

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, Wenck, and Fisher
ABSENT: Councilor Brad Spencer
STAFF: City Administrator Hirsch, Bob Vose, and Mark Kaltsas
VISITORS: Steve Grotting and Edward Raupp

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 July 23, 2013
- Approval of the Accounts Payable for the month of August, 2013.
- Approval of an update to an existing policy regarding the “no-wake” zone on Lake Independence and its implementation procedures. (Ordinance # 2003-01 Slow Wake Zone, Lake Independence)

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

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

- Status on Wenck’s discussion with the City of Maple Plain
- Lease from Hennepin County for the election equipment

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Fisher attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Absent

Wenck attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting– Presentation from the Three River’s Park
- LMCC Executive Committee Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Lake Independence Outlet Public Hearing Meeting
- Two (2) Night to Unite parties
- Planning Commission Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Senior Community Services Board Meeting & Dinner
- Lake Independence Outlet Public Hearing Meeting
- Four (4) Night to Unite parties

Hirsch attended the following meetings:

Hirsch was on vacation the last two (2) weeks – No meetings

7. MARILYN RAUPP (APPLICANT/OWNER), 2515 BECKER ROAD (PID# 14-118-24 34-0010) IS REQUESTING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW THE LOT FRONTAGE TO LOT TO DEPTH RATIO TO EXCEED THE 1:4 MAXIMUM RATIO.

- a. Resolution No. 13-0813-01 approving a minor subdivision and variance as requested by Marilyn Raupp owner and applicant of property located at 2515 Becker Road.
- b. Approval of Ordinance No. 2013-08, amending the City of Independence Zoning Code, includes zoning maps.

Kaltsas explained the three (3) items requested: Rezoning of the property to Rural residential, a minor subdivision, and a variance to allow the lot depth to be greater than 1:4 ratio. He described the location for the property and its features. He stated it’s zoned Agriculture but guided Rural Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. Currently it is 15.39 acres. The proposed split would make the North parcel 10.39 acres and the South parcel 5.0 acres.

Kaltsas explained why the applicant requested a rezoning; which is due to the Agricultural zoning subdividing requirements. This would be allowed under the provisions for a Rural Residential subdivision, for which it’s guided for in the Comprehensive Plan.

Kaltsas described the lot frontage of the parcels along Becker Road, and it does not meet the City's provision of 300 lineal feet. However, the City can waive that provision if the applicant meets the requirements.

Kaltsas stated the requested variance is for the Northern parcel not meeting the 1:4 depth ratios. He stated this parcel is closer to a 1:5 depth ratio.

Kaltsas stated the Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval subject to the conditions in the staff report. He explained it is possible to subdivide the parcels into three lots; however, it is not being proposed as a private road would need to be added in order to meet the criteria.

Johnson inquired about the wetlands on the property. Kaltsas stated the water resources consultant did review this and stated it may possibly need an additional mitigation permit for a useable driveway, but no formal application was made.

Motion by Wenck, second by Fisher to approve the rezoning of the property to Rural Residential. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Fisher, second by Betts to approve the minor subdivision and variance requested. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION ABOUT THE PROPOSED REGIONAL TRAIL/CARVER TO BAKER PARK RESERVES.

Wenck proposed adding a recommendation to the Three Rivers Planning Commission to consider running the path down Townline Road and under the railroad tracks.

Betts discussed wanting to eliminate the access point at the creek.

Motion by Wenck, second by Betts to recommend Townline Road be considered as an option for the path. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to delete the access point plan, by the creek. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DAN KOCH, WHO IS GOING INTO THE RETIREMENT STAGE.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to accept the resignation of Dan Koch. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. MISC. /OPEN.

Lease from Hennepin County for the election equipment.

Johnson explained the lease is similar to what was used in the past, and this is for new equipment. Wenck inquired about the cost, and Hirsch stated it may go down to nothing. She stated the current one's ended up costing nothing. But, the maximum cost could cost up to \$100 per machine.

Voss stated this agreement is effectively the same as it has been in past years. He has worked with other cities that are working with Hennepin County on this new lease and there are no material changes to the lease.

Motion by Wenck, second by Johnson to approve the lease for the new election equipment. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Status on the discussion Wenck had with the City of Maple Plain

Wenck stated he spoke with the Mayor of Maple Plain, Hackbarth, and the Maple Plain Councilor, DeLuca, and they felt they need to have a discussion about services that could be combined. Johnson stated DeLuca also emailed him some questions and thoughts. Maple Plain now has an interim helping out since Ziemer is leaving. Wenck and Johnson both agreed to meet in person to have a discussion on shared services.

Motion by Betts, second by Fisher to have Wenck and Johnson on a task force to discuss shared services with the City of Maple Plain. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Work Session on the Budget

Johnson and Hirsch discussed timelines and figured it needs to be done next week. They proposed scheduling it for, Wednesday, August 21st at 7 a.m.

Motion by Betts, second by Wenck to have a workshop, Wednesday, August 21st at 7 a.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Wenck, and Fisher. Nays: None. Absent: Spencer. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. ADJOURN.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Nelson, Recording Secretary