



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2022

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
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 7, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 21284-21311)
5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.
6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.
7. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the May 2022 Activity Report.
8. PUBLIC HEARING: Vacation for that portion of Quass Cut-Off Road Right of Way - Associated with the Final Plat for Hilltop Prairie.
 - a. **RESOLUTION No. 22-0621-01** – Approving the right of way vacation.
9. Open/Misc.
10. Adjourn.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY June 7, 2022–6:30 P.M.
City Hall Chambers

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.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Betts, McCoy and
Grotting (virtual)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Assistant to Administrator
Horner, Administrative Assistant Simon

VISITORS: Tony Post, Dan Vanderheyden, Chanel Crees

All votes were roll call votes

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- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the May 17, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 21256 and Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 21257-21283).
- c. Personnel Committee Recommendations:
 - i. Approval of Assistant City Administrator Position Appointment
 - ii. Approval of Administrator/Planner Contract Amendment

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

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Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Planning
- Workshop
- Funeral for Norm Wenck

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Planning
- Workshop

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Memorial Services (2)
- Maple Plain Party in the Park
- Gala for MN Teen Challenge
- Workshop
- Fire District Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Workshop

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Planning
- Coffee with Steve Bohl on the Otten Property
- Orono Healthy Youth
- Small Cities Council – NLC (virtual)
- Orono High School Awards night
- Funeral for Bruce Frahm
- Funeral for Norm Wenck
- Funeral for Carroll Gabriel
- Funeral for Vern Genzlinger
- Sensible Land Use
- MetCouncil ES Hearing (virtual)
- Senior Community Services Board Training and Regular Meeting (virtual)
- Memorial Services on Memorial Day
- Fire District Meeting
- Interviews for the two applicants for sergeant
- Haven Homes
- MP Party in the Park
- Workshop

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Workshop

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Workshop

7. Tony Post (Applicant/Owner) is requesting that the City consider the following action for the property located at 2791 Copeland Road (PID No. 18-118-24-41-0002) in Independence, MN:

- a. **RESOLUTION 22-0607-01:** considering a variance and conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit to be located within the existing accessory building that exceeds the maximum size.

Kaltsas said this is a request for a CUP and variance to allow an ADU to be allowed within the existing building on the property. The property is 52 acres in overall size and is located on the West side of Copeland Rd, and South of Hwy 12. There is a unique structure that acts as the principal structure on this property. There is a dwelling unit within this structure and is comprised of 3 different structures. They are asking to allow an ADU for the existing residential portion of the building to build a new principle structure on the property. The building that is there was the principle, but it is not really built for a residence. Once inside, it makes up the residential space. It is 2,800sqft total with 1,000sqft in the basement. There is then the main floor and a second floor that has a loft with just a bedroom and bathroom. The city suggested reducing the sqft by eliminating some spaces because of how the layout is. They can take the basement out by eliminating the livable portion and using it as storage instead. On the back side there is utility and laundry which they could close off some of that. On the upper floor we could exclude the closet. The goal is to try to get under 1,200 sqft. They could ask for a variance for the additional sqft. The layout is unique since the barn, garage and house is all connected. PC considered allowing space to be cut up or broken off from the space. The property overall does have the ability to be subdivided to create a new rural view lot.. The location, size of property and surrounding properties are in support of the second residence. PC suggested granting a variance for 1871sqf to allow the ADU. PC suggested approval of CUP and variance to council. It is a unique structure, and it was done prior to our current ordinances. If someone just wanted a larger structure just for larger structure that would not pass, but that is not the case.

Johnson said it is a unique situation with the house on one side and riding arena on the other side. Applicant is here tonight and asked if it was described properly. Post said yes.

Motion by McCoy, second by Spencer to approve RESOLUTION 22-0607-01 granting a CUP and variance to allow an ADU to be located within existing accessory structure. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Grotting, McCoy and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. Dan Vanderheyden (Applicant) and Michael Crees (Owner) are requesting that the City consider the following action for the properties located off of Maple Street with an unassigned address (PID No.s 24-118-24-11-0007 and 24-118-24-11-0006) in Independence, MN:

- a. **RESOLUTION 22-0607-02:** considering a minor subdivision to allow a lot combination of the two subject properties a variance seeking reduced building setbacks to allow the construction of a new home on the combined properties.

Kaltsas said this is a request for a minor subdivision and lot combination. There are two existing lots of record on Maple St; it is a private driveway. There is one home that comes off that and one vacant lot. These lots are up against the south shoreline of Lake Independence. The total acres would be 0.45 if the properties were combined. These are very small lots for our standards. They would like to construct a home on the property. There is a potential wetland on the property and wetland delineation did confirm this. The wetland causes some issues with the location of a structure on this property. In existing condition, they can take advantage of the 60% but if lots were combined, they could not take advantage of this rule. They also must meet the required setbacks. The allowable building area once setbacks were applied on the combined lot plan, the building space is very small. They are asking for a 0ft buffer rather than 10ft. They are asking for a reduced front yard setback of 50ft of centerline of Maple St and a West side yard setback reduction of 18ft. They would meet the East side yard setback. The adjacent property showed support for this plan. Kaltsas said they are making the situation better by combining the two lots and giving it more reasonable use. It is really constricted on where you would build a house. PC noted individual lots don't support a home of any reasonable size. The combination would be to the benefit of the city. PC recommended approval of a minor subdivision and variances requested. The updated survey for drainage and utility easements have been received and the applicants will work with the city to meet all requirements.

Johnson asked if we had a sewer stub available for both lots. Kaltsas said both lots are considered stubbed and of existing record. Johnson asked if the cartway is going down over there. He asked how much of an easement is needed for the driveway getting to the house. Kaltsas said 24 ft is needed for the easement, but the road is narrower. Johnson asked if it is public so there are not road agreements with neighbors. Kaltsas said it is a private street and the city just has an agreement for access to the lift station. There is a private road agreement on file. Kaltsas said we plow it to get to the lift station more often than not. There is no sign for Maple St on that road. McCoy asked about the address for this one. Kaltsas said it would probably be by South Lake Shore Drive. Johnson said it is a beautiful, isolated lot.

Motion by Spencer, second by Betts to approve RESOLUTION 22-0607-02 approving a minor subdivision. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Grotting, McCoy and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

11. Open/Misc.

a. City of Independence on TV

Johnson said MetCouncil has the City of Independence population at 3795, up a few people from last year. The major difference might be from the Vinland Center. We are getting closer to 4,000, but we are better off being under 5,000.

Johnson said Jane Hubbard KSTP-TV is doing a program from 9-10am next Tuesday morning on Independence. She asked Johnson to come down to do a feature.

Johnson asked if we are getting a resolution for a comp plan from MetCouncil. Kaltsas said we won't see it until they are done with it. Kaltsas said they are trying to finish the grant stuff first and then finish ours.

10. Adjourn.

Motion carried by McCoy, second by Spencer to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Simon / Recording Secretary

DRAFT

Date: June 10, 2022

To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Gary Kroells

SUBJECT: MAY 2022 ACTIVITY REPORT



The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

CRIMINAL-- Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

TRAFFIC-- Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

PART III-- Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

PART IV-- Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle accidents, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

PART V-- Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

Monthly Activity Report							
May 2022							
Offense		This Month	Same Month Last Year		This Year To Date		Last Year To Date
City Of Independence							
Criminal		6	14		27		46
Traffic		110	122		429		434
Part III		7	8		24		30
Part IV		36	33		151		145
Part V		154	146		518		532
Total City of Independence		313	323		1,149		1,187
City Of Maple Plain							
Criminal		3	4		27		43
Traffic		14	55		124		178
Part III		1	2		7		15
Part IV		18	17		101		97
Part V		66	70		250		272
Total City Of Maple Plain		102	148		509		605
Grand Total Both Cities		415	471		1,658		1,792
TZD		0	8		40		12
Agency Assists		20	22		84		70
Total ICR Reports		435	501		1,782		1,874
How Received							
Fax		7	12		39		67
In Person		11	24		54		97
Mail		0	3		6		14
Other		2	0		9		5
Phone		50	35		164		165
Radio		181	194		737		725
Visual		131	184		599		650
Email		13	40		88		145
Lobby Walk In		40	1		114		6
Total		435	493		1,810		1,874

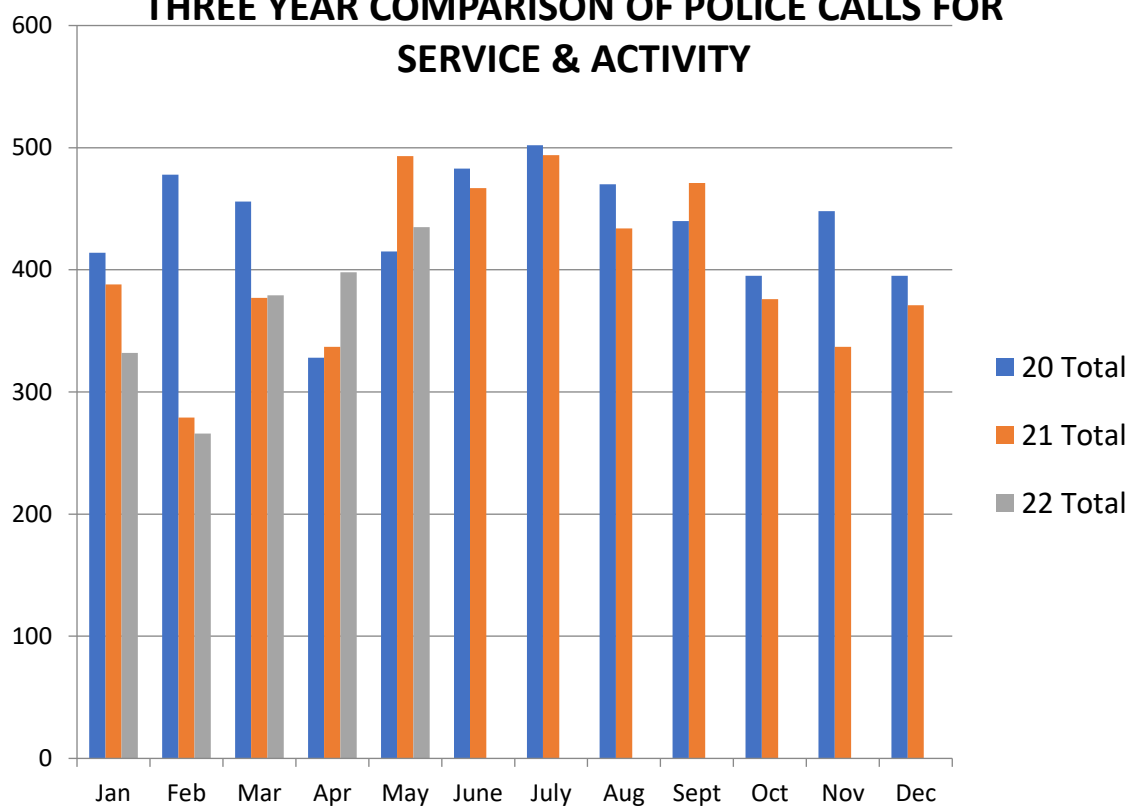
May 2022 Part I and II**City of Maple Plain Grid #'s 1-2**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	22001622	Theft	5/18/2022	1	5/18/2022	TR009
WHPS	22001659	Domestic- PU & HOLD	5/20/2022	1	5/20/2022	AL301
WHPS	22001765	DWI	5/28/2022	2	5/28/2022	JG501

May 2022 Part I and II**City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5**

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	22001441	Citation	5/6/2022	3	5/6/2022	DA540
WHPS	22001644	Burglary	5/19/2022	3	5/19/2022	B1130
WHPS	22001648	NSF Check	5/19/2022	3	5/19/2022	U2023
WHPS	22001669	Citation	5/20/2022	3	5/20/2022	DC000
WHPS	22001510	Unwanted Person	5/11/2022	5	5/11/2022	N0030
WHPS	22001696	DWI	5/22/2022	5	5/22/2022	DC500

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

March 2022 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end May 31, 2022, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 1782 incident complaints: For the month of May; 313 incidents occurred in the City of Independence and 102 in the City of Maple Plain.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

Recent Highlighted Cases:

Motor Vehicle Crash

May 2 County Road 6 and County Road 90, Independence. Officer dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch, unknown injuries. Officer arrived on scene and found a vehicle that struck a power controller box. Driver admitted to swerving to avoid a vehicle that was stopped at a red light. Officer cited driver for driving without due care.

Overweight Truck

May 2 5800 block of Pagenkopf, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of an overweight truck. Truck was seen driving on a posted 5-ton road. Officer stopped the truck and trailer and weighed it. The vehicle was overweight on all axels. Officer provided a copy of an overweight truck report and issued a fine.

Welfare Check

May 3 2900 block of Lindgren Lane, Independence. Officer dispatched to a welfare check for a male party who called 911 to inquire about how to make a website and later stated he had been kidnapped. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with callers' mother, who stated her son was on the dock fishing and was not kidnapped. Officer spoke to caller about the purpose of calling 911 and the time it is appropriate to do so. Officer cleared.

Fraud

May 4 Maple Terrace Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of fraud. Officer talked to reporting party who stated multiple family members received a call claiming that there was legal action being taken against them for an outstanding balance on a credit card. Officer advised caller that this is a very common scam. Officer cleared.

Lock Out

May 4 Maple Terrace Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a lockout. A resident stated he lost his apartment keys and was locked out of his apartment. Officer attempted to gain access using the master key but was unable to do so. Resident contacted maintenance to try and help the resident gain access. Officer cleared.

Medical

May 5 5800 block of County Road 11, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of an allergic reaction. Prior to Officer's arrival, an epi-pen was administered to the child. Officer learned that the child has a peanut allergy. Officer arrived on scene, and it appeared the epi-pen shot was working and the hives on her body were improving. Ridgeview Ambulance transported the patient to Children's Hospital.

Medical

May 5 1500 block of Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a patient having irregular heartbeat. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with patient who stated issues with her medication might be the cause. North Ambulance arrived on scene and transported to Methodist.

Found Property

May 6 5000 block Independence Road, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a found wallet in a business parking lot. Officer arrived on scene and retrieved the wallet. Officer brought the wallet to the owner's home. Officer cleared.

Disturbance

May 7 4800 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a disturbance for a female party out of control and throwing things. Officer arrived on scene to find the female sitting down. She was calm upon Officer's arrival. Female party suffers from dementia. Officer developed a rapport with her and had her transported by North Ambulance to Waconia to get checked out. Officer cleared.

Medical

May 8 7500 block of Turner Road, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of a female unconscious but breathing. Officer arrived on scene and took over patient care until North arrived and transported patient. Officer cleared.

Car stalled

May 9 County Road 90 and County Road 6, Independence. Officer dispatched to a stalled semi with horses at the intersection. Officer arrived on scene and had another vehicle pull the stalled semi to Ingerson Road and safely unload the horses and transfer them to a different semi. Officer cleared.

Suspicious

May 10 5100 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to suspicious activity involving an Uber driver. Officer called male who stated yesterday he ordered an Uber and was picked up. The Uber driver started acting very strange, was driving with his hazards on and went the wrong direction from where the male wanted to go. Eventually the Uber dropped the male off at a business and the customer realized the license plate did not match the plate that was given on the Uber app. Male customer said he would file a complaint with Uber but was concerned about the incident. Officer cleared.

Unwanted Person

May 11 3300 block of County Road 92, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of an unwanted party at a residence. Officer arrived on scene and contacted a male party who appeared intoxicated. Male admitted to drinking. Another male party at the residence offered to give the intoxicated male a ride home. Male agreed and officer cleared.

Wire down

May 11 5400 block of Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer dispatched to a power pole leaning. Officer located the power pole which was leaning over causing the wires to hang low. Officer and Maple Plain Fire managed traffic control until they were able to close the road. Xcel responded and repaired the wire and pole.

Road Debris

May 11 4900 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a tree down and blocking the road. Officer responded and found a tree down in the East bound lane of Highway 12. MNDOT was notified and later cleared the obstruction.

Suspicious Act

May 12 5300 block of County Road 6, Independence. Officer took a report of a suspicious act that occurred the night before. A white or cream-colored older Lexus pulled into the reporting party's driveway, revved its engine while slowly pulling up to the garage, then backed up and left. No plate information was given.

Wire Down

May 12 1400 block Halgren Rd, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a wire down and a tree limb resting on it at the reporting party's residence. The officer responded and observed the line down but not arcing or creating a hazard. Xcel Energy was notified.

Neighbor Trouble

May 7 2000 block of Lindgren Ln, Independence. Officer took a report of a woman who swore and yelled at a contractor while he worked on her neighbor's property. The contractor only wanted it documented and will try to video or audio record if it occurs again.

Medical

May 12 5000 block of Main St, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a male having difficulty breathing, leg edema and believed he had COVID. The officer stood by until North Ambulance arrived on scene. The officer then cleared.

Broken Bones

May 12 Luce Line Trl/Game Farm Rd, Independence. Officer dispatched to a male bicyclist who fell off his bike and possibly broke his ankle. He was found on the trail and moved to Game Farm Rd where North Ambulance took over treatment and transported him to North Memorial Hospital. His bicycle was kept at the police department for safe keeping until he could pick it up.

Choking

May 12 1000 block County Road 92, Independence. Officer dispatched to a male choking but still able to move air. When the officer arrived, the male party had expelled a carrot lodged in his throat. He denied any pain, breathing problems or needing any further assistance. Officer cleared.

Neighbor Trouble

May 13 2000 block Lindgren Ln, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of a female yelling and screaming at landscapers to stay off her property while they mowed her next-door neighbor's yard. When they moved on to another neighboring property the female crossed multiple properties to follow them and continue yelling and screaming at them. The female was located and talked to about her behavior and given solutions if property lines are an issue for her.

Neighbor Trouble

May 13 1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. A male caller reported a female cleaning her car while her two dogs were off leash. The female witnessed the caller taking pictures of her and called police, feeling harassed. Both parties were spoken to and advised to keep the peace.

Suspicious Act

May 13 7000 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. A caller reported a suspicious vehicle had pulled into his mother's driveway twice. He followed it and made contact with the driver who stated he was trying to locate his sister's residence. The caller later saw a second vehicle meet with the first one and they turned onto Valley Rd. An officer located the suspicious vehicle at a residence and made contact with the driver who stated he had been lost and was at the residence for a college graduation party. Officer cleared.

Shots Heard

May 13

Lake Independence, Independence. Officer dispatched to shots heard. The reporting party believed someone was firing an AR15 for the past 30 minutes. The officer parked in the area and listened for 15 minutes but did not hear any noise or shots. Officer cleared.

Seizure

May 13

5000 block Bryantwood Dr, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched for a male who appeared to be stuttering and unable to walk. While on scene the officer witnessed the male have four mild seizures before North Ambulance arrived and transported him to Abbott Hospital.

Head Injury

May 14

Main St/Maple Ave, Maple Plain. An officer witnessed an elderly female walking down the sidewalk and fall hard face first. He assisted her to his squad and provided bandages for her bleeding knee and hand until North Ambulance arrived and assessed her. She refused transport to a hospital and was instead transported to her residence where she would wait for her daughter to arrive.

Garage Fire

May 14

3000 block Lake Sarah Rd, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a shed/garage fire. Upon arrival he located a detached shed with smoke billowing from the front door. The homeowner reported he was welding something and sparks ignited rags near the south wall. He deployed two fire extinguishers and believed he had the fire out. The electrical panel was directly above the fire source and suffered severe damage. Wright Hennepin responded and pulled the meter to de-energize the structure. Damage was limited to the area near the electrical panel and the structure's integrity was not compromised.

Scam Fraud

May 14

6000 block Hillstrom Rd, Independence. A male reported his wife was scammed when she received a pop-up message that their computer had been hacked. She allowed remote access to their computer. They withdrew \$16,500 from their bank account to obtain Bitcoin and transfer it to the suspects. They also obtained several thousand dollars' worth of Nordstrom gift cards and gave them to the suspects. The male was advised to freeze their financial accounts and contact their financial institutions to advise of the fraud and secure their accounts. They were provided a fraud packet and directed to ftc.gov for further information about protecting themselves. Case is under investigation.

Suspicious Act

May 16

4000 block Lake Sarah Dr, Independence. Call taken from a female who reported a light gray vehicle parked on the street. The driver was a young dark-skinned male. The vehicle left as she was leaving her residence. The driver looked like a male that approached her in a bar a few weeks ago and she is concerned about possible stalking. She was advised if she sees the vehicle or male again to report it as soon as possible.

Stroke

May 16

4000 block Town Line Rd, Independence. Officer dispatched to a possible stroke. Patient complained of dizziness and numbness in his leg. Allina Ambulance arrived. Officer cleared.

Public Nuisance

May 16 5000 block Main St, Maple plain. While on patrol officer observed five unlicensed junk vehicles were in a driveway. Contact was made with the homeowner who was advised of the city violation. The homeowner understood and will take care of the issue.

Parking Complaint

May 16 1000 block Parkview Rd, Maple Plain. A resident stopped on officer on patrol and reported that since T-Ball started, vehicles park on the grass area of Rainbow Park which happens to be his yard. He was given no parking signs to set up.

Animal Complaint

May 16 3000 block Nelson Rd, Independence. Officer dispatched to 3 German Shepherds who ran down the reporting party. Dogs have been on the reporting party's property in the past. The dogs' owner was contacted and advised of city ordinances for dogs needing to be on leash or tied up when outside and to get their dogs registered with the city.

Breath Problem

May 17 5000 block Main St, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a male having difficulty breathing. He had good color and just wanted an ambulance ride. The officer cleared when North Ambulance arrived on scene.

Crash

May 18 7000 block CR 11, Independence. Officer dispatched to a property damage crash. Driver stated he was EB CR 11, fell asleep and drove into the north side ditch. There were no injuries, the driver showed no signs of impairment and no private property was damaged. Driver was cited for due care. The vehicle was operable but stuck in the ditch. A tow responded and pulled it out and the driver drove the vehicle from the scene.

Public Assist

May 18 5000 block Pagenkopf Rd, Independence. Officer observed an elderly male mowing a wet ditch on a steep hillside. The officer stopped, assisted the elderly male to his mailbox and told him to hold onto it and then began mowing the ditch for him. A neighbor approached the officer and offered to finish mowing in the afternoon when the grass was dryer. The officer parked the lawn mower tractor and assisted the elderly male to his walker and driveway.

Juvenile Complaint

May 18 2000 block Independence Rd, Independence. Officer responded to juveniles fishing on private property. They were spoken to and shown where they could and could not fish. They understood and thanked the officer, who then advised the homeowner there should be no further problems.

Theft

May 18 4000 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain. A business owner observed a male and female enter her store. While the male attempted to distract her, she saw the female put a bottle of liquor under her shirt. When the female attempted to leave the store the business owner confronted her and recovered the bottle. The male and female then left. The business owner was able to give a vehicle description and license plate. Case is under investigation.

Burglary
May 19

6000 block Drake Dr, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a report of burglary that had just occurred. Victim stated a group of men came to his residence and offered to weatherproof his steel roof and he agreed. The men left before they were finished, and Victim paid them. Victim then discovered his porch area and been rummaged through and his gun safe was stolen. Case is under investigation.

Vehicle Crash
May 19

Discovery Center School, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a report of a minor vehicle crash. Officer arrived on scene and met with the drivers. Neither party was injured. Officer took photos and issued state crash exchange information to both drivers. Officer cleared.

Disturbance
May 20

Manchester Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a male party throwing furniture from a balcony. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with the reporting party. Officer found out that the tenant was served and eviction notice following an unpaid rent upwards of \$30,000. No furniture was observed, and the suspect male was no longer on site. Officer cleared.

Medical
May 20

Delano United Methodist Church, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of a juvenile female who fainted. Officer arrived on scene and contacted the patient who was conscious and alert. Patient declined medical attention. Mother of the juvenile brought her daughter home. Officer cleared.

Vehicle Crash
May 20

Lake Sarah Road and County Road 11, Independence. Officer dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Officer contacted the driver who was in an altered mental state and showed signs of having a recent seizure. Driver was transported by ambulance. Officer cleared.

Domestic
May 20

Maple Terrace Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a physical domestic. Officer arrived on scene and found a female at the residence upset and crying who declined medical attention. The other party involved in the domestic fled the scene. This case is under investigation.

Harassment
May 21

5300 block of Sunset Lane, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of students harassing each other on Snap Chat. Officer reviewed the messages and determined the messages did not violate the law. Officer took a formal report and cleared.

DWI
May 22

County Road 6 and Nelson Road, Independence. Driver, Joseph William Sutalo II, 36, of Watertown provided a breath test, resulted in .09 breath alcohol concentration. Sutalo was cited for 4th Degree DWI charges and driven home by our Officer.

Motorist Assist
May 24

Holiday Gas Station, Medina. Officer dispatched to a report of a truck that broke down and needed a tow. Officer arrived on scene and provided lights and directed traffic until the vehicle was towed and moved out of the lane of traffic. Officer cleared.

Residential Accident-DOA

May 25

4000 block Windmill Dr, Independence. Officers were dispatched to a male pinned under a golf cart. Officers along with Loretto Fire were able to lift the golf cart off the victim and get him out from underneath. His vitals were checked and was found that he had died from the accident. Case is under investigation.

Drug Overdose

May 25 1000 block Newport St, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to an intentional overdose/suicidal female. She waited in her car for officers and when they arrived, she made suicidal comments. She was placed on a welfare hold and transported to Fairview Southdale Hospital.

Heart

May 25 1000 block Three Oaks Ave, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a male who wasn't feeling right. His blood pressure was high, and he has a heart history. North Ambulance arrived and took over care. The officer cleared before a transport decision was made.

Fight

May 25 4000 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to an intoxicated male at a local business fighting with other patrons. He stated he'd been punched in the face. Another bar patron stated the intoxicated male wouldn't leave his party alone, so he pushed the male away. The altercation appeared to be mutual. The intoxicated male became uncooperative, refused medical attention, and left the scene.

Disturbance

May 26 2000 block Lindgren Ln, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of a disturbance. Officer arrived on scene and spoke with a construction crew who stated a nearby homeowner was upset about damage to the property. Homeowner came out of her residence and was yelling at the construction crew. Officer arranged for the construction crew to fix the homeowners driveway and enter the property in a different way. Officer cleared

Scam

May 26 4000 block of South Lake Sarah Drive, Independence. Officer dispatched to a report of an attempted scam. Reporting party received an email from "Amazon Prime" which they indicated they do not have an account with. The email advised the party to confirm a purchase of a TV. No unauthorized charges were made. Officer advised them to protect their identity moving forward by providing resources. Officer cleared.

Suspicious

May 26 Pioneer Creek Golf, Independence. Officer dispatched to a suspicious vehicle that was parked near the golf course. Officer arrived on scene and contacted the vehicle that had one occupant inside. Occupant told the officer that he was sleeping. Officer advised him to find another place to sleep and provided resources. Officer cleared.

Medical

May 27 Maple Plain Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a child who had chest pains. Officer arrived on scene and learned that the patient has a pacemaker. Child was breathing and able to speak. Officer assisted with care until ambulance arrived on scene. Ambulance transported child to Children's Hospital.

Disturbance

May 28 5300 block of Highway 12, Maple Plain. Officer responded to a report of vehicles doing donuts in the parking lot of a local business. Officer arrived on scene and found the vehicles. Vehicles were occupied by two juvenile males. Officer gave verbal warning and notified the juveniles' parents of their driving conduct. Officer cleared.

Check Welfare

May 28 1700 block of Budd Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a report of a suicidal female. Officer arrived on scene to find a female who had climbed to the third level of a nearby tower. Officer talked to the female and had her safely come down from the tower to talk. Officer talked to the female about why she was feeling suicidal. The officer had the female transported to the hospital by ambulance. Officer cleared.

Animal Complaint

May 29 5000 block Fieldstone Pl, Independence. Report received of a coyote that chased a deer through a resident's yard by the kids' play area. Officer discussed safety and elimination ideas with the resident.

DAC-IPS

May 29 CR 11/90, Independence. A traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle that drove over the centerline. The driver was found to have a cancelled IPS driver's license. His vehicle was impounded, and the plates were pulled. He was advised how to get his vehicle out of impound. He was transported to HC Jail.

Unwanted

May 30 Maple Terrace Apartments, Maple Plain. Officer dispatched to a female who was on the property and was not supposed to be there. Tenants from the Apartment claimed that the female was trespassed from the property. Officer arrived on scene and contacted the female who was parked nearby in her vehicle. Female was not actually on the property, but officer issued an outstanding no trespass notice. Female was advised to leave the area. She complied.

Animal Complaint

May 31 Lake Sarah Road and County Road 11, Independence. Officer dispatched to lose cows in the area. Officer arrived on scene and contacted a nearby resident who owned the cows. Officer waited in the area keeping the cows off the road until the owner was able to remove them. Officer cleared.

Suspicious Vehicle

May 31 6800 block of Pagenkopf Road, Independence. Officer dispatched to suspicious vehicle that was parked in the area. Officer located the vehicle that was reported and saw that there were also several other vehicles that belonged to a painting company. Officer advised the reporting party of his findings and cleared.

124 contacts of citations, verbal and written warnings were issued for traffic and equipment.

City of Independence

Request to Vacate a Portion of the Right of Way for Quass Cut-Off Associated with the Final Plat of Hilltop Prairie

<i>To:</i>	City Council
<i>From:</i>	Mark Kaltsas, City Planner
<i>Meeting Date:</i>	June 21, 2022
<i>Applicants:</i>	Bryant Johnson
<i>Owners:</i>	Hilltop Farm, Inc.
<i>Location:</i>	1235 County Road 90 (PID No. 27-118-24-14-0007)

Request:

The City recently approved the subdivision of the subject property. The subdivision was approved subject to the vacation of a portion of the Quass Cut-Off right of way that was directly west of the subject property. The vacation of the right of way will allow for the realignment of Quass Cut-Off which will be extended across CSAH 90 to the east. The City has been asked to consider vacation for that portion of the right of way legally described in Exhibit A attached to this report:

Property/Site Information:

The property is located on the west side of CSAH 90, north of the future Turner Road and south of Main Street.

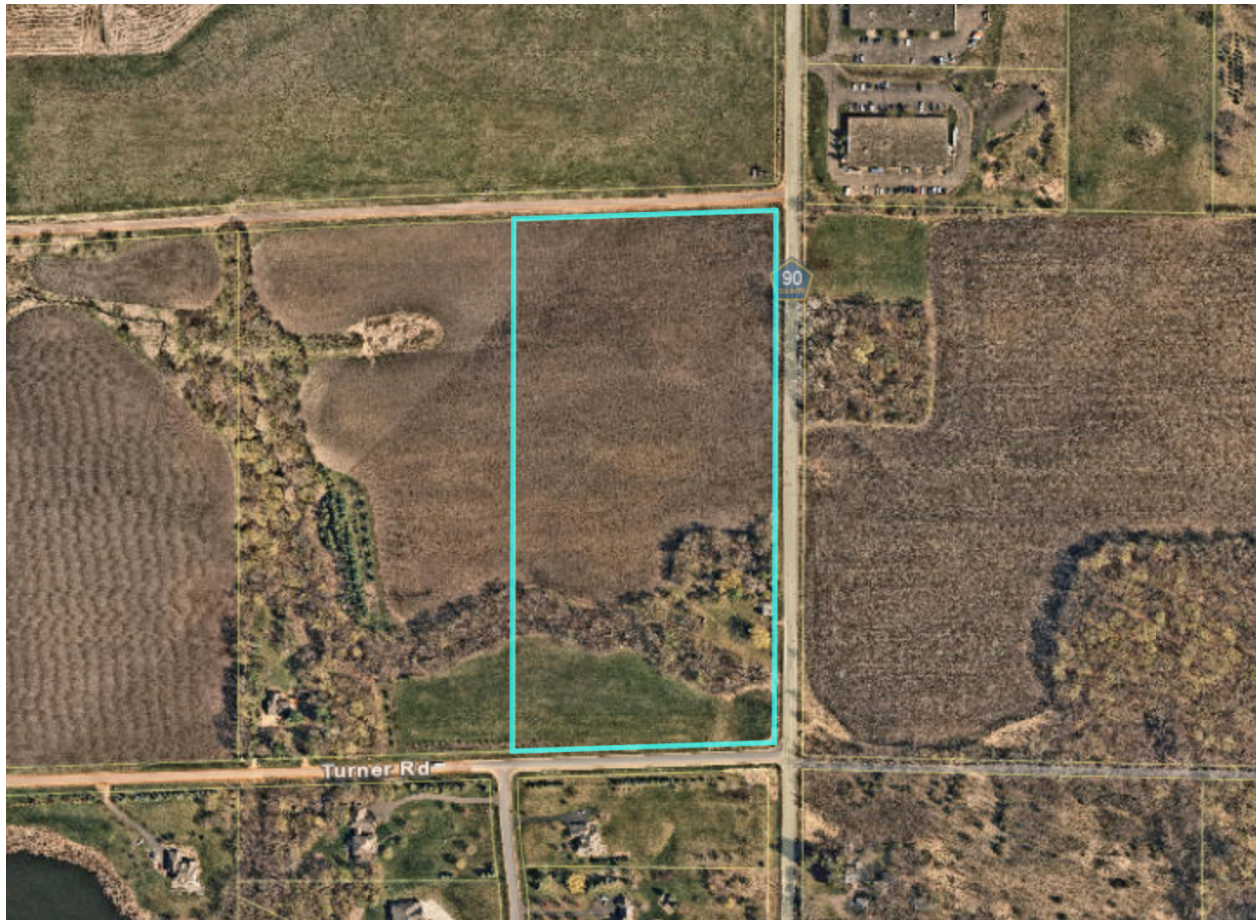
Property Information: PID No. 01-118-24-34-0010

Zoning: *Rural Residential*

Comprehensive Plan: *Rural Residential*

Acreage: *~18 acres*

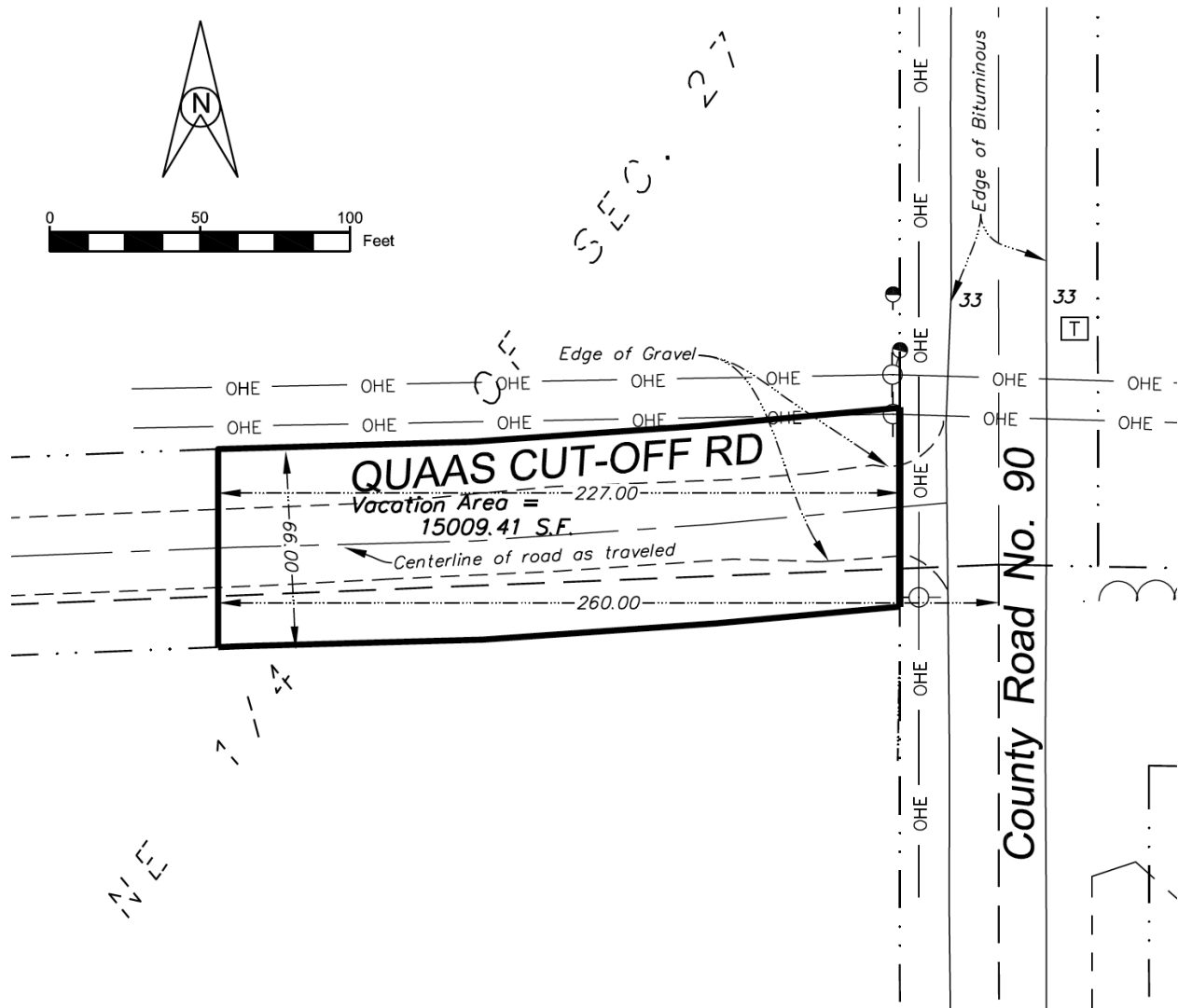
Aerial Photograph of Property



Discussion:

The proposed vacation is routine and in keeping with the intent of the recently approved final plat. There are no known impacts relating to the vacation of the easement. There do not appear to be any adverse effects on the surrounding or subject properties in the after condition as a result of the easement vacation request.

Proposed Road Vacation Exhibit



Recommendation:

The City Council can approve or deny the requested right of way vacation. Should the Council desire to approve the resolution vacating that portion of the easement, the following findings should be made:

1. After a resolution of vacation is adopted, the City shall prepare a notice of completion of the proceedings. The notice shall then be recorded with the county recorder.

Attachments

RESOLUTION NO. 22-0621-01

Exhibit A: Legal Description and Sketch of right of way to be Vacated



RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-0621-01

**A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF THE QUASS CUT-OFF RIGHT OF
WAY UPON A PETITION OF A MAJORITY OF ABUTTING LANDOWNERS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, a petition signed by all of property owners abutting the drainage and utility
easement was received by the City; and

WHEREAS, the petition requested that the City Council, pursuant to Minnesota Statute
§412.851, vacate (a portion of) the Quass Cut-Off right of way legally described below and
depicted in **EXHIBIT A** attached hereto:

Legal Description of Easement to be Vacated

*That part of Quass Cut-off Road right of way over, under,
and across that part of the West 227.00 feet of the East
260.00 feet of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27,
Township 118, Range 24, Hennepin County, Minnesota.*

WHEREAS, the City reviewed and examined the signatures on said petition and
determined that such signatures constituted a majority of the landowners abutting upon the
(portion of) said easement to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the vacation of such street was held on the 21st
day of June 2022 before the Independence City Council after due published and posted notice
had been given, as well as personal mailed notice to all affected property owners by the City and
all interested and affected persons were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and be
heard; and

WHEREAS, any person, corporation or public body owning or controlling easements
contained upon the property vacated, reserves the right to continue maintaining the same or to
enter upon such way or portion thereof vacated to maintain, repair, replace or otherwise attend
thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council in its discretion has determined that the vacation will benefit the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENCE, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN, MINNESOTA, that such petition for vacation is hereby granted and the portion of said easement is hereby vacated:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 21st day of June 2022, by a vote of ____ ayes and ____ nays.

Marvin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

EXHIBIT A
(Legal Description)

