



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY MAY 21, 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, Grotting

Absent: None

Staff: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon, WHPS

Director of Public Safety Kroells

Visitors: Bryan Van Beusekom

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 May 7, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch #1; Checks Numbered 22823-22842 and Batch #2, Checks Numbered 22843-22855).
- c. Large Assembly Permit:
  - i. Polo Classic – August 4, 2024

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

**MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0**

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

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

Betts

None

Spencer

Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission

MP Fire Dept Meeting

Met with appointed watershed Joe Baker

Grotting

none

McCoy

none

Johnson

Lewis Cemetery Annual Meeting

NorthWest League

Asked to serve on the 4H building at state fair grounds committee to remodel building

Regional Council of Mayors Meeting

Maple Plain Fire Meeting

Orono School Board

Orono Healthy Youth

History society at Wayzata

Haven Homes Chapel

Simon

Clerk training year two

Kaltsas

Phone call with Joshua Hoogland – Hennepin County board voted to take all assessment fees and bring them back internal to Hennepin County and provide assessment services for no fee. Our 2025 assessment will not have a fee. That is \$81k in fees we will save.

Johnson – the swamp under Minnehaha water district, the water has been very high. Talked with a neighbors and talked about beavers again. Lots of damage done. Found a beaver where it was blocked.

Money for Hwy 55 Corridor Coalition got approved! Transportation bill was included. 10 bills put together at the tail end. The \$2m for enviro study was approved and we can move ahead on 4 lanes from Hamel to Loretto.

Kaltsas – we have had calls but issued quite a few permits for ROW for Midco fiber. Complaints on not restoring it, disrupting right of way. Shawn meets with them weekly to look at conditions and restoration. Third party vendors. People now have access to fiber internet. Ingerson, Game Farm were included as well. 110 doesn't have it all the way down.

## 7. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the April 2024 Activity Report.

For last 3 years Minnetonka and Plymouth Police Dept. have done K9 trainings. Track trainings. Angry resident on Polo Club Road. They had permission to do it. They have been talking to neighbors, but one house sold and they didn't know. They are not in uniform, regular street wear. K9s are on a leash. Instructor comes from Canada. Changing the locations for the dogs help get familiar with different locations.

### April 2024 Activity Report

1407 complaints

- 192 Independence
- 111 Maple Plain

April 21<sup>st</sup> a large amount of theft from vehicles at churches (4 churches Independence, some in Greenfield) during service hours.

One victim from greenfield was contacted by a bank that they thought it was fraudulent check. Bank didn't call police. Victim called police. Bank said a search warrant was needed in order to get video, etc of suspect. Was denied a photo line up from employee that noticed the fraud to protect the employee. Things are changing.

See full police report

May 15 - 3 officers stood guard Law Enforcement Memorial Day at the capital over the memorial.

May 17 forensics class at Orono

Police commissioners are aware WHPS was awarded a grant for Intensive Comprehensive Police Officer Education an opportunity for anyone with a 2- or 4-year degree that is in a different profession but has always wanted to be a police officer. They can't leave a job with income to go to school to get the degree to be a police officer. This grant allows hiring, paid schooling and paid medical benefits. 50 grants were given in the state of MN and WHPS received one. So far 4 applications. Applications open until June 14<sup>th</sup>.

That decision is up to WHPS who is granted the job.

## 8. Open/Misc.

At the last meeting Bryan Van Beusekom was here talking about the cartway road. Bryan and Shawn have met.

Kaltsas – Shawn and I have talked about it. We will go ahead with initial \$2500 for reshaping ditches, asking for a formal bid for the contractor. Clean ditches, salvaging lost aggregate, slope other side, install culvert.

Bryan – met with Shawn on Friday and guy that will do the work. They looked at the road. Some areas are very flat, soil erodes. Shave a little on the side to get the water to run off and no standing water.

Johnson – Brad had heard that they are going to rebuild city rd 50 and we can maybe get some of their materials. We will move ahead on fixing the road.

Kaltsas – we will reach back out to you after a bit.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Grotting to Adjourn meeting at 7:05pm. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Grotting, Betts and McCoy. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carrie Solien/Recording Secretary