

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 –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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Betts, Grotting and Spencer

ABSENT: Councilor McCoy, City Attorney Vose

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner

VISITORS: Anita Volkenant, Bob 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 January 21, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 19404-19444.
- c. Approval of Election Judge Appointment for the 2020 Presidential Nominating Primary Election.
- d. Approval of annual liquor license renewals for the following establishments:
 - i. Ox Yoke Inn - Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License
 - ii. Windsong Farm Golf Club LLC - Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License
 - iii. Pioneer Creek Golf LLC - On Sale and Sunday License

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

- Planning Commission Meeting

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Mediacom call regarding expansion

McCoy attended the following meetings:

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Sensible Land Use Committee Conference

- Elected Officials Conference in Plymouth
- Police Commission Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting for the Mayor

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- Mayors Breakfast with Congressman Phillips
- Sensible Land Use Committee Conference
- Senator Osmek Official Committee Hearing on Energy
- Senior Community Services Meeting
- Elected Officials Conference in Plymouth
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Police Commission Meeting
- Highway 55 Coalition Corridor Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- National League of Cities Energy Committee Meeting
- Maple Plain Fire Commission Meeting
- Highway 12 Corridor Coalition Meeting
- Received a letter from the Commissioner of Transportation Margaret Kelliher dedicating an additional 2M to fill the funding gap on the round-about (option 3A)

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Met with BKV Architects on building renovation

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

7. **(REQUESTED TO BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 18, 2020)** Vincent Velie III (Applicant) requests that the City consider the following action for the property located at 3315 County Road 92 N, Independence, MN (PID No. 09-118-24-34-0004):
 - a. To consider granting an interim use permit to replace the existing conditional use permit. The new interim use permit would allow a landscape business to operate from the subject property. The interim use permit would add new conditions to the property and the existing conditional use permit would be removed.
8. **(REQUESTED TO BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 18, 2020)** Theresa Marple (Applicant/Owner) requests that the City consider the following action for the property located at 7825 County Road 11, Independence, MN (PID No. 09-118-24-22-0003):

- a. To consider granting a variance to allow a minor subdivision of property zoned AG-Agriculture that does not meet all applicable requirements. The subdivision proposed would create two approximately 40-acre parcels from the existing 80-acre parcel.
9. Consideration of a Reimbursement Resolution relating to the proposed City Hall and the street reconstruction project.
- a. **RESOLUTION 20-0204-01** – Declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City.

Kaltsas said the City is in the process of preparing plans and specifications for the 2020 Bituminous Street Overlay Project and possibly a City Hall improvement project. If the City determines it necessary and appropriate to issue bonds for the projects, certain costs associated with the development and preparation of plans and the projects in general could be reimbursed with proceeds from bonds. This enabling resolution does not obligate the City to issue bonds and or move forward with either of the potential projects. The majority of the potential costs to be reimbursement include professional services fees such as engineering and architecture which are required to prepare plans and specifications. The resolution allowing the City to reimburse certain costs was prepared by the City’s legal counsel.

Johnson asked about Nelson Road and Kaltsas said he would check on that to see if it was already tiled. Johnson said it was important to check as it was not on this list.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve RESOLUTION 20-0204-01 – Declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain expenditures from the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the City. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

10. Open/ Misc.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Spencer and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary