

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 –6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Grotting and Betts
ABSENT: Councilor McCoy and City Attorney Vose
STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner
VISITORS: Anita Volkenant, Lynda Franklin

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 June 4, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 18913-18943 (Checks Numbered 18944-18946 are voided).
- c. Renewal of Tobacco License for Windsong Golf Club.
- d. Review 1st Quarter Financial Report.
- e. Authorization to add a new signatory to the City's Accounts.

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

Johnson asked about the percentage increase in election expenditures. Kaltsas noted it was due to the purchase of new voting booths and it will be put under capital expenses.

Motion by Johnson, second by Spencer to accept the 1st Quarter Financial Report. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

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:

- None

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Met with Delano Officials on rental property ordinances

McCoy attended the following meetings:

Betts attended the following meetings:

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Orono Graduation
- Orono Teacher Retirement Event
- Orono School Board Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Northwest League of Cities Meeting
- Met with Kroells and the Federal Assistant Transportation Commissioner regarding Highway 12

Horner attended the following meetings:

- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- None

7. Director Gary Kroells, West Hennepin Public Safety:

- a. Activity Reports for the Months of April and May 2019.

for a complete incident report see the City Council packet

Kroells noted due to the snow in April there were a lot of traffic incidents. He said there has been an increase in phone scams and online thefts and urged citizens to monitor their accounts closely. Kroells stated there has been a rash of burglaries in Independence and surrounding areas by a group that gains access to unlocked cars and into homes.

Johnson asked if Kroells thought the meeting with the Commissioner would be helpful moving forward on Highway 12. Kroells said he thought it was a good meeting and now it would be necessary for the Transportation Commissioner to move forward with a plan, so it can be out for bidding. Kaltsas stated there would be an open house on July 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. regarding the plans.

8. Annual Opportunity for Public to Comment on MS4 Permit.

Kaltsas noted each year the City is required to offer an opportunity to the public to provide comments relating to the City's MS4 Stormwater Permit. No official public hearing is required.

What is an MS4?

A municipal separate storm sewer system is a conveyance or system of conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains, etc.) that is also:

- owned or operated by a public entity (which can include cities, townships, counties, military bases, hospitals, prison complexes, highway departments, universities, etc.) having jurisdiction over disposal

of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage districts, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the Clean Water Act that discharges to waters of the United States;

- designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater;
- which is not a combined sewer; and
- which is not part of a publicly owned treatment works.

The MS4 General Permit is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and pollution that enters surface and ground water from storm sewer systems to the maximum extent practicable. Stormwater discharges associated with MS4s are subject to regulation under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS). Through the MS4 General Permit, the system owner or operator is required to develop a stormwater pollution prevention program (SWPPP) that incorporates best management practices (BMPs) applicable to their MS4.

9. Appointment of New Member to the Planning Commission.

a. RESOLUTION 19-0618-01

Motion by Grotting, second by Spencer to approve RESOLUTION 19-0618-01 to appoint Anita Volkenant as a new Planning Commissioner. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Open/Misc.

Spencer noted the gun club will be grading this summer and by fall will be open for trap shooting.

Johnson asked about the letter regarding the Shriner property. Kaltsas said the City's water resource group looked at historical photos and it is not out of proportion due to a lot of water.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Trish Gronstal/Recording Secretary