

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Betts, Spencer, McCoy and Grotting

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner

VISITORS: WHPS Kroells

3. ****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 August 4, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 19802-19829.
- c. Approval of Mayors Attendance at the Virtual National League of Cities Conference November 18th-21st, 2020.
- d. Pay Request #1 and #2 from Wm. Mueller and Sons, Inc. for work completed on the 2020 Overlay Project Through July 31, 2020.

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

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

5. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop
- Personnel Committee Meeting

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop
- LMCC Quarterly Meeting

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop

Betts attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop
- Highway 55 Coalition Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Met with a resident
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- NLC met with Congressman Phillips
- NLC Fall Cities Conference Call
- City Council Workshop
- Highway 55 Coalition (virtual meeting)
- Congressman Phillips (zoom meeting)
- Personnel Committee Meeting

Horner attended the following meetings:

- City Council Workshop
- Met with BKV architects
- Primary Election
- NFP

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12
- Met with BKV architects

6. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the July 2020 Activity Report.

Kroells stated at the end of July 31, 2020 WHPS handled year-to-date a total of 502 incident complaints. For the month of July 298 incidents were in the City of Independence and 195 in the City of Maple Plain. Kroells noted Officer Raskin left for Cuba for at least ten months.

for a complete report see the Council packet

7. Consider Approval of the Petition and Waiver of Objection to Special Assessment for Installation of Drain Tile in Klaers Drive for Four Properties.

Kaltsas said the City has been working with the residents living on Klaers Drive to develop solutions to address the perennial maintenance issues associated with the road. The road is a minimal maintenance road that was not built to City standards. A short section of the road is located in Greenfield; however, no Greenfield residents live on the road.

The City has prepared a plan to tile the road and establish working ditches on both the north and south side. These improvements are intended to reduce annual maintenance and keep the road in a passable and working conditioning through the spring and fall seasons. The City has discussed the proposed project with residents and offered to complete the ditch work (grading and seeding) and resurface the top of the road following the

drain tile installation. The residents have agreed to pay for the cost of the drain tile installation. It was estimated that the cost of the tiling would be \$7,500. There are four properties located on Klaers Drive.

The properties included are as follows:

- 4915 Klaers Drive
- 4985 Klaers Drive
- 5215 Klaers Drive
- 5210 Klaers Drive

Staff has prepared a Petition and Waiver of Objection to Special Assessment for Installation of Drain Tile in Klaers Drive for each of the properties included in the area. All three properties owners (Vanbeuekoms own two properties) have approved and signed the agreement. Due to Covid, staff is in the process of obtaining notarized signatures which is a bit more complicated at this time.

Grotting said this was a great solution. Johnson thanked Bode for his work. Kaltsas noted this solution should be good for at least ten years. Betts noted buses had issues on this road too. Johnson said it was a great solution and Bode had done a lot of leg work on this and a great job solving the issues.

Motion by Betts, second by Grotting to approve the Petition and Waiver of Objection to Special Assessment for Installation of Drain Tile in Klaers Drive for the following properties: 4915 Klaers Drive, 4985 Klaers Drive, 5215 Klaers Drive and 5210 Klaers Drive. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. Wayzata Cross Country Team Request to Use Pioneer Community Park.

Kaltsas said the City has been approached by the Cross-Country Coach for the Wayzata High School team (Independence Resident) about the possibility of holding meets at Pioneer Creek Park this fall. They have visited the park and determined that they could create a course that would accommodate their needs throughout the park. The City has not received all details for the request, but understands that the following would occur:

- Meets held on Friday and Saturday.
- Races would occur one at a time based on various competition levels. Races would be spaced so that only one group would be at the park at a time.
- No spectators would be permitted at the races.

Staff would like to have a general discussion with Council prior to entertaining the request in any further detail. Issues that staff has considered include:

- Could portions of the park (frisbee golf course, playground) remain open to the public during the meets.
- Cost for park rental (currently \$300 per day).
- Hours of use.
- Number of participants during the events.
- Parking and drop off logistics.

Motion by Spencer, second by McCoy to approve the use of Pioneer Community Park by the Wayzata Cross Country Team per the conditions assigned by Staff. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. OPEN/MISC.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion by McCoy, second by Spencer to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Betts, Grotting, McCoy and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary