

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 –6:30 P.M.
(Virtual Meeting/ All Attendees)

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 6:32 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL (Note: all noted present were “virtually” present

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting
ABSENT: City Attorney Vose
STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator Horner
VISITORS: WHPS Chief 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 December 1, 2020 Truth in Taxation Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the December 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 20093 to 20143 (two check run batches).
- d. Approval of the Mayor’s Attendance at the National League of Congressional Cities Virtual Conference March 7-10, 2021.
- e. Approval of **RESOLUTION 20-1215-01** Designating City Hall as the Official Polling Place for all 2021 Elections.
- f. Annual Payments to WeCan and Delano Senior Center for Services Provided to the Residents of Independence.
- g. Approval of Engagement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to Perform the 2020 Financial Audit.
- h. Approval of **RESOLUTION 20-1215-02** Allowing the Creation of the Special Revenue Lawful Gambling Fund.

Johnson said the two Resolutions would be voted as separate items.

Motion by Grotting, second by McCoy to approve the Consent Agenda (items a,b,c,d,f and g). Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Spencer, second by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION 20-1215-01 Designating City Hall as the Official Polling Place for all 2021 Elections. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy to approve RESOLUTION 20-1215-02 Allowing the Creation of the Special Revenue Lawful Gambling Fund correcting the wording to be clear on direction of funds. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, 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:

- Accessory Building Review Committee Meeting

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- None

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- None

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Accessory Building Review Committee Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Orono School Board Meeting (zoom)
- Northwest League of Cities Meeting (zoom)
- League of Minnesota Cities (Past Presidents) Meeting (zoom)
- Highway 55 Corridor Coalition Meeting (zoom)
- National League of Small Cities Meeting (zoom)
- Met with Congressman Dean Phillips (zoom)
- Regional Council of Mayors Meeting (zoom)
- Senior Community Services Finance Committee Meeting (zoom)
- West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce Drive by Dinner
- Senior Community Services St. Michael Meeting (zoom)

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Met with BKV architects
- Met with subcontractors
- Debriefing with Hennepin County on Elections (phone call)

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Bi-weekly meeting on County Road 92 and Highway 12 projects

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

Kroells noted that he and Kaltsas have met with Hennepin County on emergency safety measures and response plans as the road construction projects are going on and how to address any issues.

Kroells stated that at the end of October 31, 2020 a total of 4,381 incidents had been handled by West Hennepin Public Safety. He said there were 261 in Independence and 120 in Maple Plain.

For a complete report please see the attached meeting packet

Grotting asked if Kroells liked the CodeRed application and if it was being utilized by residents. Kroells stated he liked it and noted there were 2800 contacts registered in the City and it was a nice tool to provide alerts.

7. Consideration of **RESOLUTION 20-1215-03** Revoking the Conditional Use Permit for the Property Located at 3315 County Road 92 N. (PID No. 09-118-24-34-0004).

Motion by Betts, second by Spencer to approve RESOLUTION 20-1215-03 Revoking the Conditional Use Permit for the Property Located at 3315 County Road 92 N. (PID No. 09-118-24-34-0004). Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. OPEN/MISC.

9. ADJOURN.

Motion by Grotting, second by McCoy to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: Betts and Spencer. None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary