICA has already agreed to do an informational mailing.

At the end of the meeting Johnson thanked the City Councilors for recognizing him with the League of Minnesota Cities.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion by Betts, second by Wenck, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:00 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Fisher, and Wenck. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary