



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JULY 16, 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 and Grotting

Absent: None

Staff: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon and WHPS Director of Public Safety Kroells

Visitors: Roger Schmitz from CenterPoint Energy

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 18, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes from the June 25, 2024, City Council Workshop.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch #1; Checks Numbered 22915-22928, Batch #2, Checks Numbered 22930-22940, Batch #3, Checks Numbered 22941-22958 and Batch #4, Checks Numbered 22959-22972) (Note: Check #22929 was voided due to printing error).
- d. Approval of Election Judges for 2024 Primary and General Elections.
- e. Building Permit Report – Quarter 2 (For information only).

Motion by McCoy, seconded by Betts to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. 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.

Spencer attended the following meetings:

Ride along with Shawn Bode to view spots needing attention
Bridgevine ravine restoration project
Pioneer Sarah Creek watershed
Gravel Roads workshop
Maple Plain Fire Commission
LMCC Executive meeting
Lake Sarah Improvement Meeting

Betts attended the following meetings:

Hwy 12 Coalition

Grotting attended the following meetings:

Workshop Gravel Roads
Planning Commission

McCoy attended the following meetings:

Workshop

Johnson attended the following meetings:

Kristen Robbins event in Maple Grove
LMC zoom meeting (entertain an artist that does painting on buildings)
Interviewed a police officer candidate.
Gravel roads workshop
LMC convention in Rochester
Regional council of mayors
Maple Plain Fire Commission meeting
Hwy 12 Coalition meeting.
Hwy 55 exec committee (virtual)
National league of cities energy environment (virtual)
Lake Sarah improvement meeting

7. CenterPoint Energy (Roger Schmitz) – Community Safety Grant Award Presentation
Grant will support purchase of two (2) permanent speed control signs on Perkinsville Road.
Kaltsas - Roger Schmitz is here to present grant to the city. Biannually to cities. We put in an app this year from the city to help purchase two speed control signs for Perkinsville Rd. \$2,500 grant was awarded to us.
Roger Schmitz - \$3m in grants.
Kaltsas – will match for 1 sign.
Kroelles – been working with a sign company. Over the past 6 years we have purchased portable ones. As Bridgevine was developed, Perkinsville has been one of our top speeding roads. It is a cut through from 19 to Budd. More traffic in there now with development. These are permanent signs for east and west bound in appropriate locations. Solar signs.

Grotting – grant will cover a portion of 1 and both are being put on Perkinsville. Do they both need to be on that road?

Kaltsas- our plan is to do this and see how it works overtime and to see if it is working well. I'd like to budget for a couple other permanent locations. We want to attack this one and get the speed handled.

Kroells- a lot of the roads are county and state roads. The county and state doesn't want to pay for them and we are going to start with our local streets.

Public Works will install them and will always be collecting data. Portable ones require constant battery changes every 6-7 days.

Johnson – where on Perkinsville?

Kroells – just west of South Lakeshore and then just east of that road as well.

Kaltsas – that leaves a gap to purchase the second one. \$8,370 to pay.

Motion by McCoy to accept the grant and matching the total from City funds to purchase another sign, seconded by Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0

8. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Gary Kroells: Presentation of the June 2024 Activity Report.

- 2168 June incident complaints
- 236 Independence
- 96 Maple Plain

9. Consider Approval of Extension to Record Minor Subdivision for the properties located at and adjacent to 8910 Highway 12 (PID No's. 07-118-24-41-0003 and 07-118-24-42-0004):

a. **Resolution No. 24-0716-01** – Approving extension to record the minor subdivision.

Kaltsas – John Peterson. City approved resolution; the resolution required that it be recorded within 6 months following approval. We have spent a lot of time trying to get this recorded and there were issues relating to ownership. There was a gap in the property and finally it was found with a lot of title work. Now we have it sorted out. We never looked at a failure to record, but in any case, we need the resolution updated to record at the county level. John's new attorney and Vose now agree.

Motion by Betts, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 24-0716-01 approving extension to record the minor subdivision. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0

10. Community Clean Up Proclamation – Thanking Presbyterian Church of Maple Plain’s Good Works Philanthropy Service Work for City Hall Garbage Pick Up and Weeding in Independence.

Johnson – Maple Plain Presbyterian Church proclamation. One error in there, 3rd paragraph, mentions cleaning up on the SW side of County Line Rd and it should be Delano.

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Motion by Spencer, seconded by McCoy to move proclamation. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0

11. Open/Misc.

Night to Unite – Aug 5th meeting change?

Kaltsas – we have a lot of items on the August 6 agenda. Do you want to move the meeting?

Kroells – we are up and going by 6pm

Kaltsas – we could meet on July 30th? We have an extra Tuesday this month.

Johnson – people appreciate us getting out to Night to unite.

Johnson – Elections are coming up and I want to make a formal announcement. I will not be filing for Mayor again. I am getting to be an old man. I feel fortunate for good health but I can’t move around like I used to. I wanted to make that announcement. Brad is willing to file for mayor and I will support him if he does that.

Motion to move the August 6th meeting to July 30th at 6:30pm Betts, seconded by McCoy to move the Aug 6th meeting the July 30 at 6:30pm. Motion Declared Carried 5-0

Johnson- how much of the calcium chloride is down?

Kaltsas- 100% of calcium chloride is down. Just a portion of Pagenkopf where road tiling.

Johnson- Lynn was asking a question about the rain and washing it away.

Kaltsas – it has been challenging for Public Works with some of the washouts. But we are identifying some issues we can address with drainage work.

12. Adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:16pm by McCoy, seconded by Spencer. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts and McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED. 5-0