



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2024

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

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 Mark Kaltsas and Administrative Services Director Amber Simon

VISITORS: Joe Slavic, Lance Gyllenblad

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. City Council Minutes from the October 15, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting (will be available for approval on 11.19.2024 agenda).
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch #1; Checks Numbered 23179-23195 and Batch #2; Checks Numbered 23196-23206).
- c. Approval to not waive the monetary limits on Tort Liability established by MN Statutes, to the extent of the limits of liability coverage obtained from the LMCIT.

Motion by Spencer second 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.

Discussion on public note letter about the museum added to agenda.

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

Betts attended the following meetings:

- None

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Planning
- West Suburban Fire

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Planning

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- None

Mayor Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Planning
- Interview with a woman working on her doctorate
- West Suburban Fire
- Election Judge Training/Safety
- Regional Council of Mayors

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Kaltsas – Nothing outside those mentioned.

Johnson announced that Shawn Ebling was named the 2nd Sergeant for WHPS effective November 1, 2024.

7. Certification of Delinquent Sewer Service Charges as Special Assessments.

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 24-1029-01** – Resolution certifying delinquent sewer service charges.

Residents that have delinquent sewer charges will have until November 18th to make the payment to the city in order for the charges not be assessed to their taxes. Thereafter, payments will still need to be made to the city with a fee in order to remove the assessment from their 2025 taxes. This is different from previous years when the county wanted the payments made directly to them. Residents will now pay the city, and the city will send an assessment payoff to Hennepin County to notify them to remove the assessment.

Motion by Grotting, second by McCoy to approve RESOLUTION 24-1029-01 approving the certification of delinquent sewer services charges. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED 5-0.

8. Open/Misc.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Betts, second by Grotting to adjourn at 6:45pm. Ayes: Johnson, Spencer, Betts, McCoy and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain. None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Simon/Recording Secretary