

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 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, McCoy, Grotting and Betts

ABSENT: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Attorney Vose

STAFF: City Administrative Assistant Horner

VISITORS: Christian Eichers, Patrick Eichers, Kris Eichers, Madaline Renshaw, Frank Renshaw, Martin Eichers, Anita Volkenant

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 July 2, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 18988-19015 (Checks Numbered 18984-18987 were voided due to printing error).
- c. Quarterly Building Permit Report Summary.

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

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

Johnson added Large Assembly Permit for wedding at 7220 Turner Road July 20, 2019.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- Hennepin County Open House for Highway 12 Improvements

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Delano July 4th Parade
- Hennepin County Open House for Highway 12 Improvements

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Hennepin County Open House for Highway 12 Improvements
- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Regional Council of Mayors Meeting
- Small Cities Conference in Camden, South Carolina
- League of Minnesota Cities Policy Meeting

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Met with Orono Westonka Officials about soccer fields
- Highway 12 Safety Coalition Meeting
- Hennepin County Open House for Highway 12 Improvements

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

7. City Council Update from Christian Eichers for Eagle Scout Project.

Eichers stated he is going into the 9th grade at Delano schools and gave a slide presentation on his Eagle Scout project. Eichers project was a butterfly and pollinator garden designed to increase pollinators. He noted the project was funded by donations from family, friends and local businesses. He said seventeen people volunteered to help with the construction and implementation. Eichers project compliments his brother, Martin Eichers, Eagle Scout Project of a kiosk at the park. He encouraged people to go out and view the garden.

8. Director Gary Kroells, West Hennepin Public Safety:

- a. Activity Reports for the Months of June 2019.

for a full report see the City Council packet

Kroells stated there were 333 incidents in the month of June in Independence. He said with the recent rash of burglaries in surrounding cities reserve officers were going door to door with fliers on how to stay safe. Kroells stated there was one burglary in Independence.

9. MNDOT Request for Support of Highway 12 Temporary Median Delineators.

Kroells said MnDOT presented information at the Highway 12 Coalition Meeting on July 11th relating to the possibility of installing center delineators on Highway 12 between County Road 90 and the Hennepin/ Wright County border. MnDOT has experience with these delineators on a similar stretch of road near Mankato and found them to be successful in reducing serious injury or death over a four-year period. The delineators are approximately 3 feet tall and flexible. The delineators are flexible and can be run over by a vehicle without any damage to the delineator or vehicle. The delineators are typically spaced approximately 50 feet apart, have a reflective material and will allow for all turning movements currently permitted on the corridor.

The Highway 12 Coalition discussed the delineators and ultimately made a motion to recommend the temporary installation (until the corridor is improved or a concrete median barrier can be installed) of the delineators. It is anticipated that the delineators would be installed this summer following the resurfacing/

stripping project. A summary of the presentation made at the Highway 12 Coalition Meeting was made at the City Council meeting.

Staff is seeking Council discussion and direction relating to the delineators. If Council is supportive of the delineators being installed on the corridor, a motion to direct the City Administrator to draft a letter of support on behalf of the City of Independence would be recommended.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve a letter of support on behalf of the City of Independence for MnDOT to install Highway 12 Temporary Median Delineators. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Consider Changing Date of August 6th Regular City Council Meeting Due to Night to Unite.

Night to Unite is being held on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. The City has its regular City Council Meeting scheduled for the same date. Council is being asked to consider changing the date to allow members to attend the various neighborhood activities. Due to the Planning Commission having an item on its agenda in July, the Council Meeting will have at least one planning item.

Motion by McCoy, second by Betts to approve the City Council meeting date change from 8/6/19 to 7/30/19 at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

11. Open/Misc.

Kroells noted he received a call from acting Maple Plain Fire Chief Doyle that they had approved a fireworks/pyrotechnic display to take place at a wedding on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 7220 Turner Road. Kroells noted that a large assembly permit had not been approved as well. The wedding planner contacted the City and turned in all the appropriate paperwork with signature approvals and associated fees. The display of fireworks is being executed by a professional company.

Motion by McCoy, second by Grotting to approve the large assembly permit for the wedding at 7220 Turner Road and the pyrotechnic display as described. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

12. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Gronstal/Recording Secretary