



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Councilor Spencer at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: Councilor Spencer (acting Mayor), Betts, Grotting

Absent: McCoy, Mayor Johnson

Staff: Kaltsas, Simon

Visitors: George Betts

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 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 22584-22595, Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 22597-22607 and Batch # 3; Checks Numbered 22608-22620) NOTE: Check Numbered 22596 was voided due to printing error.

Motion by Grotting, seconded by Betts to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy, Mayor Johnson. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

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:

- Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Meeting
- Meeting with Kris Guentzel Environmental Services
- Loretto Fire District
- LMC Executive Committee



Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Meeting with Maple Plain/ Delano about Hwy 12 grant money to discuss how and what grants to apply for.
- Possible Bonding Bill
- Fire District meeting tomorrow morning. Maple Plain, Loretto, Corcoran, Medina, and Independence
- Meeting with LMC Director on Friday to talk about insurance premium costs for police officers and zoning control issues.

7. Public Safety Aid – West Suburban Fire District Request for Funding.

Kaltsas – city received a one-time public safety aid payment. Allocated on population basis between cities. We have talked about this money as it relates to WHPS and Fire. At WHPS commission meeting, they voted to prorate share – formula looked at expenditures for each of the public entities as a percentage. We have approved through fire commission now. We have two fire depts now – MP and West Suburban. West Suburban did ask for the funds if cities were willing. Needs SCBA breathing equip. The two merging departments had different brands that did not work together. Based on the formula, 70/30 split. WS \$13,085.45. Asking for council to authorize those funds to West Suburban, but no decision on the remaining funding.

Motion by Spencer, seconded by Grotting to approve the payment of the share of funding at \$13085.45 be paid to purchase their SCBA apparatus. Ayes: Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy, Mayor Johnson. Abstain. None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

8. Open/Misc.

9. Adjourn.

Motion by Betts, seconded by Grotting to adjourn at 6:40pm. Ayes: Betts, Grotting and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy, Mayor Johnson. Abstain. None.

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 3-0

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Solien/Recording Secretary