



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY MARCH 12, 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 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

Absent: Councilor Grotting, Administrative Services Director Simon

Staff: City Administrator Kaltsas and WHPS Director of Public Safety Kroells

Visitors: See Sign-in Sheet

4. \*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered 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 February 20, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 22661-22666, Batch # 2; Checks Numbered 22667-22679, Batch # 3; Checks Numbered 22680-22698, and Batch # 4; Check Numbered 22699).

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Spencer to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.

- a. Bid for Truck



6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

Spencer attended the following meetings:

Swearing in ceremony for officer Eldred

Met with Mark Kaltsas, Hennepin County Water Resources staff and Hawkinson Anderson representatives regarding work together type issues/play together type issues

Fire District Meeting

Election Judge for Presidential National Primary

Mayor of Maple Plain 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Hwy 12 Safety Coalition

Meeting with Chief Leuer

Planning Commission Meeting

McCoy attended the following meetings:

West Metro Drug Task Force Appreciation Luncheon – represented City of Independence receiving a donation from McGarry’s at Maple Plain Council Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings:

Swearing in ceremony for officer Eldred

Fire Commission Meeting

Johnson attended the following meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting

Swearing in ceremony for officer Eldred

Cable Commission - State of the City Address

Hwy 55 Executive Corridor Committee Meeting

Zoom meeting with Community Action Partnership with things happening in Washington DC

Caucus in Independence

Sensible Land Use Coalition

West Metro Drug Task Force Appreciation Luncheon – represented City of Independence

Mayor of Maple Plain 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Election Judge for Presidential National Primary

League of MN Cities Day at the hill

Hwy 12 Safety Coalition

Regional Council of Mayors

Fire Commission Meeting

Chamber of Commerce

Phil Meueller passed away – Did a lot of graphic work for the city

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

Hwy 12 Safety Coalition

MnDOT Representative from Delano. Maple Plain could not make the meeting. We will keep



pushing for funding for that road and to get MnDOT to look at starting the environmental processes that needs to start to get it to a project ready status and to be understood to get a solution for that road. Initial idea is to look for local funding. Rural grant and federal grant and August deadline for that. MnDOT is slow and they change staff a lot. Also, want to mention, to follow the legislation about taking away local zoning and land use controls. Bills are going through committee and will get to a vote. Some of those bills are scary for cities like Independence. One thing in there is every city less than 10,000 has to identify a transit hub. Allow every single family dwelling to have a minimum of 2 dwelling units and if you say your homes are electric, you can have 4. You can't require materials, setbacks, parking. Reach out to your local reps and keep following this.

7. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the February 2024 Activity Report.  
725 Incidents – 215 Independence and 96 Maple Plain.
  
8. John Bellingham (Applicant) Mary Bellingham (Owner) are requesting the following action for the property located at 2616 CSAH 90 N (PID No. 14-118-24-32-0004) in the City of Independence, MN:
  - a. **RESOLUTION 24-0312-01** – Considering approval of a minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement which would adjust the property line between the two existing properties.

**Motion by McCoy, seconded by Betts to approve RESOLUTION 24-0312-01. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, McCoy and Betts. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

9. Consider Approval of Annual Dust Control and Gravel Bids as Recommended by the Public Works Supervisor.

**Motion by Betts recommended going with calcium chloride with Envirotech, and approve material bids for sand, gravel and granite, seconded by Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

10. Open/Misc.

Consideration on truck. After we approved tandum axel truck. We need to order it this year. We were working with 3 different truck companies, narrowed to Boyer for Western Star. Had pricing up to Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, but now they can't get a 2024 chassis. 2025 option, 138-155\$k. Change our number from 326-345. Shawn reached back out to Mack dealerships; all pricing increased. Freightliner was not a good option. If we order this, we are in next year end of year to get it. We are buying this next year, not this year.



**Motion by Spencer, seconded by McCoy to reaffirm previous action of purchasing tandem axel truck. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

11. Adjourn.

**Motion by Betts, seconded Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: Grotting. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 4-0**

Recording Secretary,

Carrie Solien